

March 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—1st Sunday of Lent

"Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil." Today's Gospel brings us face-to-face with the reality of spiritual warfare. A battle is going on in the desert. The devil is out to win the allegiance of the Son of God. But Jesus fights back. Not with fists or knives, but with the word of God. For every temptation the devil proposes, Jesus arms himself with "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Eph 6:17). This strategy proves effective. Ultimately, "the devil left him," and then Jesus was consoled by the presence of angels.

In our modern era, we face a new temptation: to deny the existence of spiritual beings. Angels appear to be little more than lawn ornaments or Christmas crafts, and too often the devil is reduced to an analogy for the vague presence of evil. Perhaps the greatest achievement of the father of lies, as Pope Francis has suggested, is to make us believe that he does not exist. But the word of God gives us a different idea: "Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1 Pt 5:8). This is no fairy tale. Satan wants to win our allegiance too.

During Lent, we have the opportunity to fortify ourselves for this serious, if silent, combat. Just as Jesus fasted and prayed for forty days before that diabolical encounter, we take these forty days of Lent to "conquer" the weak spots where we are susceptible to attack. We fast to strengthen our self-control, we give alms to strengthen our generosity, and we pray to strengthen our faith in God's power and providence. A sincere effort now, in the "desert" of Lent, can lead us to victory as we engage in the ongoing spiritual battle for the allegiance of our souls.

Liturgical Publications

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

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

Sun. Mar. 5 11:00 a.m. For Shirley Marshall requested by Beverly and Wayne Burleigh.

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

Sun. Mar. 12 11:00 a.m. For Shirley Marshall requested by Sue and Stan Haselton.

Offertory Last Week: \$1,540.00

Maintenance: \$20.00 Catholic Education: \$20.00

Church in Latin America: \$10.00

VT Catholic Charities: \$12.00

Electronic Giving: \$50.00

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, February 27, 2017

Cyndy Marshall
Janet Landrigan
Sue Haselton

Schedule of Ministries: March 12, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Altar Server:	Allie Croke Hadley Stockwell
	Lector:	Deena Miller
	Extraordinary Min.:	David McNally Deena Miller David Croke
11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	Rosemarie Cartularo
	Altar Server:	David Tsounis
	Lector:	Yvette Tsounis
	Extraordinary Min.:	Jacqueline Jones Betsy Tegatz

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

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

-3/12 1st 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 In what area of my life have I not trusted God's providential care for me? How can I change that this Lent, even while making myself a living sign for someone else of God's care?

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 2nd and 4th **Tuesday** of each month. The next senior meals are scheduled for March 14 and 28 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon.

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.

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.

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.

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, March 10 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Meatless Fridays During Lent: As part of the Church's Lenten observances, all Catholics aged 14 and older should abstain from eating meat on Fridays in Lent.

****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.

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.

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.

Best Lent Ever: We all know the things that make us happy, but we don't always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year you are invited to do something different. Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever, a free, video-based email program featuring Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, Matthew will help you identify what stands between you and happiness...and what to do about it. To sign up, visit BestLentEver.com.

Mary's Circle of Friends: Mary's Circle of Friends invites you to join them for a special Lenten program of prayer and coloring meditation, focusing on the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. The group is offering two different times: Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm, (March 7 - April 4) and Wednesday mornings from 9 to 11 am, (March 8 - April 5) at St. John Vianney Parish. Please RSVP to Cindy at SJV at 864-4166. All are welcome



Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan!"

— Mt 4:8-10a

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The Wizard of Oz: The Wizard of Oz will be presented by Rice Memorial High School on March 24 (7:00 p.m.), 25 (1:00 and 7:00 p.m.) and 26 (1:00 p.m.). Located at the Black Box Theater at Main Street Landing (60 Lake Street, 2nd Floor), Burlington. Tickets are \$7/student and seniors; \$10/adults. Tickets are on sale now. They can be purchased by emailing Brian Lynam at lynam@rmhsvt.org, or in person at Rice Memorial High School on weekdays, from 11:00 to 12:00. Please come and experience this timeless musical with its familiar and heart-felt music and amazing choreography. (P.S. Fr. Lance Harlow will be playing trombone in the pit orchestra.)

Theology on Tap-Young Adult Group: Young adults between the ages of 21 and 35 are invited to join in for Theology on Tap at Switchback Brewing Company in Burlington starting at 7:00 p.m. on March 16. This month's speaker will be Jordan Easley. For more info on this and other events that this group hosts, email burlingtonareayoungadults@gmail.com or search Burlington Area Catholic Young Adults on Facebook.

St. Peter's K of C Lenten Fish Fry: Come to St. Peter's K of C Lenten Fish Fry at 85 South Maple Street, Vergennes on Fridays, March 17, 31. Serving from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter's Parish Hall. Join them for Battered Baked Haddock, fries, macaroni & cheese, green beans, coleslaw, rolls, punch, milk, coffee. Adults/\$12, Children under 12/\$6; Children under 6/free. Immediate family (only)/\$35. Please bring a dessert to share. For more info please call 877-2367.

Time Change Next Sunday: Remember to turn your clocks ahead Saturday night for the new time change.

