

May 1, 2016

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*We are a Welcoming Community of Believers, Hoppers 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 –Sixth Sunday of Easter

"Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." Can we hear Jesus saying these words to us? It's often easier for us to imagine the apostles hearing this consoling command and following it, than to think of it really applying to us. After all, Jesus was standing right there with them. Can he really expect us, two thousand years later, not to be troubled by the cares of life? But the fact is that the gift Jesus was giving to his disciples, he has also given to us: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name."

Jesus told them that peace would be theirs, and it can also be ours. Peace is, in fact, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, along with love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity. These fruits don't come from us. They aren't just for people with certain cheery personalities. These fruits come from God straight into our souls through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. Through our baptism and confirmation, Jesus gives us the gift of his Spirit. And then his peace, and so many other gifts can truly become ours if we open our hearts to them.

This is a reality that we can contemplate whenever worry or anxiety strike. Whatever may be disturbing our inner peace--whether it be a family feud, some kind of physical suffering, or a difficult decision to make at work or school--we can take comfort in knowing that we can find peace even in the midst of the problem. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you," Jesus says. But he continues, "Not as the world gives do I give it to you." In other words, God doesn't promise to take away the struggle in an instant. But he does promise to give us his peace even in the midst of life's trials and tribulations.

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### Readings for the Week of May 1, 2016

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29  
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26--16:4a  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14  
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Jn 16:12-15  
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20  
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23  
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28  
Next Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

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**Offertory Last Week: \$1,986.00      Maintenance: \$85.00**  
**Home Missions: \$408.00            Catholic Relief: \$10.00**  
**Salvation Army: \$20.00          Easter: \$25.00**  
**Electronic Giving: \$50.00**

**Second Collection This Week for Maintenance**

### ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sun. May 1 8:00 a.m.** For Sr. Dolores Wisniewski requested by Thomas Esnes.  
**Sun. May 1 11:00 a.m.** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.  
**Sun. May 8 8:00 a.m.** For Yvonne and Alfred Gebo and Marcus Pidgeon requested by Irene Pierce.  
**Sun. May 8 11:00 a.m.** For Matthew Geiger requested by Pat and Dick Couture.

### Pray for Vocations

#### Schedule of Counters: Monday, May 2, 2016

Lollie Krawitt  
Andrew Driver  
Marie Cookson

#### Schedule of Ministries: May 8, 2016

8:00 a.m.	Altar Server:	Devan Lussier
	Lector:	Jim Richards
	Extraordinary Min.:	Wanda Bean Bob Danyow
11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	Jacqueline Jones
	Altar Server:	
	Lector:	Colleen Armstrong
	Extraordinary Min.:	Jacqueline Jones Colleen Armstrong

#### Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-5/01 CCD as CCS at 9:00 a.m.  
-5/01 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr. Confirmation Rehearsal & Potluck at 10:30 a.m.  
-5/07 First Communion at 10:00 a.m.  
-5/08 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation Class at 10:30 a.m.  
-5/14 OLMC Work Day at 9:00 a.m.  
-5/15 Faith In Action Potluck at Noon

**Question of the Week:** How can I be prayerfully open to the Spirit's guidance like the early community? To whom can I be compassionately responsive?

**Feast of the Ascension:** This Thursday, May 5, is the Feast of the Ascension and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are 7:00 a.m. at OLMC and 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude.

**First Communion:** We have 7 students who will be receiving their First Communion next Saturday, May 7 at 10:00 a.m. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

**Confirmation:** We have 6 students who will be confirmed on Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

**OLMC Work Day:** We will be holding a work day to reduce parish maintenance costs and make necessary repairs to the church, parish hall and rectory on **Saturday, May 14 beginning at 9:00 a.m.** and ending no later than **4:00 p.m.** Projects will include scraping and paint exterior trim of the church and parish hall, painting the rectory's back deck, power washing part of the parish hall, hanging a new storm door on the rectory and making necessary weather-strip updates as well as cleaning up the grounds and gardens. If you are available to help out, please contact Marie at [marietcookson@gmail.com](mailto:marietcookson@gmail.com) so we can keep a list in the event we need to cancel due to weather. Thank you.

**Salvation Army Dinner:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be providing dinner at the Salvation Army on Thursday, May 12. We are looking for food donations of Shepherd's Pie, salad, dessert and milk. We also need workers. Sign up sheets are in the vestibule. Food needs to be at OLMC on **May 12 by 3:00 p.m.** We need enough food to feed approximately 150 people.

**Faith In Action:** Have you been wanting to be more involved in your church and community but just can't seem to figure out how to fit it into a busy schedule? Well the answer is easy—join Faith In Action! On Sunday, May 15 at 12 noon there will be a potluck lunch at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Join them to hear how you can be part of this vibrant group. You can participate with whatever amount of time you feel you can give—no set commitment. They are looking for previous members to rejoin and new members too. Come enjoy meeting new faces and exploring new opportunities to support your church and put your faith into action! Contact Eileen curtis at 425-4432 with any questions. We look forward to meeting you!

**Charlotte Food Shelf:** Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Food Shelf in recent months. They are still in need of coffee, tea, baked beans and kids cereals. Won't you please help out our neighbors in need?

**Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration:** St. Jude Parish will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, May 6 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**Senior Meals:** St. Jude Parish offers lunches to area seniors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **Tuesday** of each month. The next senior meals are scheduled for May 10 and 24 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

**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.

**John Michael Talbot:** Join in for two Special Evenings of Healing and Hope through Spoken Word and Sacred Song with John Michael Talbot on May 9 and 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Chapel of St. Michael the Archangel (St. Michael's College). This ministry event is cosponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington and Saint Michael's College. No tickets required. A Love Offering will be received each evening to support the ministries of John Michael Talbot and the Brothers and Sisters of Charity.

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, May 18 at St. Jude Parish from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Walk-in or for an appointment please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).



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**Birthright Fundraiser:** Birthright's Annual Carnation fundraiser will take place next weekend, Mother's Day weekend, after each Mass. Our parish will give out carnations to all mothers. A donation has been made to Birthright in support of its life-affirming work and there will be a basket to accept more donations. Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service for women in crisis pregnancies and provides unconditional support to the woman to help her carry her baby to term. Birthright's guiding principle is: "It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born." Birthright of Burlington wishes to give recognition and honor to all mothers, and appreciates your support! For more information on Birthright, or if you are interested in volunteering, please visit their website at [www.birthright.org](http://www.birthright.org) or call at 865-0056.

**Young Life Thanks YOU:** Young Life would like to thank you all for your time last weekend in listening to their message about Young Life (YL) in Chittenden County and specifically at CVU. They received an amazing outpouring of support and interest: after the Masses, in phone calls and emails this past week. They have just begun (!) and as this is an ongoing effort, if you would like to receive the quarterly newsletter via email, please let Tricia Sulva know. Again, they are looking for donated items for the tag sale at **St. Jude's on Saturday, May 14.** They are also looking for business sponsorships for the golf tournament in July and also players for golf. Contact Tricia at [majac@gmavt.net](mailto:majac@gmavt.net). To donate to YL of CC, please use this link: <https://vt22.younglife.org/Pages/giving.aspx> or you may mail a check made out to: Young Life and send to Chittenden County Young Life, PO Box 4281, Burlington, VT 05406. They are so grateful for your enthusiasm and your prayers in helping them on this mission of bringing the opportunity of knowing Jesus to our youth.

**Northern Bronz May Concert:** Northern Bronze Handbell Ensemble is pleased to present its spring concert series, "**Ringin' in the Rain and Wadin' in the Water**". Come and hear music inspired by water in nature that presents an exciting opportunity for handbells to ring familiar, yet challenging arrangements of tunes. Northern Bronze is a community based handbell ensemble comprised of experienced ringers from the northwest corner of VT, dedicated to sharing the art of ringing English Handbells. Their concert will be on **Sunday, May 15 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Jude's in Hinesburg.** Tickets are available at the door. General admission: \$12; children under 12 yrs \$8. All are welcome.