

September 11, 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 –24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.'" Jesus knew these self-righteous religious leaders were complaining. And he knew they needed to learn a lesson. So, in addition to giving a lived example of welcoming the company of "tax collectors and sinners," Jesus also directly taught the skeptics about the importance of welcoming those who have been lost. Today's Gospel gives a powerhouse lineup of three parables that all teach a similar message: rejoice over the lost sheep, rejoice over the lost coin, and rejoice over the return of the lost son.

The theme can be summarized in the simple directive: rejoice don't reject. When someone who isn't part of the "fold" appears in church, this is cause for rejoicing! It should not be cause for gossip, sideways glances, or nervous whispers about what to do or say. Rather a genuine smile and word of welcome would be in order at the very least, and a heartfelt invitation to join the community would be totally appropriate.

Too often we become complacent about our Christian company. We get used to seeing the same people every Sunday and forget about the "lost" men and women who are outside the bounds of our comfort zone. Jesus gives us the image of an active shepherd who goes "after the lost one until he finds it," and a diligent widow who will "sweep the house, searching carefully" until she finds her coin. He tells us of a father who "ran to his son, embraced and kissed him," in spite of the separation they had faced. We too are called to take initiative in seeking out those who are lost, and to rejoice heartily when they finally do come back home.

Liturgical Publications

Readings for the Week of September 11, 2016

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13

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Offertory Last Week: \$2,164.00
Maintenance: \$573.00
Feast of the Assumption: \$25.00
Catholic University: \$10.00
Electronic Giving: \$425.00

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. Sept. 11 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. Sept. 11 11:00 a.m. For Joe Daly requested by Catherine Nolan and Family.

Sun. Sept. 18 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. Sept. 18 11:00 a.m. For Alwilda Haman requested by Donald and Mary Haman.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Tuesday, September 12, 2016

Gail Blasius
Trina Bianchi
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: September 18, 2016

8:00 a.m. Altar Server: CCD Altar Servers
Lector: Tricia Sulva
Extraordinary Min.: Susan Zahn
Rose Bernier
Mary Tierney

11:00 a.m. Greeters: Jacqueline Jones
Altar Server:
Lector: Kathy Nolan
Extraordinary Min.: Jacqueline Jones
Fritz Tegatz

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-9/11 1st Yr. Confirmation at 10:30 a.m. at St. Jude
-9/15 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-9/18 CCD Classes at CCS at 9:00 a.m.
-9/18 2nd Yr. Confirmation at 10:30 a.m. at St. Jude

Question of the Week: Grateful for experiencing God's mercy myself, to whom should I reach out this week to offer my interest, kindness, understanding, maybe even forgiveness?

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.

Helping with CCD: We are looking for teachers and aides for this school year. We are in need of help in kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 5th grades. If you are interested in helping out or learning more, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com. This is a very rewarding experience.

Confirmation Classes: Confirmation Classes for the 1st Year students begin on Sunday, September 11 following the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Jude Parish. The 2nd Year students will begin on Sunday, September 18 following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Information and registration forms for the 1st and 2nd Year students has been sent out. If you did not receive the info and have a child who should be in this program, please call 425-2637, 482-2290 or marietcookson@aol.com and info will be sent to you. PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IS A TWO-YEAR PROGRAM.

Religious Ed Classes: Our Religious Ed Classes for Kindergarten through 8th grades will begin September 18 beginning with the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Religious Ed information has been sent out. If you have a school age child and did not receive a registration packet, please call Marie at 425-2637 (office) or email at marietcookson@aol.com and a registration packet will be sent to you. There is also information on the table in the back.

Jubilee Of Mercy Celebration For Catechists and Teachers: On September 18, "Catechetical Sunday", join us for a Jubilee of Mercy for Catechists and Teachers at 3:00 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington. All are invited to attend, both Catechists as well as all who would like to pray for our Catechists! Refreshments will be served following the service.

Charlotte Food Shelf: The Charlotte Food Shelf is requesting the following items: Children's snacks, Rice Krispie squares, granola bars, pudding cups, raisins, etc. September is "National Hunger Action Month". 1 out of 5 children in Vermont are from families that need food assistance. Healthy children make for healthy adults and in turn make a Healthy State to live in. Won't you please help your neighbors in need? Thank you.

Freedom Sunday: Freedom Sunday is September 25. Today over 45 million people are held in slavery and 1 in 4 slaves are children. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish will host an afternoon event beginning at 2:00 p.m. with Sr. Pat McKittrick, S.P. presenting. Sr. Pat will speak about modern day slavery, including in our state and local communities, and actions we can take to support anti-slavery efforts. All are welcome.

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 September 13 and 27 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

INSPIRE: Called to Love: Catholics...whether young or old, married or single, religious or ordained, INSPIRE: Called to Love is for you. Join thousands at the Lake Placid Olympic Arena on **Sunday, September 25**, to reflect on your baptismal call to holiness. The Vocations Summit will INSPIRE you with dynamic prayer, world-renowned speakers including Bishop Robert Barron, Bishop Christopher Coyne, George Weigel and Jennifer Fulwiler. More information and registration can be found at <http://www.inspirecalledtolove.com>

Afternoon of Prayer for Healing and Hope: Sunday, October 9 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Catholic Center at UVM Chapel. This prayer opportunity will include a brief presentation on the aftermath of abortion and the truth of God's peace and healing offered through the Catholic Church's Project Rachel Ministry. There will be Eucharistic Adoration, time for personal reflection and prayer, and the offering of Sacramental Confession. This is open to anyone who would like to join them.



"I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." — Lk 15:10

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program is for adults interested in being baptized and/or Confirmed in the Catholic faith and for anyone who would simply like to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith. If interested in participating, please contact Fr. Cray. **Classes start Sept. 21 at St. John Vianney.**

40 Days for Life: This non-denomination, annual 40 days of prayer to end abortion brings together participants from faith communities throughout Vermont for peaceful vigil in front of the Planned Parenthood clinics in two locations. The location in our area is Talcott Road, Williston, VT. Sign up for vigil hours online at 40daysforlife.com. For more information, contact Agnes Clift at 802-310-9520.

Marriage Enrichment Retreat: The five sessions for couples of all ages will be held on Oct. 8, Oct. 22, Nov. 5, Nov. 19, and Dec. 3 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Holy Family Parish Center in Essex Jct. There is a purposeful need and desire that can only be fulfilled in your marriage. Explore the mystery, wonder, joy and the meaning of this beautiful sacrament with your spouse. This Retreat is based on the video series BELOVED from the Augustine Institute. For more information, please contact Judy Kanya at 878-6152 or email at kanyaj@comcast.net.



Thank you for all your support of the 2016 Bishop's Fund Annual Appeal. Our Parish is now at \$21,926 (97.67%) of total dollars **pledged** toward our goal of \$22,449. **(We need less than \$525 to meet our goal.)** Thank you. In the coming days, you may be receiving the final 2016 Bishop's Fund Annual Appeal communication from Bishop Coyne. As a faith community, and as good stewards of what God has given to us, we must all consider making a contribution, as we are all benefited by the works of the Diocese of Burlington. Direct impact is felt at our own parish as well. Please visit bishopsfund.org to see your gifts at work!