

March 13, 2016

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We are a Welcoming Community of Believers, Hopers and Lovers. We are One Family in Baptism and the Holy Spirit, nourished with the Word of God and the Body and Blood of Christ. All are Welcome in this place.

Cycles of Faith -5th Sunday of Lent

"Then Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.'" To the woman caught in adultery, Jesus was literally a savior. She was about to suffer the death penalty, according to the law of Moses, but the Lord preserved her life. He did not pretend she was innocent or excuse her behavior. His protection was not the result of anything the woman did or said to earn his favor. Rather, his freely bestowed mercy became an opportunity for her conversion. He saved her and set her free--not only from the self-righteous scribes and Pharisees--but from her own destructive behavior. The woman's physical life was spared, and if she chose to follow Jesus' instruction to abandon sin, her spiritual life was also saved as a result of this dramatic encounter.

We also have access to this freedom. When he died on the cross for us, Jesus became our savior too. Instead of condemning us, he set us free from the power of sin. But like the woman in the Gospel, we have a choice to make. Jesus' sacrifice is sufficient to remove the "death penalty" for us, but we are the ones who decide whether or not we will "sin anymore." We decide whether we will be slaves to selfishness, lust, and envy or whether we will pursue a life of generosity, self-control, and peace. Jesus does everything he can for us, short of taking our will captive. We, finally, have to decide: will I follow the path of Jesus, who has saved me, by resolving to sin no more? Or will I depart from my savior, and return to the same old self-destructive patterns?

The holy season of Lent is made to assist us in our decision to repent and to change for the better. There is no better time than now to sincerely resolve to begin anew.

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Readings for the Week of March 13, 2016

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/ Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56

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Offertory Last Week: \$1,647.00
Catholic Relief Services: \$512.00
Electronic Giving: \$337.00

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. Mar. 13 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. Mar. 13 11:00 a.m. For Matthew Geiger

Sun. Mar. 20 8:00 a.m.

Sun. Mar. 20 11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, March 14, 2016

Jacqueline Jones
Andrew Driver
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: Sunday, March 20, 2016

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| 8:00 a.m. | Altar Server: | Hadley Stockwell Eliza Merrill |
| | Lector: | Gail Blasius David Duffy |
| | Extraordinary Min: | Michelle Filardi Jeff Filardi |
| 11:00 a.m. | Greeters: | |
| | Altar Server: | David Tsounis |
| | Lector: | Kathy Nolan Ray Curtis |
| | Extraordinary Min: | Susan Zahn Colleen Armstrong |

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-3/18 Soup and Stations at 6:00 p.m.
-3/19 Confirmation Retreat at St. Jude's at 10:30 a.m.
-3/20 CCD Palm Sunday at 8:00 a.m. Mass
-3/20 2nd Year Confirmation Class at St. Jude's at 10:30 a.m.

Question of the Week: Jesus offered pardon unconditionally and graciously to the woman accused of adultery and to me. To whom can I offer this unconditional and gracious pardon?

Holy Week and Easter Schedule:

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| Holy Thursday | 7:00 p.m. | St. Jude |
| Good Friday | 3:00 p.m. | OLMC |
| Good Friday (Ecumenical) | 3:00 p.m. | St. Jude |
| Good Friday | 7:00 p.m. | St. Jude |
| Easter Vigil | 8:00 p.m. | St. Jude |
| Easter Sunday | 8:00 a.m. | OLMC |
| Easter Sunday | 9:30 a.m. | St. Jude |
| Easter Sunday | 11:00 a.m. | OLMC |

Holy Week and Easter Sign Up: The sign-up sheets for the ministries for Holy Week and Easter are in the back of the church.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Financial Report for the Six Months Ended 12/31/15:

-For the six months ended 12/31/15, Offertory Income increased \$1,333, or 2.4%, versus the prior year comparable period.

-Net Income was \$9,643 compared to \$6,465 last year, an increase of \$3,178 or 49%.

-NOTE: The final bill for the project to repair the bell tower on the church was received in December: the total cost of the project was \$9,056.

-The Parish cash balance of 12/31/15 was \$130,243 compared to \$116,939 of 12/31/14.

What Is A Meal Train? There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out"? The answer is usually to help them with a meal. When many friends give a meal, this is a Meal Train. A meal train for the Dubuc's has been set up to help during this recent health crisis. You can use the unique web address for their meal train below to view the calendar to pick a date for making/delivering a meal if you'd like to help out. Thank you. <http://mealtrain.com/747kn2>.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: The Light Is On For You: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on Wednesday, March 16 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Jude Parish. This is a Diocesan-wide event held March 16 by each pastor.

Jubilee for Children (Grade School): On March 20 a Jubilee for Young Children (grade school) will take place at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, 20 Allen St., Burlington. Families with young children are invited to join in this celebration, and extended family members are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served after. There will be a live performance and meditation upon the Stations of the Cross for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Please bring a small bag of canned goods that will be donated to a local food bank. All are welcome.

Lenten Baby Bottle Campaign: Thank you for participating in the Care Net Baby Bottle Campaign. Please remember to bring your bottles back by Easter, March 27. We are collecting them now. Thank you for being a part of this ministry.

Stations of the Cross: Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Jude's every Friday at 7:00 p.m. during Lent beginning February 12. All are welcome.

***We will have Soup and Stations at Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Friday, **March 18** at 6:00 p.m. All are invited to attend this event.

Rice High School Tuition Assistance: Families interested in applying for tuition assistance for the 2016-17 Rice academic year must do so no later than March 15, 2016. Rice uses FACTS to assess all tuition assistance requests. The application is filled out electronically via the FACTS link on the Tuition and Fees page of the Rice website (www.rmhsvt.org). Rice awards over \$600,000 in need-based tuition assistance annually. Questions? Contact Rice CFO, Lisa Cunningham at cunningham@rmhsvt.org or 862-6521 ext. 206.

Counseling Services Available: Vermont Catholic Charities offers affordable counseling services to individuals, couples and families. People seek counseling for many different reasons: a crisis, a loss, a major life change, substance abuse, or to improve relationships. With offices in South Burlington, St. Albans, Rutland and Middlebury, our experienced clinicians and psychiatrist are here to help. We accept private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, and offer a sliding scale fee. If you or someone you know needs support, call 658-6111, ext. 1318.



Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." — Jn 8:6b-7

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Senior Meals: St. Jude Parish offers lunches to area seniors on the 2nd and 4th **Tuesday** of each month. The next senior meal is scheduled for March 22 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

Hinesburg Artist Series: The Hinesburg Artist Series is celebrating with the twentieth annual concert. The South County Chorus and Hinesburg Artist Series Orchestra, under the direction of Rufus Patrick, are proud to perform The Prayer, Prayer of the Children, Turn the World Around and the Mozart Requiem. The concert is next Sunday, March 13 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Jude's. Guest artists are Soprano Sarah Cullins, Alto Amy Patrick, Tenor Adam Hall, Bass Gary Moureau, and trumpet Jim Duncan. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors 60 and older. Tickets are available at the Flynn Theater (flynntix.org or (802) 86-FLYNN). They can also be purchased at the Hinesburg Recreation Office in the Hinesburg Town Hall, Hinesburgh Public House, or at the door. We have parishioners from Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes who are part of this concert. Please join your friends and neighbors in support of our amazing musicians.

Our Lady's Apostolate of Fatima: Please join and celebrate the feast of St. Joseph with the Rosary Devotion and Mass for all parishioners on March 19 at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Richmond, VT. It starts at 3:00 p.m. with the Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3:15-3:45 p.m. for Rosary and Confession; 4:00 p.m. Mass; followed by the potluck supper at the parish hall. For more information please call Rick Gavelin at 862-2240.

Burlington Area Young Adults Double Saint Day Celebration: St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's feast days are coming up! Come celebrate these two great saints by coming to St. Mark Parish's on March 19 for Mass at 4:00 p.m. and party afterwards. If you would like to bring a dish to share you are more than welcomed to but it is not required. To RSVP or if you have any questions, please email burlingtonareayoungadults@gmail.com or visit the Facebook page "Burlington Area Catholic Young Adults".

Project Rachel: Project Rachel is a healing ministry for individuals who have been affected by abortion, helping them to grieve, receive forgiveness, and find peace. There are still openings for the Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekend April 8-10, 2016. For more information please contact projectrachel@vermontcatholic.org or call (802) 658-4118.