

# September 25, 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 -26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad." Today's Gospel reading is Jesus' parable about a "rich man," whose name we do not know, and a "poor man," named Lazarus. The story shows both men after death, the rich man in torment, and Lazarus enjoying the comfort that he was deprived of during his earthly life.

It's important to understand that this teaching does not imply that having wealth leads to eternal punishment. Rather, we look at how the rich man USED his wealth and see there the cause of the problem. As Jesus says, this man "dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day." Clearly, he had abundant wealth and focused it all upon serving himself. To further the accusation against him, all the while "lying at his door was a poor man ... who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table." But the rich man paid Lazarus no heed, and THIS is why he now suffers. Because he would not deign to "suffer" at all during his life by sharing his linen clothing or feeding his poor neighbor covered with sores.

This selfishness became the rich man's SELF-condemnation. He put himself in torment because he blatantly disobeyed God's law to love his neighbor. This challenging parable urges us to examine our own behavior and ask how WE use our wealth--whatever size our bank account may be. Are we willing to assist our neighbors in need? Or do we walk by the poor, excusing our own comfort? Let us heed Christ's warning today that such earthly comforts are, in the long run, short-lived.

Liturgical Publications

### ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

**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.

**Sun. Oct. 2 8:00 a.m.** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

**Sun. Oct. 2 11:00 a.m.** For Ambrose Haman requested by Donald and Mary Haman.

**Offertory Last Week: \$1,421.45**  
**Louisiana Flood Victims: \$521.00**  
**Electronic Giving: \$175.00**

**Second Collection Today for Catholic University**  
**Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance**

## Pray for Vocations

### Schedule of Counters: Monday, September 26, 2016

John Calcagni  
Trina Bianchi  
Marie Cookson

### Schedule of Ministries: October 2, 2016

8:00 a.m. Altar Server: CCD Servers  
Lector: Gail Blasius  
Extraordinary Min.: Joanne Duranceau  
Tom Reilly  
Mark Bisanzo

11:00 a.m. Greeters:  
Altar Server:  
Lector: Bill Geiger  
Extraordinary Min.: Winnie Geiger  
Bill Geiger

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

-10/01 Confirmation Retreat at St. Jude's at 11:00 a.m.  
-10/02 CCD Mass and Class at 8:00 a.m.  
-10/02 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation Class at St. Jude's at 10:30 a.m.  
-10/16 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation Mass and Class at 9:30 a.m.

**Question of the Week** Where must I look this week to see the Jesus I love and worship in someone in need and offer my wholehearted care and compassion?

**Phil Lawson:** Phil Lawson, the Director of Evangelization and Catechesis for the Burlington Diocese, will give a short presentation on prayer, church and family life at St. Jude's on **Tuesday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m.** We highly encourage parents, teachers, aides and anyone else interested to attend.

**OLMC Work Day:** We have scheduled an OLMC Work Day for **Saturday, October 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** to do some of the small jobs that need to be done around the parish property before winter. We are especially in need of folks to help with scraping, painting and clean up of the flower beds. **NO Experience Necessary!!** If you are willing to help out on October 8, please contact Marie at [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com) so that we can be sure to have the correct amount of supplies available and in the event of inclement weather, she will know who to contact about rescheduling this work day. Thank you.

**New Chairs:** We are in the process of redoing the wood floor in the parish hall. We are also purchasing new chairs for the hall. The new chairs are \$39 each. If you would like to contribute to the cost of a chair, please put your donation in a separate envelope and mark "CHAIRS" on the outside and drop into the collection basket. Thank you.

**Confirmation Classes:** Confirmation Classes have begun. Information and registration forms for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year students have 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 classes have begun. 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.

**Jubilee Of Mercy For The Sick:** The Jubilee of Mercy for the Sick will be held on **Sunday, October 16 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral**, 20 Allen St., Burlington. This healing service is for those with physical, emotional and spiritual concerns. Light refreshments will be served after. All are welcome.

**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.

**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.

**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 started Sept. 21 at St. John Vianney.**



“**A**braham replied, ‘My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.’” — Lk 16:25

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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.

**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.

**Life Chain:** The Life Chain will take place on Sunday, October 2 in Burlington on Main Street, meeting in front of Edmund's School from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Life Chain signs are provided. Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for an hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the churches support the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. More information at <http://www.lifechain.net/> or Ethel Brousseau at 893-1168.