

December 25, 2016

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!

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ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Dec. 24 7:00 p.m. For Roger Strong, Jr. requested by his family.
Sun. Dec. 25 10:00 a.m. For Donald Boss Jr. requested by Jean and Donald Boss and family.
Sat. Dec. 31 4:00 p.m. For Emmanuel and Celinda Nadeau requested by the Family.
Sun. Jan. 1 9:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

Offertory Last Week: \$2,122.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$420.00

Second Collection Next Week for Initial Offering

Attendance Last Week
4:30 p.m.: 112 9:30 a.m.: 98

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Sat. Dec. 24 4:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parish
Sat. Dec. 24 10:00 p.m. For Joe Bettis, Donna Emerton and Connie Howard requested by Joan Bettis.
Sun. Jan. 1 8:00 a.m. For Shirley Bean requested by Shirley Marshall.
Sun. Jan. 1 11:00 a.m. For Reina Corrine Aube LaBerge, Roland LaBerge, Bedette Viens, Renette Procopio, Colleen McGrath and Leo A. LaBerge requested by the Family.

Offertory Last Week: \$1,433.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$175.00

Second Collection Next Week for Initial Offering

Holiday Mass Schedules: The holiday schedule is as follows:

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

Cycles of Faith – The Nativity of the Lord

"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Today we celebrate that the prophetic dream of St. Joseph was fulfilled! Jesus is born! A Savior has come to deliver us--Emmanuel, "God is with us." Christmas is a feast of fulfillment, a holiday of deep and enduring happiness not only because God became man and was born of a woman, but because along with his Incarnation, God brought us freedom. Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah who sets us free from the misery of our own sins. This is the ultimate gift of Christmas Day.

We exchange gifts today as a sign of our love for one another to be sure, but also as a concrete, visible way to celebrate the gift that we have first received from God. We are free people! We are not slaves but rather the children of God whose priceless inheritance is to dwell in his kingdom for all eternity. On this most festive day of the year, we are invited to exult in this fact and spare little effort or expense to show our gratitude and joy.

We only must be careful not to reduce our celebrating today to something less glorious, something less meaningful, or less profound. This is no mere secular holiday. This is not just a ritual of family gatherings, elaborate evergreen trees and sumptuous meals. Christmas is a holy day and as Christians it is our day in a most definite and undeniable way. The treats and trimmings are all signs that remind us of what lies ahead for those who accept the real gift of Jesus Christ: an unending banquet of eternal delights and divine gifts that will never fail to satisfy. Yes, Christmas is a little taste of heaven, the perfect gift that lies in wait for those who love the Lord.

Liturgical Publications

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Tuesday, December 27, 2016

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| St. Jude Parish | Stan Haselton
Lee Cross
George Gardner |
| OLMC | Sue Haselton
Trina Bianchi
Gail Blasius |

Question of the Week For whom and how can I "prepare a manger," by offering Christ's own welcoming and nourishing love this Christmas season?

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. **PLEASE NOTE: Rosary will begin at 3:40 p.m. on New Year's Eve due to Mass being at 4:00 p.m. instead of 4:30 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 27 and January 10 and 24 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.



The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." — Lk 2:10-12

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Catholicism Series: Please join us at St. Jude's in Hinesburg for another evening of "Catholicism-The Journey of a Lifetime". The next episode will be **"A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church"**. Bishop Barron explores the Catholic Faith's unique understanding of the relationship of Jesus Christ and the Church. Witness how the Mystical Body of Christ is a living organism that stretches from Rome to New York, Sao Paulo, Manila, and Namugongo, embracing humanity in all of its joys and sorrows. It is not necessary to have viewed the previous episodes to be inspired by the next DVD. We look forward to many more spiritually enriching evenings. Please join us on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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 have a bin in the lobby. Thank you.

Adult Confirmation Program: A new Adult Confirmation Program is being implemented in the Diocese. This is a 7 session process designed for those adults who received their First Communion/Reconciliation but were never confirmed. This program will run during Lent and Easter Seasons, leading to the reception of Confirmation on Pentecost from Bishop Coyne. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Fr. David Cray at 425-2253 or email at dgcray@gmail.com.

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

The Pastor and Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes extend to all their prayerful best wishes for a Blessed Christmas Season and a Happy New Year.