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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 - First Sunday of Advent

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Jesus doesn't tell us when he will come again; but he does tell us all we need to know. First, he leaves no doubt in our minds that he will in fact return--this isn't a question we have to debate. And secondly, he tells us what we need to do to be ready: stay awake! As long as we don't doze off while we're waiting, everything will be all right.

So our task is a relatively simple one. We are called to be on the lookout. We are supposed to be ready for the Lord when he appears. This is a straightforward instruction to be sure. But it does contain an inherent challenge: it's often much easier to hit the snooze button than to get up and at 'em. It's our task, however, to make sure we don't give in to the temptation to fall back asleep.

This is what the season of Advent helps us to do. It's like the Church's alarm clock, ringing with persistence in our ears: Wake up! Throw off the covers of apathy and distraction! Jesus is coming! Get up and get your house in order before he arrives!

What exactly this means will be different for all of us--the particular behaviors we need to change, the specific virtues we need to develop--all of this is unique to each individual. But our common goal is the same--to clean house in our hearts and make ourselves ready to welcome the Lord. Yes, his return at the end of time will be a momentous event, but even if we never experience it during our lifetime, Jesus still wants to come to us here and now, to dwell in our hearts through the presence of his Spirit. This Advent, let's be ready to welcome the Lord every minute of every day.

Liturgical Publications

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

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
Sun. Dec. 4 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Bishop Christopher Coyne.
Sun. Dec. 4 11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Offertory Last Week: \$1,200.06 Maintenance: \$75.00
World Mission: \$3.00
Bishop deGoesbriand Appeal: \$403.00
Electronic Giving: \$175.00

Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, November 28, 2016

Sue Haselton
Trina Bianchi
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: December 4, 2016

8:00 a.m. Altar Server: CCD Servers
 Lector: Charlie Tegatz
 Leah Croke
 Tricia Silva
 Fr. David Cray
 Deena Miller
 David Croke

11:00 a.m. Greeters: Rosemarie Cartularo
 Altar Server:
 Lector: Colleen Armstrong
 Extraordinary Min.: Bill Geiger
 Winnie Geiger

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 What "work of darkness" do I need to throw off? What "armor of light" do I need to put on to ensure that I am "awake" and "prepared" for the hour of the Lord's coming?

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is Thursday, December 8 and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held at 7:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude.

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.

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. Please leave in the vestibule. Thank you.

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.

Holiday Mass Schedules: The holiday schedule is as follows:

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 Fiscal Year (note: last year during the 1st Quarter, OLMC received \$6,400 in one-time gifts in memory of a former parishioner).
-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.

Cleaning For Bishop's Visit: We will be cleaning the church on Saturday, December 3rd at 9:00 a.m. for the Bishop's Visit. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Marie at 425-2637 or email at marietcookson@aol.com. Thank you.

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 Hour of Eucharistic Adoration: St. Jude Parish will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, December 2 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

St. Jude Craft Fair: There will be a Craft Fair at St. Jude Parish on Saturday, December 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Many items will be available. Please join us.



“Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” — Mt 24:43-44

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Fall Raking: Thank you to the following people who came out last Saturday to rake the church grounds and cemetery: Gail and Joe Blasius, Ray Curtis, Lisa Beal, Heather Heitkamp, Rose and Daniel Bernier, Bob Danyow, Vic Bean, Colleen Armstrong, Tate and Susie Therrien, Julianna White, David, Aaron and Grace McNally, and Marie Cookson. Great job everyone.

Catholicism Series: Please join us at St. Jude's in Hinesburg for another evening of "Catholicism-The Journey of a Lifetime". This week's episode will be "The Ineffable Mystery of God: That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Sought". It is not necessary to have viewed the previous episodes to be inspired by this week's DVD. We look forward to many more spiritually enriching evenings. Please join us this Tuesday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Madrigal Singers: The CVU Madrigal Singers will be performing at St. Jude's on Monday, December 5 beginning at 6:30 p.m. A free-will offering will take place to benefit the Madrigals. All are welcome to this Christmas event and sing-along.

Daily Mass at St. Jude's - Winter Weather: Once again the schedule for daily Mass at St. Jude's will follow the Hinesburg School System. If there is no school in Hinesburg and/or Charlotte due to the weather, there will be NO morning Mass on Monday or Friday mornings. Closings are found on the local radio and TV stations.