

March 20, 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 –Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

"Pilate addressed them a third time, 'What evil has this man done? I found him guilty of no capital crime.'" The Palm Sunday Gospel readings present a sad picture of grown-ups who succumb to peer pressure. Three times, Pilate proclaimed that Jesus was not guilty. But yet, he gave in to the mounting pressure from the crowd, whose "voices prevailed... and he handed Jesus over to them." Also, during the opening Gospel at the procession of palms, we see the adoring crowds hailing Jesus as "the king who comes in the name of the Lord," but only too soon the chorus changes as the voice of the crowd cries out, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" What happened to Jesus' loyal supporters? How did the mob mentality overtake them all? Then too, we have Peter, who in comfortable company with Jesus and his friends promised eternal faithfulness. But when others began asking uncomfortable questions, he caved: "Woman, I do not know him."

These three scenarios give us a chance to reflect on our own faithfulness as we journey into Holy Week. Like Pilate, do we know the truth but abandon it when it becomes unpopular? Public opinion these days declares much Church teaching to have fallen out of favor--will we renege like Pilate or stand fast to the faith? The fickle crowds demonstrate another kind of weakness, where instead of thinking for themselves, people just followed those around them. Are we guilty of this kind of passive intellectual laziness? How about Peter's problem: do we change our story based on current company, or do we live as consistent Christian witnesses in the world? This week, may we have the courage to accompany Jesus all the way to the cross, no matter what anyone else may do.

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Readings for the Week of March 20, 2016

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42
Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 /Gn 22:1-18/Ex 14:15--15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

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Offertory Last Week: \$1,310.00
Maintenance: \$364.70
Electronic Giving: \$50.00

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

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.

Sun. Mar. 27 8:00 a.m. For Donna Bettis Emerton and Joe Bettis requested by the family.

Sun. Mar. 27 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 21, 2016

Lollie Krawitt

Andrew Driver

Marie Cookson

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-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.

-4/03 2nd Year Confirmation Class at St. Jude's at 10:30 a.m.

-4/10 1st Year Confirmation Class at St. Jude's at 10:30 a.m.

Question of the Week: As I look at the blessed palms that declare Jesus' mercy, whom must I take the initiative to forgive from the heart, sharing this unconditional mercy?

Holy Week and Easter Schedule:

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.

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.

Chrism Mass: On Tuesday, March 22 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, Bishop Christopher Coyne will celebrate the annual Chrism Mass. All are invited and encouraged to attend. Bishop Coyne will bless the holy oils that will be used in parishes throughout the diocese during the coming year. The oils are: the oil of catechumens (used in the Sacrament of Baptism), the oil of the infirm (used in the Sacrament of the Sick) and the holy chrism (used in the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Sacrament of Holy Orders, and for the dedication of a church). Oils signify sanctification, healing, strengthening, beautification, dedication, consecration and sacrifice.

Thank You: Thank you to Beth and Brian Syverson, Heidi Beal, Angela Fortin, Ellie Haigney, Harry Evans, Grace McNally, Hadley Stockwell, Annaliese Kramer, Aaron McNally, Julianna White and Bob Danyow for all their hard work in cleaning the church for Easter last Saturday. A special thank you to Tricia Sulva for organizing this event. Great job everyone!

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>.

--As you may have heard, **James Donegan**, son of Roger and Anne Donegan from St. Jude Parish, began chemotherapy treatment for lymphoma this past week at UVM Medical Center. A meal train has been set up for him and his wife, Sara, and their daughter, Ruby. This is to provide meals or help with housework, errands, childcare transportation, etc. Their meal train is <https://mealtrain.com/0z37g9>. Also, YouCaring - <https://www.youcaring.com/james-and-sara-donegan-538326/update/446362> to donate to James, Sara and Ruby to ensure James receives high-quality treatment and to offset the cost of their more limited time and energy for farming.

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.

Rosary: The Rosary is being said each Saturday at St. Jude's before the 4:30 p.m. Mass beginning at 4:10 p.m.

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.



As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. — Lk 19:36, 37b

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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 meals are scheduled for March 22 and April 12 and 26 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

Golgotha: There will be a performance by students of the University of Vermont Catholic Center of "Golgotha," a meditation on Christ's Passion on Good Friday, March 25 at 8:30 p.m. at The UVM Catholic Center Chapel. Please come to enrich your Good Friday observance and to support the dedicated young people.

Girl and Boy Scouts: The Catholic Committee on Scouting is having a retreat on April 29 thru May 1 at Mt. Norris Boy Scout Camp in Eden, VT. The theme is "Blessed is the Merciful". All Girl and Boy Scouts age 12 and up are welcome. Cost is \$30 per person. Volunteers are needed. For more information call 862-5109 or email vermontcatholicscouting@gmail.com. For registration form, contact Marie at 425-2637 or 482-2290.

SCHIP: With spring upon us please remember SCHIP (Shelburne, Charlotte, Hinesburg Interfaith Projects). Our parish is one of the supporting faith communities for this interfaith project that gives grants to other non-profits who serve the people of our communities. The funds are generated from the sale of gently used clothing and household items, sold at the shop, SCHIP's Treasure Resale Shop, located on Route 7 in Shelburne in the distinctive yellow building. Please remember the shop for **donations** as you sort through your items; for **purchasing**...if you have never been in please come see what wonderful things are available. Brand names such as Eileen Fisher, NIC + ZOE, Lilly Pulitzer, Calvin Klein and Talbots are among the many offerings; and for **volunteering**...if you have a few hours a week please consider volunteering. Your help would be so appreciated.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter-Married Couples: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." No matter how strong the winds, Jesus is there to take our hands and guide our marriage. Restore, renew and rekindle your marriage on the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on May 13 thru May 15 at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle LaMotte. For info or to apply, contact Gary and Lynn Root at vtroot@together.net or call 802-456-8114 or go online at www.wmmevt.org.