

April 9, 2017

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We are a Welcoming Community of Believers, Hopers 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—Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

"Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: 'Before the cock crows you will deny me three times.' He went out and began to weep bitterly." Today's Gospel traces two tales of betrayal and remorse. At the Last Supper, Peter pledges his fidelity to Christ. He sincerely cannot imagine himself denying Jesus. Judas, on the other hand, is a liar who professes loyalty while knowing that he has already betrayed the Lord. Both men come to regret their actions. But their responses are different. Peter recognizes his failure, feels the bitterness of his actions, and weeps over them. Judas, however, does not weep. He tries to undo his action, and when he can't, he gives up hope.

Although Peter felt the weight of his sins, he did not give up. He got up after he fell and moved forward, remaining a loyal disciple, if an imperfect one. He learned from his mistake and, through his eventual martyrdom, fulfilled his promise to die for Christ. Judas of course could have reconciled with the Lord as well. Even at the moment of betrayal, Jesus extended his mercy by calling Judas, "Friend." And he does the same for us. Even when we declare, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" one day and, "I do not know the man!" the next, Jesus still forgives us. Although we may waver when the Gospel challenges us to change, when our Christian witness means social stigma, or when our faith is tested by trial or temptation, nonetheless Jesus' offer of friendship never expires. During this Holy Week, let us pray for the grace to be good friends in return. May we be willing to accompany Christ on his path to Calvary, and remain steadfast with him all the way to the foot of the cross.

Liturgical Publications

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

- Sun. April 9 8:00 a.m.** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.
- Sun. April 9 11:00 a.m.** For Shirley Marshall requested by Sue and Stan Haselton.
- Sun. April 16 8:00 a.m.** For Yvonne and Alfred Gebo and Marcus Pidgeon requested by Irene Pierce.
- Sun. April 16 11:00 a.m.** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Offertory Last Week: \$2,057.50 Maintenance: \$718.00
Catholic Relief Services: \$50.00 Easter: \$35.00
Home Missions: \$45.00 Salvation Army: \$10.00
Holy Land: \$10.00
Electronic Giving: \$575.00

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, April 10, 2017

Deborah Kramer
Margaret Titus
Marie Cookson

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

- 4/09 Palm Sunday Procession-all CCD Students at 8:00 a.m.
- 4/09 2nd Year Confirmation Class at St. Jude at 10:30 a.m.
- 4/16 Easter Egg Hunt after the 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 4/20 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Question of the Week As I carry home the blessed palms that celebrate Jesus' victory, how will I embrace and implement Jesus' gentle, loving way of bringing about God's kingdom into my corner of the world?

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 April 11 and 25 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon.

The Chrism Mass: The Chrism Mass will be held Tuesday, **April 11 at 11:00 a.m.** at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral in Burlington. At this special Mass celebrated by Bishop Coyne, the Oil of Chrism is consecrated, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the priests within the Diocese of Burlington recommit themselves to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. All are invited to join in celebrating this special Mass.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule:

Holy Thursday	7:00 p.m.	St. Jude
Good Friday	3:00 p.m.	OLMC
Good Friday (Ecumenical)	3:00 p.m.	Hinesburg United
Good Friday	7:00 p.m.	St. Jude
Easter Vigil	8:00 p.m.	St. Jude
Easter Sunday	8:00 a.m.	OLMC
Easter Sunday	9:30 a.m.	St. Jude
Easter Sunday	11:00 a.m.	OLMC

Parish Websites: We recently found out that the email portion of our OLMC and St. Jude Websites do not work. We know that the OLMC website email has not worked for over a year. If you have used the website to contact us and we haven't responded, please know it is not because we are ignoring you. We have informed the web designer and he is working on this. If you need to email Fr. Cray or Marie, please use their email addresses listed on the front of the bulletin or use the parish email addresses: carmel@gmavt.net or stjude@gmavt.net. Thank you and we apologize for any inconveniences.

Good Friday: Good Friday is a day of both fast and abstinence. The rule of fasting states that only one full meal a day can be taken. Two small meals, "sufficient to maintain strength", are allowed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals breaks the fast, but drinking liquids does not. The rule of fasting obliges all Catholics from 18 to 59. Abstinence refers to the eating of meat. The rule of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older.

Lenten Reconciliation Services: The Chittenden Deanery will have a Lenten Reconciliation Service at the following parishes: **-Sunday, April 9 at 3:00 p.m.** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Williston. All are welcome.

Easter Egg Hunt: There will be an Easter Egg Hunt next Sunday, April 16 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All children are invited. This will be followed by refreshments in the parish hall. All are welcome.

Laura McGee: Laura McGee, a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, died at Green Mountain Nursing Home on March 14, 2017 after a long illness. In keeping with Laura's wishes, there will be no wake, funeral or published obituary. Her remains will be buried in Holy Cross Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York, with those of her husband, Thomas McGee, who predeceased her on March 12, 1993.

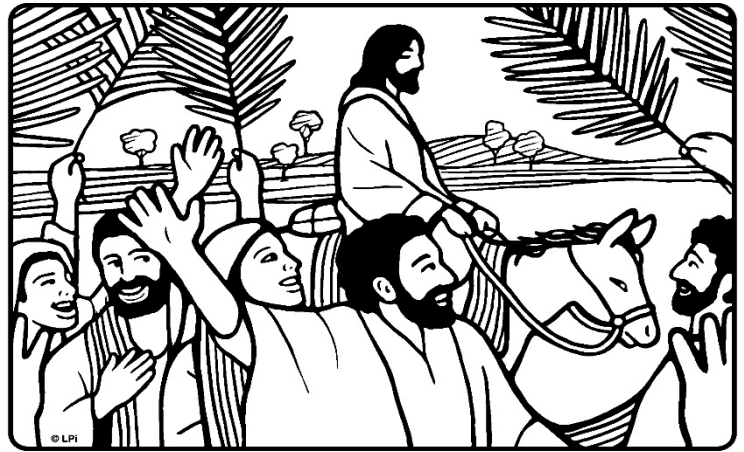
Rosary: The Rosary is being said each Saturday at St. Jude's before the 4:30 p.m. Mass beginning at 4:10 p.m.

Holy Land Collection on Good Friday: Few places in the world are as precious to Catholics as those where Jesus Christ, our Savior, walked and taught...lived and died. Your generosity can help keep alive those Holy Places and the Franciscan Missioners who serve the people there. Please be as generous as you can to our less fortunate sisters and brothers in the Holy Land when the annual collection for the Shrines and the people of the Holy Land is taken up at the Good Friday service. Thank you.

Evening Prayer for Healing Services: April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and during this time of the year we pray for healing and peace for those who have experienced abuse and neglect. The Diocese of Burlington is hosting four Evening Prayer of Healing services throughout the state to remember victims/survivors of abuse and their families. Everyone is invited to come to a service near you and join in prayer. All services will take place on the same date and at the same time: Wednesday, April 19 at 7:00 p.m. In our area the mass will be held at Christ the King/St. Anthony Parish in Burlington (at Christ the King).

Week Mini-Retreat: Take time to prepare for and reflect on the most important time of the liturgical year: the Sacred Triduum. Join Josh Perry, Director of the Diocesan Office of Worship, for a Holy Week mini-retreat unpacking the symbols of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. This Holy Week mini-retreat will take place on **Monday, April 10, from 7:00—8:30 p.m.** at Holy Family Parish Hall in Essex Junction.

Taize Prayer: Evening Prayer in the manner of Taize will be held on **Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 2 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT.** The service includes Scripture readings, times of silence, spoken prayer, and music from the Taize Community. The Rt. Rev. Thomas Ely, Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Vermont and The Most Rev. Christopher Coyne, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington, will co-officiate. FREE parking at St. Paul's that evening. Join us to commemorate 10 years of Taize Prayer at St. Paul's.



“Hosanna to the Son of David;

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;
hosanna in the highest.”

And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, “Who is this?” And the crowds replied, “This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee.” — Mt 21:9-11

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SCHIP: This spring as you sort through your clothes please remember SCHIP's Treasure Resale Shop...our parish is one of their sustaining members. The shop has donated more than \$615,000 to other non-profits over the last 12+ years because of your help. Help them again by donating, volunteering and/or shopping. They accept any season clothing at any time during the year provided it is gently used. They also accept home décor, jewelry (in need of at this time) and other small items. Call the shop at 985-3595 to volunteer for as few as two hours a week.

Burlington Catholic Young Adults: The Burlington Catholic Young Adults are hosting a pasta dinner fundraiser on **Saturday, April 29th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** in the St. Mark parish hall in Burlington to raise money for their group. These funds will be used to help with expenses like summer BBQs, dinners and costs for advertising. Tickets are \$5 per person, or \$20 per family. They will be serving pasta with tomato sauce, salad, garlic bread, and brownies. Please RSVP to burlingtonareayoungadults@gmail.com to reserve a seat and help them get a head count.

Did You Know? April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is most appropriate that National Child Abuse Prevention Month is during the Lenten and Easter seasons. There is no better time to help heal those harmed by abuse and neglect, to reflect on the importance of child safety, and to renew our promise to protect our most valuable gift from God—our children. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, visit the “Child Safety” section of www.vermontcatholic.org or contact the parish office.

Merchants of Doubt: On Sunday, April 30 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. the United Church of Hinesburg will offer a screening of *Merchants of Doubt* in the Osborne Parish Hall. *Merchants of Doubt* is a 2014 film that traces the use of public relations tactics developed by the tobacco industry to forestall appropriate governmental response to the risk of global climate change. The film will be facilitated by Betsy Hardy of Vermont Interfaith Power and Light. Dinner will be provided with gluten free options available. A time for discussion will take place after the screening. All are welcome.