

December 4, 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 - Second Sunday of Advent

"Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance." John the Baptist does not mince words. He tells it like it is. When the hypocritical Pharisees and Sadducees show up piously for baptism, John calls them out, saying, "You brood of vipers!" Not welcoming words, to say the least. Then he tells them that being part of the religious club (i.e., children of Abraham) isn't enough. No, "every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

It can be easy to join John in pointing fingers at those self-righteous religious leaders. But we're usually not so quick to point fingers at ourselves. On this Second Sunday of Advent, as we seek to prepare for the coming of Christ, we also need to hear John's solemn warning. How are we like these Pharisees? How have we excused ourselves because we are part of the "club," because we are baptized Christians, regular churchgoers, better than others, or whatever justification we use to declare ourselves in good shape? How have we failed to produce good fruit by being satisfied with a comfortable life and a routine practice of the faith? What do we need to change? Where do we need to grow? How do we need to reach out and serve others, to sacrifice sinful behaviors, to delve deeper into our love for the Lord?

John preaches today that God will "gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Advent is a gift from the Church--a time to renew our spiritual life by getting rid of the chaff in our souls and producing instead a fruitful harvest. Now is the time to do this work. As John tells us, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

Liturgical Publications

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

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.

Sun. Dec. 11 8:00 a.m. For Louis Laberge requested by Paul and Diane Laberge.

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Offertory Last Week: \$1,303.00
Electronic Giving: \$50.00

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance
Second Collection Next Week for Religious Retirement

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, December 5, 2016

Trina Bianchi
Gail Blasius
Lollie Krawitt

Schedule of Ministries: December 11, 2016

8:00 a.m.	Altar Server:	Hadley Stockwell
	Lector:	Mary Tierney
	Extraordinary Min.:	David McNally Mary Tierney

11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	Kyle & Katie Franko
	Altar Server:	David Tsounis
	Lector:	Kathy Nolan
	Extraordinary Min.:	Betsy Tegatz Fritz Tegatz

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 is one concrete, "peaceable" thing I can do this week to bring a glimpse of Isaiah's "Peaceable Kingdom" to my little corner of the world?

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.

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

Meet and Greet: The next Meet and Greet will be next Sunday, December 11 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The 3rd & 4th Grades will be providing the food and drinks and will be meeting fellow parishioners. Please plan on attending this event and meeting your fellow parishioners.

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.

Ministries for Christmas Masses: The sign up sheets are in the back of the church for Altar Servers, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for Christmas Eve and New Year's Day Masses.

Help Needed: We are looking for help for the Christmas Eve Mass at the Old Lantern. This special Mass takes a village to make it happen. On Saturday, December 24 at 8:30 a.m. we need help transporting to and setting up at the Old Lantern. On Monday, December 26 at 9:00 a.m. we need help in cleaning up and breaking down. The sign up sheet is in the back of the church.

Christmas Eve Choir: All are welcome. Adult and children singers. REHEARSAL will be held in the near future. Please call Marie at 425-2637 or email to marietcookson@aol.com if you are interested. We want to make sure we have enough music for everyone. This group will sing for the 4:00 p.m. Mass at the Old Lantern on December 24.

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.

Retirement Fund for Religious: Your donation works for aging religious. Roughly 95% of donations go to the Retirement Fund for Religious and aid senior religious. Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime. Thank you.

Our Lady's Blue Army: Let us devote this Advent Season to Jesus with Mary, the Lady of Fatima, with the Rosary intention for Peace, Hope and Love. Please reserve the date for the Advent Rosary on Wednesday, December 14 at St. John Vianney Church in South Burlington. Mass at 5:00 p.m.; Rosary with short meditation at 5:30 p.m.; Gathering and talk: Padre Pio, his Rosary devotion, and his love for Our Lady of Fatima at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a light refreshment dish to share. If you have any questions, please contact Yorini at yoandmic@yahoo.com.

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.

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.



*John the Baptist appeared...saying,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of
him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:*

*A voice of one crying out in the desert,
Prepare the way of the Lord.*

— Mt 3:1a, 2-3b

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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 "**Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary, Mother of God**". We travel to the ruins of Ephesus and to the great Marian Shrines of Lourdes and Guadalupe. Bishop Barron explains the Church's great reverence for Mary and her unique role in the history of salvation. 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, December 6 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.

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.

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.

Hinesburg Community Christmas Concert: The Hinesburg Artist Series will present the annual Hinesburg Community Christmas Concert next Sunday, December 11 with two shows at 2:00 and 4:30 p.m. at St. Jude's. Admission to the concert is free. Donations are greatly appreciated and all are encouraged to bring a non-perishable item for the Hinesburg Food Shelf.

OLMC Giving Tree: Thank you to the OLMC Giving Tree Shoppers who will be making a wonderful memory for a child this Christmas. Anyone who did not get a wish and would like to help out may donate a grocery card or gas card. Those would be greatly appreciated. **The gifts must be returned by December 15 to the back of the church.** Volunteers are needed to set up baskets on Friday, December 16 at 8:00 a.m. All are welcome to spread the spirit of Christmas. The volunteers at the Charlotte Food Shelf would like to sincerely thank and wish Our Lady of Mount Carmel parishioners a very Merry Christmas.

March for Life: "March for Life" Pilgrimage registration is now "live" and accessible online at the Diocesan website. The Diocese will sponsor two Pilgrimage Buses (one for youth, one for adults). Please note that the Youth Pilgrimage is restricted to high school students (Grades 9-12) and their Safe and Sacred-certified chaperones. This trip will include visits to several shrines in the DC area and an overnight stay. \$150, includes transportation and lodging. **The deadline to register for the youth group bus is December 20.** A second bus for individual adults or those travelling with their families will offer a shortened visit with overnight bus travel in each direction. Cost is \$75. Registration links are at www.vermonthcatholic.org.

Rice Prospective Parent Luncheon: Parents with students of all ages are invited to learn more about northern Vermont's only Catholic high school Rice Memorial in South Burlington, by attending a Prospective Parent Luncheon on Tuesday, December 13 at 12 noon. Gain a unique perspective by dining with a Rice student while hearing from a Rice parent and various administrators. A tour will be offered after lunch for anyone with time to stay. This is the ideal venue to ask questions about Rice, the admissions process and finances. Seating is limited. To reserve your spot, RSVP by December 9 by emailing Director of Enrollment Christy Bahrenburg at bahrenburg@rmhsvt.or.

Daily Mass at St. Jude's – Winter Weather: Once again the schedule for daily Mass at St. Jude's will following 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.

Job Opportunity: The St. Joseph Kervick and Loretto Homes are hiring. They are looking for an RN or LPN. You will gain valuable hands-on experience, work in a friendly, team-oriented environment, and enjoy spending time with their happy residents. For more information or to complete an application, please call or email Richard Fritz at Loretto Home rfritz@vermontcatholic.org or call 802-773-8840 Ext. 18.

Spanish Mass at LaSalette Shrine: There will be a Mass in Spanish at the LaSalette Shrine at 410 N.H. Route 4A, Enfield, NH on Sunday, December 11 at 2:30 p.m. in the main chapel. There will also be singing Christmas Carols in Spanish and English at 5:15 p.m. during the annual Festival of Lights. All are invited to pray and celebrate as the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe approaches the following day.

Christmas Flowers: There are collection envelopes in the back of the church for the Christmas Flowers. Your donations may be made in someone's memory. Please fill out the front of the envelope accordingly.

Advent and Christmas Concert: The Charlotte Congregational Church will be having two concerts for Advent and Christmas.

-Messiah Sing Sunday, December 4 at 5:00 p.m.
(Accompanied by members of the Vermont Symphony)

-Carols of Many Lands Friday, December 16 at 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

All are welcome.

The First Noel Christmas Concert: The First Noel – Celebrating the birthday of a King will be presented at the Ferrisburgh Center United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 p.m. Presented by Certain Sounds, Arranged by Russell Mauldin, Created by Russell Mauldin and Sue C. Smith. The church is next door to the Ferrisburgh Town Hall on Route 7. All are welcome.

Steubenville East: Save The Date for Steubenville East Conference on July 14 through 16, 2017 at the Tsonga's Center at UMass Lowell. Open to all high school students. This conference was attended by 3000+ teens last year. If your high school student is interested, or you are interested in attending as a chaperone, please contact Marie at 425-2637 or email at marietcookson@aol.com and info will be sent to you.

Chittenden County Right to Life: The Chittenden County Right to Life will meet on Tuesday, December 13 from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. in St. John Vianney Parish Hall, 160 Hinesburg Road in South Burlington. Education projects include supporting the annual Pro-Life Flyer Project, and promotion of the Rally for Life in Montpelier on January 21, 2017. All are welcome. Contact chitrighttolife@gmail.com for more information.

Annual Rally for Life: The annual Rally for Life will kick off in Montpelier on Saturday, January 21 at 10:45 a.m. as participants need to line up behind City Hall. Signs and banners will be provided. The march down State Street to the steps of the Capitol will begin at 11:00 a.m. and those who wish to attend but cannot participate in the outdoor portion of the event can find their way to House Chambers and wait for the group to join them. This year, the Rally for Life will feature women's voices, featuring Jewels Green of Philadelphia, Sarah Zagurski of Colorado and Amy Cochran of Vermont.