

October 2, 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 -27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" What a humble attitude this would be! Jesus challenges us today not to boast, not to seek special praise, not to consider ourselves worthy of some great reward when we follow him. Rather, he honestly reminds us that it is simply our duty to do all we "have been commanded."

God made us. Our lives are a result of his loving initiative. Giving ourselves back to him through "the obedience of faith" (as the Second Vatican Council called it), is truly the only appropriate response. Of course we are free NOT to practice this obedience. We are free to reject God, to ignore his commandments, even to make ourselves his enemies. But nonetheless it remains true that what we ought to do is to love God and follow his ways. And Jesus suggests today that this simple obedience should be a given in our lives. Following the commandments is merely what we are obligated to do.

But, let's not forget that we are also free to do more. Because of the nature of love, we can never really exhaust it. We can always love more, serve more devotedly, give more generously. Perhaps Jesus is calling us to focus less on meeting the bare-bones requirements of Christianity, and instead to shift our efforts farther in the direction of going above and beyond the call of duty. Instead of asking what is the least I HAVE to do, we would do well to ask, what ELSE can I do? What else can I do to show my gratitude to God for all he has given me? What else can I do to serve his people and nurture the world he has made? Let us aim to become truly profitable servants.

Liturgical Publications

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

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.

Sun. Oct. 9 8:00 a.m. For Lou Laberge requested by Marie Cookson.

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Offertory Last Week: \$1,594.00 Maintenance: \$95.00
Catholic University: \$217.00 Ascension: \$10.00
Louisiana Flood Victims: \$25.00
Church in Eastern Europe: \$10.00
Salvation Army: \$35.00
Electronic Giving: \$50.00

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance
Second Collection Next Week for Fuel

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, October 3, 2016

Sue Haselton
Linda Stowe
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: October 9, 2016

8:00 a.m.	Altar Server:	Hadley Stockwell Eliza Merrill
	Lector:	Chris Kogut
	Extraordinary Min.:	Michelle Filardi Jeff Filardi
11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	Jacqueline Jones
	Altar Server:	David Tsounis
	Lector:	Yvette Tsounis
	Extraordinary Min.:	Tricia Sulva Jacqueline Jones

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

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

Question of the Week What do I have to do this week to accomplish "all [I] have been commanded," so next week I can say, "[I] have done what [I was] obliged to do?"

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 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.

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.

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 and a registration packet will be sent to you.

Confirmation Classes: Confirmation Classes have begun. Information and registration forms for the 1st and 2nd 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 and info will be sent to you. PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IS A TWO-YEAR PROGRAM.

Charlotte Food Shelf: The Charlotte Food Shelf is requesting the following items: Children's snacks, Rice Krispie squares, granola bars, pudding cups, raisins, etc. 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.

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, October 7, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

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 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.

Community Education Opportunity at Rice: Rice at Night is a community education program offered to adult learners. Located at Rice Memorial High School, this program is available to all who are interested, whether you're an adult returning to the workforce, or a motivated teen. If you'd like to learn some new tech skills, or hone existing ones, try one of the Rice at Night classes. Visit www.rmhsvt.org and look for the full list of course offering for the Fall 2016 season under Rice News.

Free Domestic Violence Workshop: In Observance of October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Diocese of Burlington is presenting a free workshop aiding in developing tools to reach out and help victims of domestic violence. This workshop is open to everyone. It will be held on Thursday, October 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Holy Family Parish Center, Essex Junction. Lunch is included. Please call 658-6110 ext 1453 or vermontcatholic.org to register.

Gregorian Chant: A concert of sacred music, performed by the Vermont Gregorian Chant Schola, will take place at St. Jude's on Sunday, October 16 at 3:00 p.m. In Residence at St. Michael's College, the eighteen voice men's group, has sung over one hundred concerts and liturgies. Under the direction of Dr. William Tortolano, Professor Emeritus at St. Michael's, the program includes Gregorian settings of the Mass of the Angels, five chants reflecting the liturgical year, and choral music from the American folk music style. The concert is free and open to the public. An optional free will offering is suggested.



*The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."
The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,
you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted
in the sea,' and it would obey you." — Lk 17:5-6*

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

SCHIP: Thinking about Halloween? Last year's costume too small? Donate that costume and any other children's costumes to SCHIP.

****Fall cleaning time.** Tired of the art work on your walls? Donate your artwork to SCHIP and while you're there, check out the treasures in the shop.

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. 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.

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.

Safe Environment-Protecting Our Children and Young People: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington is committed to achieving healing and reconciliation with victims and survivors of abuse, and to provide safe environments for all of our children and young people.

To report child abuse or sexual misconduct call:

--Kevin Scully, Director of Safe Environments or
--Rev. Msgr. John McDermott, Vicar General
at 1-866-485-2488