

February 12, 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--6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Jesus presents two paths for us today: we can break his commandments or obey them. And the result corresponds to our choice. If we decide not to follow God's guidelines, we will not enjoy the fullness of the kingdom of heaven. But if we choose otherwise, eternity will look much brighter for us!

Of course, it's easy to know in our minds what the right choice is. But putting this into practice is another matter. The commandments Jesus gives in today's Gospel are not easy to follow. He takes the ancient Ten Commandments to a deeper level of commitment. He says more than do not kill. Rather, do not even harbor anger in our hearts. He says more than do not commit adultery. Rather, do not even indulge in lustful thoughts. He says more than do not lie. Rather, do not even swear.

Undoubtedly, Jesus is asking us to chart a challenging course. But he would not expect us to follow these directives if it were impossible to do so. And it's important to bear in mind that Jesus doesn't set high standards to test or punish us. His love for us is at the root of everything he teaches us. Following these commandments, challenging though they may be, will in fact make us happier people, both now and in eternity! As with so many good things in life, committed effort on our part is necessary--whether it be maintaining good health, accomplishing a certain skill, or earning a sought-after award. So too with a soul that is truly free. We need to exercise a life of virtue by taking the advice of Jesus Christ, the best life coach we could ever hope to have.

Liturgical Publications

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

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.

Sun. Feb. 19 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. Feb. 19 11:00 a.m. For Shirley Marshall requested by Marie Cookson.

Offertory Last Week: \$2,115.00 Maintenance: \$827.00
Catholic Education: \$1.00 VT Catholic: \$15.00
Church in Latin America: \$40.00 Fuel: \$200.00
Salvation Army: \$10.00
Electronic Giving: \$575.00

Second Collection This Week for Church in Latin America

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, February 13, 2017

Lollie Krawitt
Trina Bianchi
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: February 19, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Altar Server:	Hadley Stockwell Eliza Merrill
	Lector:	Jim Richards
	Extraordinary Min.:	Mark Bisanzo Rose Bernier
11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	Kyle & Katie Franko
	Altar Server:	David Tsounis
	Lector:	Kathy Nolan
	Extraordinary Min.:	Eileen Curtis Ray Curtis

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-2/12 2nd Year Confirmation at 10:30 a.m. at St. Jude
-2/16 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-2/23 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Question of the Week Is there a situation in my life calling for a reconciliation that will not happen unless I make the first move? How soon will I do so?

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.

Parish Council Meeting: There will be a Parish Council Meeting this Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome.

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.

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.

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 14 at 7:00 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 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 dgcrcray@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.

Collection for Church in Latin America: This weekend is the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which strengthens the faith of our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your support is bringing the faith to those in remote villages who would otherwise not have access to church programs and outreach. Share your faith! Thank you.



“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’” — Mt 5:33-34a, 37

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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.wmmevt.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.

Right to Life: The Chittenden County Right to Life will meet on Tuesday, February 14 in St. John Vianney's Parish Hall, 160 Hinesburg Road in South Burlington from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. New volunteers are welcome to assist in promoting pro-life educational projects and legislative initiatives to protect human life in the womb and at other times when most vulnerable—including when elderly, disabled or terminally ill. Contact chitrighttolife@gmail.com for more information.

Presentation on Immigration: The Sisters of Mercy and Mercy Associates invite you to a presentation given by Sr. Kathleen Erickson, RSM, on Immigration and the Detention of Mothers and Children on Sunday, March 19 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Mount St. Mary's Chapel, 100 Mansfield Avenue in Burlington. Sr. Kathleen will lead a presentation/reflection on how our broken immigration system calls us to go deeper as we examine what it means to be human beings in a polarized world. No cost for the event. Parking is available in the Mater Christi School parking lot.