

February 5, 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—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You are the light of the world." Speaking to his followers, Jesus tells them of the influence they are meant to have. Like the seasoning that gives food its flavor, they are to be "the salt of the earth" and like a lamp on a lampstand that "gives light to all in the house." Clearly, their influence on the people around them is meant to be positive and substantial. But what is the source of this irreplaceable influence?

Elsewhere in the Gospels, Jesus declares that HE is "the light of the world" (cf. Jn 8:12). So when he tells his disciples that "your light must shine before others," he is speaking about the light that comes from following him, from believing in him, from living their lives for him and with him. The light of Christ brightens the world, showing us the truth and meaning of our existence. And to the extent that we have that light in our hearts, it naturally spreads out to impact those around us.

So, today we must ask ourselves whether or not we are shining the way we are meant to as Christians. Do we brighten up our families, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, and our parishes? Are people encouraged, inspired, edified, and supported by our presence? Do we bring the kind of flavor that enriches life with a taste of the authentic truth, beauty, and goodness that comes from God alone? Or have we become a bit bland, like salt that "loses its taste" or light that is hidden "under a bushel basket"? It's important to be on guard against any tendency to let our faith be reduced to a mere routine or ritual. Rather, when we nurture our faith to be a living force that defines us and our actions, it will be a source of joy and renewal not only for us, but for the whole world.

Liturgical Publications

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. Feb. 5 8:00 a.m.

Sun. Feb. 5 11:00 a.m. For Shirley Marshall requested by Sue and Stan Haselton.

Sun. Feb. 12 8:00 a.m. For Lou Laberge requested by Paul and Diane Laberge.

Sun. Feb. 12 11:00 a.m. For Herbert Vanderbilt-Frick requested by the Landler Family.

Offertory Last Week: \$1,080.00

Catholic Education: \$329.00

Electronic Giving: \$-0-

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance
Second Collection Next Week for Church in Latin America

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, February 6, 2017

Gail Blasius
Margaret Titus
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: February 12, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Altar Server:	Angelina Seidita Anthony Seidita
	Lector:	Gail Blasius
	Extraordinary Min.:	Joanne Duranceau Tom Reilly
11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	Rosemarie Cartularo
	Altar Server:	Ethan Croke Allison Croke
	Lector:	Deena Miller Leah Croke
	Extraordinary Min.:	Betsy Tegatz Fritz Tegatz

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-2/05 CCD at CCS at 9:00 a.m.

-2/05 1st Year Confirmation Mass & Class at 9:30 a.m. at St. Jude

-2/12 2nd Year Confirmation at 10:30 a.m. at St. Jude

-2/16 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Question of the Week How can my discipleship contribute some aspect of gospel truth unobtrusively, like salt, to the worlds in which I move? Is there another situation that calls for my baptismal witness to shine more obviously, like a light on a lampstand?

Daily Mass: There will be **NO** daily Mass on Tuesday, February 14 due to Father Cray being away for the day.

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.

Thank You: We have received \$711.00 in donations for the recent Fuel Collection. Peter Trono, a parishioner and owner of Trono Fuels, will graciously match this amount in free fuel for our parish. Thank you very much Peter.

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.

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 "**World Without End: The Last Things**". Explore the Church's conviction that life here and now is preparation for an extraordinary world that is yet to come—a supernatural destiny. Bishop Barron presents the Catholic Vision of death, judgment, heaven, hell and purgatory as he journeys to Florence, Ireland and Rome. The vision of the Church sees beyond this world and invites us to consider a world without end. Bishop Barron shows how this vision is supported by the mystery and truth of the Resurrection of Jesus. 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, February 7 at 7:00 p.m.

Family Mass and Pasta Dinner: St. Jude's will have a Family Mass and Pasta Dinner on Saturday, February 11 beginning with the 4:30 p.m. Mass. The cost of the dinner is \$10/adult, \$7/child and senior, \$30/family (2 adults and 2 or more children). All are welcome!! We hope to see you there.

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

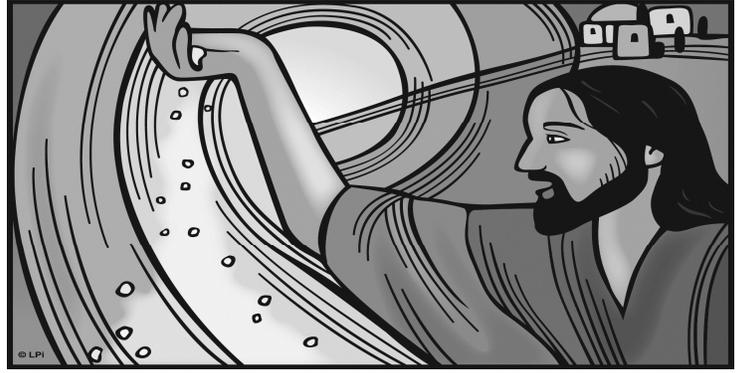
Adaptive Equipment Available: A parishioner would like to donate/pass along to an individual or family one or more pieces of adaptive equipment. They are a shower chair, support railings for a toilet and a commode. If you or someone you know could use these items, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com or call the church office--482-2290 (St. Jude) or 425-2637 (OLMC).

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.

Subs Needed: If anyone is interested in substitute teaching at Rice Memorial High School, please send a hard copy of a cover letter and resume to Rice Memorial High School, 99 Proctor Avenue, So. Burlington, VT 05403; email the cover letter and resume to hulburd@rmhsvt.org; or call the school and speak with Lloyd Hulburd, Associate Principal at 862-6521 ext. 203.

Stations of the Cross: Join Bishop Coyne on Friday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral, Burlington for The Stations of the Cross with John Paul II: On the path of ecological conversion, followed by a sustainable soup supper and discussion of the Lenten practice of fasting. Learn about the Global Catholic Climate Movement's Lenten Fast for Climate Justice and how fasting from certain foods, especially meat, positively effects the planet and the poor.



Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden." — Mt 5:13a, 14

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Collection for Church in Latin America: Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which assists programs that strengthen the faith in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your gifts help share the faith by providing lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs. To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america. Thank you.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Are you exercising and dieting, jogging, swimming, and playing tennis to stay fit and trim? What are you doing to keep your marriage in good shape? Why not try a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend? 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.wmvevt.org. Note that the application deadline is February 24, 2017.

Relay for Life NordicStyle: The Relay for Life NordicStyle Event Leadership team invites all cancer survivors and their caregivers to a reception in your honor at Catamount Family Outdoor Center on March 11, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. The reception will consist of a lite lunch and dessert as well as fellowship with other survivors and caretakers. They also invite you to stay for the RFL opening ceremony and survivor lap around the track. Register and learn more at www.relayforlife.org/nordicstylevt or register at the event.

Mater Christi School Story Hour: Children 3-5 years of age, with parent(s), are invited to a monthly story hour by Mater Christi's pre-school teacher and art teacher. There is no cost for this event and snack is provided. For more information call Melissa Senesac at 658-3992.

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