

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Townsend

FACILITY USE POLICY

- A. Since it is the responsibility of the Pastor to oversee appropriate use of parish facilities, this policy is intended to ensure that he: (1.) has reasonable awareness of any use of the facilities, (2.) has reasonable assurance that those using the facilities understand and agree to follow this and all other relevant policies, and (3.) has reasonable means of addressing any misuse of facilities.
- B. In accordance with canon 937 of the Code of Canon Law, the church is open for private prayer daily from dawn to dusk, and at other times by request.
- C. Visitors wishing to visit the scenic grounds alongside the river for reasonable recreational use are free to do so, provided: (1.) they have permission from the Pastor or facilities supervisor if they have more than 10 persons in their party, (2.) this use does not interfere with any scheduled events, and (3.) this use observes the parking plan. There are no trash receptacles or restrooms available for unscheduled visitor use. Visitors assume full responsibility for observing applicable state and federal laws concerning use of the river. Dogs must be on a short leash and under the owner's immediate control at all times. Owners must clean-up after their dogs.
- D. All other use of facilities requires completion of the Facilities Use Request Form and fulfillment of all other requirements indicated by the parochial clergy and staff.
- E. In accordance with diocesan policy, parochial facilities are not available for non-Catholic weddings.
- F. National Catholic norms and diocesan policies for the protection of children and vulnerable adults must be observed by all facility users, as applicable.

--Father J. B. Shelton, Pastor

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