

# January 1, 2017

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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 – Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God***

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Supernatural communication was nothing new for Mary. The angel Gabriel had already appeared and spoken to her when she agreed to bear God's Son. Her husband Joseph also had a kind of divine intervention in the dream where the angel told him to go ahead and marry her. When she was first pregnant, her cousin Elizabeth had been led by the Holy Spirit to know the secret that Mary was "the mother of my Lord" (Lk 1:43). Now, Jesus has just been born and a crew of earthy shepherds appears at her door with a message from heaven: that the Savior has been born. And Mary believed them. She did not doubt their sincerity or the authenticity of their message. She took the words to heart, and meditated upon the meaning of it all.

What might strike us as peculiar in all of this is that God chose to speak to Mary in a variety of ways. This holy and immaculate woman, this Mother of God, did not always receive direct communication from on high. Sometimes, God chose to speak to her through other people. Sometimes, he revealed himself to them in order to reveal himself to her. And God does the same with us.

It's easy to daydream about having our own personal revelation from God, to hear his voice loud and clear, directing, encouraging, and supporting us in our times of need and confusion. But this isn't the standard pattern of God's operation. Mary was tuned in enough to hear God's voice all around her instead of expecting it to always sound the same. We can imitate this same kind of openness by seeking to discover how God may be speaking to us through the voices of others.

### **ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:**

**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 Leo LaBerge.

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

**Sun. Jan. 8 11:00 a.m.** For Jean Morin requested by Larry and Jackie Gingras.

**Offertory Last Week: \$2,262.00 Maintenance: \$640.00**

**Flowers: \$50.00 Immaculate Conception: \$20.00**

**Electronic Giving: \$50.00**

**Christmas: \$5,482.50**

**(20%-Pastor, 20%-Diocese, 60%-Parish)**

**Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance**

## **Pray for Vocations**

**Schedule of Counters: Monday, January 2, 2017**

Trina Bianchi

Sue Haselton

Lollie Krawitt

**Schedule of Ministries: January 8, 2017**

8:00 a.m.	Altar Server:	CCD Servers
	Lector:	Deena Miller
	Extraordinary Min.:	Deena Miller
		Tricia Sulva
		Susan Zahn

11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	Kyle & Katie Franko
	Altar Server:	
	Lector:	Charlie Tegatz
	Extraordinary Min.:	Betsy Tegatz
		Fritz Tegatz

### **Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events**

-1/08 CCD at CCS at 9:00 a.m.

-1/08 First Year Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.

-1/19 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

-1/22 Second Year Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.

-1/26 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Question of the Week** To whom do I need to bring a special greeting of Christ's peace, with the assurance of supportive friendship, this New Year's Day?

**Thank You:** Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Christmas Season and the Christmas Masses such a success. It really does take a whole village to make all this work.

**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.

**Senior Meals:** St. Jude Parish offers lunches to area seniors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **Tuesday** of each month. The next senior meals are scheduled for January 10 and 24 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

**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, January 6 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**Rose (NOT PINK) Mass Vestments:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish has received a Christmas gift of a set of rose-colored Mass vestments, including a stole and chasuble. They arrived with no indication of who donated them. Unless the donor wants to remain anonymous, would he/she/they please let Father Cray know who sent them. Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be right up to speed for Laudate Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent. They may also be used on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. A twice-a-year luxury!

**Collection Envelopes:** The collection envelopes for 2017 are available in the back of the church. Envelopes are in alphabetical order. If you have not used the collection envelopes in the past but would like to do so now, please take a box without a name on them.

**\*\*Please be sure to write your name and address on the envelopes for the first few weeks you are using them. Also, please do not use leftover envelopes from previous years. Some of the numbers have been changed due to the fact that we ordered less this year in order to not have so many leftover and thrown out.** Thank you.

**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 **"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 this week's DVD. We look forward to many more spiritually enriching evenings. Please join us this Tuesday, January 3 at 7:00 p.m.

**Family Mass and Pancake Breakfast:** There will be a Family Mass and Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 15 at St. Jude's. The cost of the breakfast is \$8/adults; \$5/child; \$23/family (2 adults and 2 or more children). All are welcome.

**Parish Contributions for 2016:** If you use offertory envelopes or are enrolled in online giving, a record of your 2016 donations to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish will be mailed to you later this month.

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Jude's on Tuesday, January 19 from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. There is an urgent need for blood. Please bring a friend and be sure to have your Blood Donor Card, Photo ID or two forms of ID.

**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](mailto:dgcray@gmail.com).

**Free Domestic Violence Workshop:** The Diocese of Burlington is presenting a free workshop aiding in developing tools to reach out and help victims of domestic violence. This workshop is open to everyone. It will be held on Wednesday, February 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Holy Family Parish Center, Essex Junction. Lunch is included. Please call 658-6110 ext 1453 or [vermontcatholic.org](http://vermontcatholic.org) to register.



*When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. — Lk 2:21*

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

**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.

**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 January 7.** 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.vermontcatholic.org](http://www.vermontcatholic.org).

**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 482-2290 or email at [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com) and info will be sent to you.

**World Marriage Day 2017:** The celebration of World Marriage Day in the Diocese of Burlington will take place on Sunday, February 5 at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral in Burlington with recognition being given to those couples celebrating their Milestone Anniversaries in 2017 (5, 10, 15, 20, etc.). The form to sign up to attend this Mass or to request a special certificate is in the back of the church.