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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 –30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." The Pharisee and the tax collector--polar opposites by practice. The one is a religious leader, a professional follower-of-the-law. The other is a deviant who extorts money for himself as he goes about his economic business. But in today's parable, Jesus flips these perceptions around. The humble tax collector is the one who "went home justified." Whereas the Pharisee has a flawless outer appearance, when we see a glimpse into his inner thoughts we detect his vanity and presumption. We see a man who may keep the letter of the law, but who is not truly converted to God's ways in his heart. The tax collector, on the other hand, pleads for God's mercy, recognizing that he needs it.

So, which one are we? Honestly, most of us are probably a combination of these two character types. Most of us follow God's laws some of the time, and fail to do so at other times. But the important point is to honestly acknowledge when we do fail, and to ask God to have mercy upon us. If we think we have nothing about which to plead for mercy, chances are we are living in a kind of self-imposed blindness like the Pharisee. When we won't admit we need help, it's hard to get the help we need! Instead, we should humble ourselves by honestly examining our conscience (regularly!) and seeking God's forgiveness, particularly through reconciliation, the great sacrament of divine mercy.

As hard as it may be for some of us to confess our sins to a priest, this humble act of acknowledging our failings prepares us to be "justified" like the tax collector who cried out, "Be merciful to me a sinner!"

Liturgical Publications

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. Oct. 23 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. Oct. 23 11:00 a.m. For Alexandra Scelzo requested by the Zahn Family.

Sun. Oct. 30 8:00 a.m. For Shirley Bean requested by Marie Cookson.

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Offertory Last Week: \$1,359.00

Electronic Giving: \$375.00

**Second Collection This Week for World Mission Sunday
Second Collection Next Week for Priests' Benefit Fund**

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, October 24, 2016

Nancy Calcagni
Sue Haselton
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: October 30, 2016

8:00 a.m.	Altar Server:	Hadley Stockwell Eliza Merrill
	Lector:	David Duffy
	Extraordinary Min.:	Mark Bisanzo Sheila Duffy

11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	
	Altar Server:	
	Lector:	Ray Curtis
	Extraordinary Min.:	Eileen Curtis Ray Curtis

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-10/27 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

-10/30 1st Year Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.

Question of the Week How can I become a joyful "welcomer" this last month of the Jubilee Year of Mercy to friends who have not yet found their joy in confidently trusting God's loving mercy?

All Saints Day: All Saints Day is Tuesday, November 1st and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are 7:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude.

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.

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 Year of Mercy: This Holy Year of Mercy will come to a close on November 20, 2016, on the Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe. Join Bishop Christopher Coyne, and the Faithful of the Diocese of Burlington for a very special Mass in celebration of God's gift of Mercy through His Son Christ Jesus, and the many gifts He has bestowed upon us in this Jubilee year. Mass will begin at 3:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Co-Cathedral. Fellowship and light refreshments will be available after Mass. All are welcome.

Priests' Benefit Fund Collection: The second collection next weekend, October 29 and 30, is for the Priests' Benefit Fund. The Priests' Benefit Fund works to support our priests throughout their ministry, but especially seeks to provide senior and disabled priests with sufficient financial means to lead a prayerful and dignified life. The Priests' Benefit Fund was established as a means to care for the ill and aged priests with healthcare needs, and support a pension program providing a modest pension and health insurance coverage. Please be generous. Thank you.

Looking for Crafters: St. Jude's will be having a Craft Fair on Saturday, December 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We are looking for crafters. If you are a crafter and are interested in purchasing a space at this Craft Fair, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com and an application form will be sent to you.

Take Time With God: A silent day retreat from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. will take place at the Our Lady of Life Center in Quebec on October 29. The emphasis will be on learning about and practicing Carmelite silent prayer in the footsteps of Fr. Marie-Eugene of the Child Jesus, o.c.d., who will be beatified on November 19. Msgr. Richard Lavalley and Teresa Hawes will be the retreat facilitators. For more info and to car-pool, call the St. Francis Xavier Rectory at 655-2290 or email@ourladyoflifeinstitute.org.

Winter Coat Collection: We are collecting **good** used children and adult winter coats, jackets, boots and snowpants (all sizes) for a local organization. If you have any of these items that your child(ren) has outgrown or you would like to get rid of, we would love to have them. We will have a bin in the vestibule beginning next week. Thank you.

Taize Evening Prayer: Enjoy the peacefulness of Taizé, an ecumenical and contemplative prayer service which incorporates both song and times of quiet. All are welcome to the Taizé Prayer Service on **Sunday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul, 2 Cherry Street in Burlington.

Mater Christi Open House: Mater Christi in Burlington is having an Open House on Wednesday, October 26 from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. Come tour the school and watch students, 3 years old through grade 8 in action. There will be an opportunity to chat with staff. To visit or for more info call 658-3992 or email msenesac@materchristischool.net.

Married Couples: Why not give yourselves a weekend away from it all? Time away from the pressures of everyday responsibilities. A chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you. Sign up now for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, **Nov. 18 - 20** at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte. For information or to apply, contact Gary & Lynn Root at vtroot@together.net or call 802-456-8114 or go on-line @ www.wmvevt.org. **Note that the application deadline is Nov. 1, 2016.**

Mercy Bazaar: The Sisters of Mercy are holding their annual bazaar on Saturday, November 12, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Mater Christi School in Burlington. There will be a large variety of canned goods made by the Sisters of Mercy and Mercy associates, including pickles, jam, jelly, relish, horseradish, and marmalade. You will also be able to purchase fudge, knitted goods, housewares, computer materials, decorations, books, ceramics and much more. Hope to see you there. For more information, email joannelafreriersm@gmail.com.



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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 25 and November 8 and 22 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

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.

Boys' Varsity Ice Hockey Coach: Rice Memorial High School is seeking an experience Boys' Varsity Ice Hockey head coach. Further details including job requirements can be found on SchoolSpring or by contacting Rice Athletic Director Jon Rock at rock@rmhsvt.org.