

# February 19, 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--7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow." Today Jesus continues the powerful teaching of his Sermon on the Mount. Typical of this famous sermon, here he urges us to see things in a new way, specifically regarding situations and people who bother us. First, he tells us not to seek revenge. Instead, we are to demonstrate incredible generosity. Then, he instructs us to "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." These instructions don't come naturally to most of us. We are much more inclined to want to get even with those who cause us to suffer, and to wish ill for those who have hurt us. But Jesus proposes another way.

In truth, what good does it do to seek revenge or foster hate? It only continues the cycle of evil. Jesus encourages behavior that will stop the cycle short. He gives us a model that--although it may not change the heart of our "enemies"--will nonetheless change OUR hearts for the better. When pressed into service for one mile, if we voluntarily go two, then WE are the ones whose attitude and experience is certain to change. Instead of spending the length of that one mile cursing and complaining, we spend the length of two enjoying a surprising kind of freedom: "I chose to do this," instead of "I am being forced to do this."

When we practice the generosity of giving more than we are asked, and the charity of praying for those who persecute us, we will find ourselves in a position to transcend the trouble. It sets us free to not be mastered by the evil around us. Thus, we are able to help end the cycle of evil and begin a new cycle of love and peace.

Liturgical Publications

### ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

**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.

**Sun. Feb. 26 8:00 a.m.**

**Sun. Feb. 26 11:00 a.m.** For Mona Clarke requested by the Landler Family.

**Offertory Last Week: \$1,233.00**  
**Church in Latin America: \$165.00**  
**Electronic Giving: \$120.00**

## Pray for Vocations

**Schedule of Counters: Monday, February 20, 2017**

Sue Haselton  
Gail Blasius  
Marie Cookson

**Schedule of Ministries: February 26, 2017**

8:00 a.m.	Altar Server:	Devan Lussier
	Lector:	David Duffy
	Extraordinary Min.:	Sheila Duffy Mary Tierney

11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	Rosemarie Cartularo
	Altar Server:	Allison Croke Ethan Croke
	Lector:	Deena Miller
	Extraordinary Min.:	David Croke Deena Miller

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

-3/12 CCD at CCS at 9:00 a.m.

-3/12 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation at St. Jude's at 10:30 a.m.

-3/16 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Question of the Week** Is there a person or situation in my life through which God is calling me to embrace Jesus' revolutionary invitation to transform the world by love?

**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.

**Stations of the Cross:** Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Jude's every Friday at 7:00 p.m. during Lent beginning on March 3. All are welcome.

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

**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 [dqcray@gmail.com](mailto:dqcray@gmail.com).

## OLMC Financial Statement Summary for the Six Months Ended 12/31/16:

- Total Offertory Income for the six months ended 12/31/16 was 62,177 versus \$60,001 for the prior year comparable period, an increase of \$2,176 or 3.6%.
- The annual Christmas Collection was \$4,343 for 2016 compared to \$3,106 for the prior Christmas, an increase of \$1,328.
- Net Income for the six months ended 12/31/16 was \$10,850 versus \$9,964 for the prior year comparable period, an increase of \$886 or 8.8%.
- Total Cash balance at 12/31/16 was \$153,267 compared to \$130,556 at 12/31/15.

**Ash Wednesday:** Lent begins **Wednesday, March 1**. Mass and distributions of the ashes will be held at OLMC at 7:00 a.m. and at St. Jude's at 7:00 p.m. This is a great way to begin the Lenten season. The Church's Lenten practices include:

--Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays in Lent is required by Church law for those who are 14 years and older.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** In consideration that St. Patrick is the secondary patron of the Diocese of Burlington, Bishop Coyne is granting a dispensation from the precept of abstaining from meat on Friday, March 17. If you take advantage of this dispensation, you should add some other sacrifice/penance to your Lenten observances.

-- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting. Those between 18 and 59 may have one full meal and two minor meals on these days.

--Throughout Lent all are encouraged to intensify their prayer life, to do penance and to contribute to charities.

**Ash Wednesday Almsgiving Collection:** There will be a special collection on Ash Wednesday to support Vermont Catholic Charities. This agency provides financial and emotional support to individuals and families throughout Vermont through the programs offered which include counseling, Emergency Aid, Prison Ministry, Project Rachel and Residential Care Homes. Envelopes are available in the lobby or in your envelope box set. Please know that every gift—whatever the size—makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity.

**Solidarity Prayer Vigil for Refugees and Immigrants:** The Catholic Center at UVM invites you to an evening of prayer and standing together in solidarity with the 65 million refugees and immigrants around the world on **Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 p.m.** In a time of great uncertainty for those seeking refuge and peace within our borders we want to take a stand for what we believe. Come light a candle, say a prayer, write a message to the refugees in our community or send a letter to a politician. Let us take a stand for a lasting solution to protect our brothers and sisters in Christ. "Migrants and refugees are not pawns on the chessboard of humanity." – Pope Francis

**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.



*“You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father.” — Mt 5:43-45 a*

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**Missionary Discipleship Today: A Joyful Witness:** Holy Family Parish in Essex Junction welcomes everyone to attend either the 8:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. Mass on Monday through Wednesday, **March 6th, 7th and 8th**. Each Mass will include an extended homily focused on what Pope Francis has called us to be as “missionary disciples” in today’s world. Confessions will be available before and after Mass each day. The guest speaker will be Deacon Phil Lawson, MTS.

**Why Lent?:** Join Josh Perry, Director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese, as he unpacks the liturgical year with his presentation **Why Lent?**. Learn how Lent came to be a time of intense preparation for those being initiated into the church as well as a time of spiritual renewal for the faithful. We’ll consider anew the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as ways to make your Lenten observance more meaningful this year. This presentation will be held on **Tuesday, February 28** at Holy Family Parish Center in Essex Jct from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and again from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Please RSVP by calling 878-5331.

**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.

**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.