

# September 18, 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 –25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently." It's important to pay attention to the details of the parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel. At first glance, it might seem as if Jesus is encouraging us to be dishonest. But in fact, it's just the opposite. The steward in this tale was reported to his master "for squandering his property." In other words, the steward was not being responsible with what he was in charge of. And the master was ready to fire him on account of it. But then, the steward had a change of heart. (This isn't so hard to comprehend--sometimes it takes a real threat for us to realize we need to change our ways, doesn't it?) So the steward went to the people from whom he had previously collected money to "make friends" with them. How? By reducing their debts.

This might seem to be dishonest yet again, but we need to bear in mind that in the end, the master was pleased with the steward's behavior. So this debt reduction must not have affected the master's pocketbook. Rather, it seems probable that the steward had originally hiked up what the debtors owed the master and put the extra cash in his own pocket. This was the sort of extortion that was common in those days, among tax collectors for example. Now, when the steward was about to lose his position, he thought it wise to go back and return that "dishonest wealth" to the folks who had lost it, and gain some sympathy in the process. So, in the end, the steward was making up for his previous cheating behavior by doing something RIGHT and smart. It's this honest behavior that will enable him to take his place in "eternal dwellings." And surely our honest behavior will have the same effect.

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## ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

**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.

**Sun. Sept. 25 8:00 a.m.** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

**Sun. Sept. 25 11:00 a.m.** For Marie and Jack Romano requested by Rosemarie Cartularo and Larry Poitras.

**Offertory Last Week: \$1,598.00**

**Electronic Giving: \$50.00**

**Second Collection Today for The Victims in the Louisiana Flooding**

## Pray for Vocations

**Schedule of Counters: Tuesday, September 19, 2016**

Nancy Calcagni

Margaret Titus

Marie Cookson

**Schedule of Ministries: September 25, 2016**

8:00 a.m. Altar Server: Anthony Seidita  
Angelina Seidita  
Lector: David Duffy  
Extraordinary Min.: Sheila Duffy  
David McNally

11:00 a.m. Greeters: Kyle & Katie Franko  
Altar Server: Leah Croke  
Allison Croke  
Lector: Deena Miller  
Extraordinary Min.: David Croke  
Deena Miller

## Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-9/18 CCD Classes at CCS at 9:00 a.m.

-9/18 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr. Confirmation at 10:30 a.m. at St. Jude

-9/22 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

-9/24 Confirmation Potluck Dinner following 4:30 p.m. Mass

**Question of the Week:** How can I prove myself to be trustworthy in seemingly "small" but important matters this week?

**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.

## Special Collection Today to Support Our Brothers and Sister in Louisiana:

The recent storms in Louisiana may not have a name, but the names of those suffering in the wake of the worst flooding since Hurricane Katrina are our sisters and brothers. Our prayer and material support is urgently needed to help rebuild lives. This is a burden we can help carry as the body of Christ. As a people of God, let us come to their aid. Catholics across the US are encouraged to respond generously. Whether your donation is large or small, let us also be sure those suffering feel the power of our prayer to sustain them in the difficult days ahead. Thank you.

**Confirmation Classes:** Confirmation Classes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year students will begin on Sunday, September 18 following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Information and registration forms for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **Tuesday** of each month. The next senior meals are scheduled for September 27 and October 11 and 25 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

**Blessing of the Animals:** There will be a Blessing of the Animals on Monday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Jude parking lot in observance of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Everyone is invited to bring their pets for this blessing. The rain date for this event is Monday, October 10.

**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>

**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.**

**Soccer Challenge:** There will be a soccer challenge for all boys and girls age 9 to 14 sponsored by the Knights of Columbus from South Burlington. This will be a penalty shooting contest at Dorset Park in South Burlington on October 1 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. The winners will be invited to compete for State Champion in October. Certificates will be awarded for winners in each age group. Please contact Ted Barrett at [tedbarrett79@gmail.com](mailto:tedbarrett79@gmail.com) or Ray Michaud at [sirequitem@gmail.com](mailto:sirequitem@gmail.com) for more information.



**“F**or the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.”

— Lk 16:8b, 13

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**Mentors Needed at the Charlotte Central School:** Mentoring for one hour per week during the school day at CCS is a rewarding and fun way to make a difference in the life of a middle school student who would benefit from the extra attention of a caring adult. The Connecting Youth Mentoring Program is now pairing students nominated by teachers, counselors, parents and themselves with an adult volunteer from the community. As one seasoned mentor describes, "What I enjoy most is getting a big smile when I arrive, and hearing that mentoring is the best hour of her week!" If you are interested in becoming a mentor or would like to learn more about the program, please call Wendy Bratt at CCS at 425-2771 ext. 142 or email at [wbratt@cssu.org](mailto:wbratt@cssu.org). They are particularly looking for male mentors, but women...they need you too! Connecting Youth is a prevention program housed at each of the CSSU schools whose mission is to promote a culture that develops in our youth the power and conviction to make healthy choices.



Thank you for all your support of the 2016 Bishop's Fund Annual Appeal. Our Parish is now at \$22,551 (100.45%) of total dollars **pledged** toward our goal of \$22,449. Thank you. You will soon be receiving Bishop Coyne's final request for participation in the 2016 Bishop's Fund Annual Appeal. The Diocese is 85% toward the goal of \$2.8 M in pledges. The Appeal is the main source of support for ministries too large for individual parishes to maintain. The Appeal supports Catholic Charities, Schools, Finance, Human Resources, Safe and Sacred, Marriage and Family, Technology, Vocations, Tribunal, and Worship. In addition, community outreach and Evangelization efforts are happening throughout the state of VT, all funded by The Bishop's Fund. Please join our parish support of the Appeal for 2016 so we can ensure a strong Catholic community for years to come. For updates on works within our diocese, and from Bishop Coyne, please visit [vermontcatholic.org](http://vermontcatholic.org) or [bishopsfund.org](http://bishopsfund.org). Thank you to all who have participated in 2016.