

May 8, 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 –Seventh Sunday of Easter

"...That the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them." In this beautiful and heartfelt prayer to God the Father, Jesus expresses his deep desire for unity. He prays that "those who will believe in me... may all be one." This unity is meant to be an effect of the love that believers experience through their own unity with God. When we are filled with the love of God, we can truly be united to one another.

Why? Because God's love loves everyone. God's love sees the dignity of every human person, made in his own image. God's love does not allow room for grudges and schisms. It is always ready to forgive and embrace. This kind of love leads to the interpersonal unity that Jesus prayed we would have for one another.

But, alas, we get into fights. We argue, we criticize, we take revenge. We cause division where there ought to be unity. It's especially tragic when this happens among Christians. Whether it be petty infighting in a parish setting, family strife among those who practice the same faith, or animosity among Catholics and members of other Christian denominations, it matters little. All of these situations stand in stark contrast to the unity that Jesus desired for us. Being instruments of this true Christian unity begins in our own hearts.

Instead of finding fault in others, we would do well to ask ourselves how open we truly are to God's love. Have we, like Jesus, prayed that this divine love would be in us? Have we tried to look upon others with the loving eyes of God? When we approach the inevitable conflicts in life with a heart full of God's love, we can begin to serve as ambassadors of the unity that Christ so deeply desired.

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Readings for the Week of May 8, 2016

Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Rom 8:8-17/Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26
20:19-23

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**Offertory Last Week: \$1,326.81 Maintenance: \$590.74
Electronic Giving: -0-**

Second Collection Next Week for Church in Central and Eastern Europe

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

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.

Sun. May 15 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. May 15 11:00 a.m. For Louis Laberge and Elaine Plate requested by the family.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, May 9, 2016

Lollie Krawitt
Nancy Calcagni
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: May 15, 2016

8:00 a.m.	Altar Server:	Mitch Tierney Mattison Tierney
	Lector:	Mary Tierney
	Extraordinary Min.:	Joanne Duranceau Tom Reilly
11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	Kyle & Katie Franko
	Altar Server:	
	Lector:	Bill Geiger
	Extraordinary Min.:	Winnie Geiger Bill Geirger

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-5/08 1st Year Confirmation Class at 10:30 a.m.
-5/12 Salvation Army Dinner
-5/14 OLMC Work Day at 9:00 a.m.
-5/15 Faith In Action Potluck at Noon

Question of the Week: What part of my daily life qualifies me as a "sourpuss"? How can I become a joyful "missionary disciple" of Jesus' gospel?

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 so we can keep a list in the event we need to cancel due to weather. Thank you.

OLMC Summary Financial Statement for 3/31/16:

-Total Offertory Income for the nine months ended 3/31/16 was \$90,221 compared to \$87,432 for the prior year comparable period.
-Net Income for the first nine months of the fiscal year was \$21,761 compared to \$9,717 for the same period last year.
-Total cash balance was \$142,676 at 3/31/16 compared to \$119,737 at 3/31/15.

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.

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.

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!

Bishop's Fund: Some folks may have already received letters from Bishop Coyne asking for support of the Bishop's Fund Annual Appeal. For those who have yet to receive Bishop's letter, we'd like to notify you that the In Pew Commitment Weekend for the 2016 Appeal will be next weekend. Please consider making a pledge at that time. Substantial administrative and postage costs were saved last year by so many of you embracing this opportunity to support during In Pew Commitment Weekend. Remember, no down payment is necessary. Bishopsfund.org now has a Frequently Asked Questions section that may assist you with additional information. Or, please contact 658-6110 ext. 102 with questions anytime. Thank you for helping to make 2016 a successful appeal!

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 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.

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.

The Church in Central and Eastern Europe: Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles from the effects of Soviet rule. Your donations help restore the Church and build the future in the region. Please give generously to the collection next week.



“I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one.” — Jn 17:22-23a

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Birthright Fundraiser: Birthright's Annual Carnation fundraiser will take place this 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 or call at 865-0056.

Young Life Thanks YOU: Young Life would like to thank you all for your time 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. 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.