November 20, 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-Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." The two thieves that were crucified next to Jesus show two very different ways of understanding who Jesus was. The first thief insulted Jesus, prodded him, mocked him. He didn't believe that lesus had any power whatsoever. Like the sneering crowds, he thought that it was a joke to label lesus as the "King of the Jews."

But the second thief, known in tradition as "the good thief," had a different perception. He understood that Jesus did in fact have power because, as Jesus had told Pilate only hours earlier, his kingdom "is not of this world." The good thief understood that the kingdom of God awaits those who believe in the Lord. And when this man made that final act of faith on his own cross, Jesus promised him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Today as we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King, we are challenged to have as much faith as the good thief. We are challenged to believe that Jesus is in fact the "King of the Universe," even when it may not appear that way to those who stand by sneering. Jesus did not choose to hop down off the cross and make everything cheery. Instead he fulfilled his mission for an end result that was infinitely better than simply saving himself and those two thieves; by dying on the cross. he saved us all! So we too need to trust that just because Jesus doesn't always answer our prayers exactly how we want or expect, and just because we find ourselves carrying a cross from time to time, it does not mean he isn't in charge! On the contrary, we need to trust, as the good thief did, that Jesus' mission is to bring all of us to join him in his heavenly kingdom.

Liturgical Publications

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. Nov. 20 8:00 a.m. For Lou Laberge requested by Paul and Diane Laberge.

Sun. Nov. 20 11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. Nov. 27 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. Nov. 27 11:00 a.m. For All Souls

Offertory Last Week: \$1,590.56 Maintenance: \$548.00 Military Services: \$155.00 All Saints: \$203.25 World Mission: \$15.00 Salvation Army: \$10.00 Priests' Benefit Fund: \$30.00 Bishop deGoesbriand Appeal: \$10.00 Electronic Giving: \$50.00

Second Collection This Week for Bishop deGoesbriand **Appeal**

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, November 21, 2016

Nancy Calcagni Linda Stowe Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: November 27, 2016

8:00 a.m. Altar Server: Eliza Merrill

Lector: Gail Blasius Extraordinary Min.: Michelle Filardi

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11:00 a.m. Greeters: Kyle & Katie Franko

Altar Server:

Lector: Ray Curtis Extraordinary Min.: Eileen Curtis

Ray Curtis

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-12/04 Bishop Coyne visit at the 8:00 a.m. Mass

-12/04 CCD at CCS at 9:00 a.m.

-12/11 Meet and Greet following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

-12/11 1st Year Confirmation Classes at 10:30 a.m.

Question of the Week When and how do I intend to ask lesus daily, "lesus, remember me in your kingdom"? How can I help those in need remember how completely and mercifully Jesus always loves them?

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 healty adults and in turn make a Heathly State to live in. Won't you please help your neighbors in need? Thank you.

All Souls Masses: During the month of November we will have six (6) masses for All Souls. This is a way to remember our loved ones. The remaining Masses will be as follows:

Sunday, November 20 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Jude Sunday, November 27 at 11:00 a.m. at OLMC

Remembering our Deceased: We have a permanent book to record the names of our deceased faith members and friends to be remembered at Mass during the month of November. This book is available in the back of the church.

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.

Holiday Mass Schedules: The holiday schedule is as follows:

Thanksgiving Day:

- --Thursday, November 24 at 10:00 a.m. at OLMC Immaculate Conception:
- --Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 a.m. at OLMC
- --Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

- --Saturday, December 24th at 4:00 p.m. at The Old Lantern
- --Saturday, December 24th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude
- --Saturday, December 24th at 10:00 p.m. at OLMC
- --Sunday, December 25th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude

New Year's Eve and Day:

- --Saturday, December 31st at 4:00 p.m. at St. Jude
- --Sunday, January 1st at 8:00 a.m. at OLMC
- --Sunday, January 1st at 9:30 a.m. at St. Jude
- --Sunday, January 1st at 11:00 a.m. at OLMC

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Financial Summary For The Three Months Ended 9/30/16:

-For the three months ended 9/30/16, OLMC's combined Offertory Income was \$32,232 compared to \$28,582 for the prior year comparable period (an increase of \$3,650).
-Net Income for the first three months of FY2017 was \$5,278 compared to \$8,408 for the first three months of the prior

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-Total cash at 9/30/16 was \$146,670 compared to \$126,650 at 9/30/15.

Bishop Coyne Visit: Bishop Christopher Coyne will be visiting Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish and celebrating Mass on **Sunday, December 4 at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.** This is our monthly CCD Mass and will be followed by a reception in the hall. The Bishop and Fr. Cray will then be visiting the CCD Classes at CCS.

8:00 a.m. Mass Choir: The 8:00 a.m. Mass Choir is looking for new voices to join them, especially for the Mass with Bishop Coyne. If you are interested in joining them, see Ann or Trina before or after Mass upstairs in the choir loft.

O Mary, God Has Chosen You From All Women of the World: Join us for an Advent lecture with Fr. Richard Berube, SSE on Monday evening, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hall. A reflection for Advent-Christmas, and on how Jesus and Mary both join and separate the world's largest religions, Christianity and Islam. There are many references to Jesus and to Maryam (Mary in the Quran [Koran]). In fact, Mary is the only woman named in the Quran, where she is honored for her spiritual perfection, her fidelity and obedience to the Word of God, and her being chosen to be the virginal mother of the Messiah, making her a contact point for dialogue between Christians and Muslims. Learn about your faith while exploring the faith of others. If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Armstrong at 425-3773.

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.



He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." — Lk 23:42-43

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Catholicism Series: Please join us at St. Jude's in Hinesburg for another evening of "Catholism-The Journey of a Lifetime". This week's episode will be "Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus". It is not necessary to have viewed the first episode to be inspried by this week's DVD. The turnout last week was encouraging and we look forward to many more spiritually enriching evenings. Please join us this Tuesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Bishop deGoesbraind Appeal: Support this weekend's Second Collection - 100% of the collection stays in Vermont. "The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need, those who have nothing apart from their poverty!" -Pope Francis Your support of the Bishop deGoesbriand Appeal for Human Development makes a real difference in the daily lives of Vermonters. Thanks to your generosity in the past, Vermont Catholic Charities has been able to award grants to local non-profits that provide services to the young, elderly, homeless, and hungry. Please donate to the second collection this weekend so we can continue to provide financial assistance to worthy agencies. Thank you.

Advent Appeal-2016: Please join Vermont Catholic Charities in supporting the Annual Advent Appeal. The "Season of Giving" has no bounds for people in need. Whatever the season, there are basic needs to be met: food, shelter, and heat, to name but a few. With your help, we can make a difference in lives of those living on the edge. Many Vermonters are struggling to put daily bread on the table or to keep the lights and heat on in their homes. Whether your gift is \$10, \$100, \$1000 or more, your gift will make a difference in the life of a needy family. To donate, please mail a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403 or give online at www.vermontcatholic.org. Thank you.

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 November 22 and December 13 and 27 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.