

January 22, 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—3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him." Peter, Andrew, James, and John's lives would never be the same. They were going about their usual business--fishing on the Sea of Galilee--when Jesus approached them and said, "Come after me." And that's just what they did. "At once they left their nets and followed him." Such a quick response to such a radical request!

What compelled these men to leave their livelihood to follow the Lord? His promise to them was that he would make them "fishers of men." Perhaps they thought that promise sounded fabulous. But it seems more likely that it was Christ himself who drew the men. There must have been something utterly attractive about him, and completely trustworthy. Otherwise, it seems unbelievable that these men would have been so quick to respond to his call.

This compelling man is the same Christ who calls us. We hear his voice in a different way, of course, through the Church and through the Bible, through his Spirit in our hearts, but it is nonetheless the same Jesus of Nazareth who asks us to follow him. Have we allowed ourselves to be drawn by his voice? Are we open to a real encounter with the Lord who changes lives?

If our relationship with Jesus does not transform us, if it does not change us into different, better people moment by moment and day by day, then chances are that we are not truly encountering him. He is too powerful to be inconsequential. It might take some courage and commitment to come into authentic contact with the Lord, but when we do, our lives will never be the same.

Liturgical Publications

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. Jan. 22 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. Jan. 22 11:00 a.m. For Gerald C. Nolan requested by Katherine Nolan and Family.

Sun. Jan. 29 8:00 a.m. For Yvonne and Alfred Gebo and Leon Theoret requested by Irene Pierce.

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Offertory Last Week: \$1,394.25 Maintenance: \$85.00
Initial Offering: \$20.00
Fuel: \$456.00
Electronic Giving: \$50.00

Second Collection This Week for VT Catholic
Second Collection Next Week for Catholic Education

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, January 23, 2017

Lollie Krawitt
Margaret Titus
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: January 29, 2017

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| 8:00 a.m. | Altar Server: | Eliza Merrill Hadley Stockwell |
| | Lector: | Mary Tierney |
| | Extraordinary Min.: | David McNally Mary Tierney |
| 11:00 a.m. | Greeters: | Rosemarie Cartularo |
| | Altar Server: | David Tsounis |
| | Lector: | Ray Curtis |
| | Extraordinary Min.: | Eileen Curtis Ray Curtis |

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-1/22 Second Year Confirmation at 10:30 a.m. at St. Jude
-1/26 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-1/28 First Reconciliation at 9:00 a.m.
-2/05 CCD at CCS at 9:00 a.m.
-2/05 1st Year Confirmation at 10:30 a.m. at St. Jude

Question of the Week How do I need to "step outside" myself to fulfill my baptismal mission? To what "periphery" in my world do I need to bring Christ's peaceable, liberating love?

New Parishioners: If you are new to the parish or have never registered, won't you please fill out a parish registration form found on the table in the back? We are trying to update our parish records and have incomplete info on some families.

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 January 24 and February 14 and 21 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

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.**

Congratulations: Congratulations and thank you to the parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel for reaching our Bishop's Fund goal for 2016. We pledged 105.06% of our \$22,449 goal. Great job and thank you to everyone who participated.

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 Life of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit**". In this lesson, Bishop Barron explores Catholic spirituality, which is centered on prayer. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: "Prayer is the lifting up of the mind and the heart to God." On pilgrimage to the places where the great saints and spiritual masters lived, Bishop Barron explores the different types of prayer: contemplation; adoration; petition; and intercession. In telling the stories of Catholics like Thomas Merton, St. Theresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross, Bishop Barron demonstrates how the human person can be transformed through prayer that manifests a deep, spiritual commitment centered in Christ. 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 24 at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Counters Needed: We are in need of help on Monday mornings at 8:30 a.m. to count the weekly collection. Many of our regular counters are no longer available to count especially since many go south for the winter. With enough people, you would only have to count every 4 to 6 weeks. It really isn't difficult and it's a chance for you to meet your fellow parishioners and those from St. Jude's. Counting is done in the St. Jude rectory. If you are willing to help out, please contact Marie at 425-2637 or email at marietcookson@aol.com. 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.

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.

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 to register.

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.



As [Jesus] was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." — Mt 4:18-19

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Catholic Schools Week – Open House

--St. Francis Xavier School in Winooski is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, February 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The school serves students from Pre-School (age 3) to 8th grade. Please RSVP by calling 655-2600 or emailing info@sfxvt.org.

--Christ the King School in Burlington will have an Open House on Thursday, February 2nd from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. CKS serves students pre-school (age 3) through 8th grade. Have questions about CKS? Email Mrs. Steel at osteel@cksvt.org or call 862-6696.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Married Couples—Plants need fertilizer to grow healthy and strong and so too does your marriage. Without some nurturing and care it will remain weak and unfulfilling. Spread a little fertilizer on your relationship. The upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is March 17 through March 19 at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle LaMotte. For information or to apply, contact Gary and Lynn Root at vtroot@together.net or call 802-456-8114 or go online at www.wvmevt.org. Note that the application deadline is February 24, 2017.

Free Community Dinner at St. Peter's in Vergennes: A free community dinner will be held at St. Peter's in Vergennes on Sunday, January 29 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. They will be serving Corn Chowder with Crotons, Macaroni & Hamburger Soup, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Upside Down Cake and Beverages. All are welcome.

French Canadian Supper: There will be a French Canadian Supper on Saturday, February 4 at 5:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church in Richmond. They will be serving Pea Soup, Meat Pie, Mashed Potatoes, Dessert and Beverages. \$10 suggested donation to benefit the charities of Rosary Council of the Knights of Columbus 4684. All are welcome.

Seguin Covered Bridge in Charlotte: You are invited to help in the celebration of the newly restored Seguin Covered Bridge in Charlotte this Sunday, January 22 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. All are welcome. For questions or more info please contact Mel Huff at 425-2854.