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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—2nd Sunday of Easter

"Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" Three times in today's Gospel, Jesus speaks these words to his disciples. He knew they were in need of peace! Following the Crucifixion, they had huddled in fear, hiding behind locked doors, "for fear of the Jews." But the risen Christ burst into this prison of anxiety to set the disciples free.

We may wonder why, after his first greeting of peace, Jesus immediately showed the disciples the wounds of his crucifixion, still present in his now glorified body. Why would he speak of peace and then show them the scars from the violence of the cross? Perhaps it is because those wounds earned our forgiveness. And this forgiveness is our peace.

Although we may not suffer from the fear of martyrdom as these first disciples did, we all need the peace that comes from being forgiven, and from forgiving. Our sins enslave us by preventing us from experiencing the fullness of life. But Jesus' mercy is greater than our sins. He wants to forgive us. And, as he taught us, we are supposed to "forgive those who trespass against us" as well. Perhaps we harbor grudges towards neighbors or family members who have hurt us. We are called to extend forgiveness to them, just as Christ extends forgiveness to us. In this way, we can cooperate with Christ by spreading peace to others. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you," he told the disciples gathered in the room. We too are sent to be messengers of Christ's peace and mercy.

Especially today, on this Sunday of Divine Mercy, may we accept from Jesus his promise of forgiveness. Then, we will truly be able to "go in peace."

Liturgical Publications

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. April 23 8:00 a.m. For Roger and Julia Fortin requested by Jeff Fortin.

Sun. April 23 11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. April 30 8:00 a.m. For Louise Plant requested by Marie Cookson.

Sun. April 30 11:00 a.m. For Lillian Foran requested by Eileen Curtis and Sue Haman.

Easter: \$3,188.00 Sunday Collection: \$205.00
Maintenance: \$40.00 Holy Land: \$122.00
Fuel: \$25.00 Initial Offering: \$6.00
Home Missions: \$20.00 VT Catholic: \$24.00
Electronic Giving: \$375.00

Second Collection This Week for Catholic Home Missions

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, April 24, 2017

Lollie Krawitt
Gail Blasius
Karen Doris

Schedule of Ministries: April 30, 2017

8:00 a.m. Altar Server: Devan Lussier
Lector: Mary Tierney
Extraordinary Min.: Joanne Duranceau
Tom Reilly

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

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-4/27 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-5/04 Confirmation at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral at 7:00 p.m.
-5/07 CCD at CCS at 9:00 a.m.

Question of the Week To whom or to what situation this week can I bring Jesus' healing gift of shalom by offering my own forgiveness and reconciliation?

Daily Mass: There will be **NO** daily Mass on **Thursday, May 4** due to Confirmation at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral that evening.

OLMC Financial Report for the Nine Months Ended 3/31/17:

--Offertory Income-Taxable was \$82,722 for the nine months ended 3/31/17, a \$966 or 1.1% increase over the prior year comparable period.
--Total Income for the first nine months of the fiscal year was \$109,681 compared to \$118,785 for the same period last year, a decrease of \$9,104. The decrease in total income was due to the fact that last year the Parish received \$6,400 in one-time bequests and also due to Easter having occurred in March last year (April this year). Last year's Easter collection was \$3,453.
--Total expenses increased by \$7,791 to \$104,672 versus last year due to increases in Salary Expenses and Contributions Expense.
--Net Income for the nine months ended was \$5,010 versus \$21,904 for the prior year comparable period.
--The total cash balance at 3/31/17 was \$146,004 versus \$143,061 at 3/31/16.

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.

Thank You: Sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make Palm Sunday and the Triduum Services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday such sacred and meaningful times of worship for our parish family and friends. So many gave of their time and talents including our Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Greeters, Musicians and Singers, Confirmation students, Ushers, Decorators, Liturgy Committees and most especially Father Cray.

Food Shelf: The Charlotte Food Shelf is in desperate need of glass jars of all sizes, large and small, for refilling with dish soaps, laundry, etc. Please drop off at the food shelf or in the vestibule of the church. Thank you.

Catholic Home Missions: Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Thank you.

New Evangelization Summit! God is calling you and me. On May 12-13, Vermont will be hosting our VERY First Live-Streamed New Evangelization Summit out of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada joining thousands of others throughout North America. We will be gathering at Holy Cross Church in Colchester from 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. (May 12) and 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (May 13) to hear speakers like Bishop Robert Barron and Sr. Miriam James Heidland. The cost of \$35 per person will cover materials, snacks and lunch on Saturday. For more information and to register visit <https://www.newevangelization.ca/> Please contact Deacon Phil Lawson at (802) 658-6110 Ext 1453 or plawson@vermontcatholic.org with questions.

Bishop's Fund: To the faithful of our diocese: The 2016 Bishop's Fund was a great success, and we hope you are able to continue your generous support as we look toward the kickoff of the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. This year's theme will be "**Serving God in All Things**". In Psalm 24:1, David says, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein." Let us not forget our responsibility to care for all God's creations, especially those most vulnerable in our communities. Additionally, there are many new outreach efforts being made by the diocese, and we encourage you to check bishopsappealvt.org for continuous updates of how diocesan departments offer support directly to your parish. **If you've ever wondered about who is in the Chancery, serving your parish community, well, we're going to share a lot with you this year!** The in-pew weekend will be May 6-7. Our parish goal this year is \$22,079.

Mercy For Our Common Home: Holy Family-St. Lawrence parish will host a roundtable discussion on parish initiatives for creation sustainability. Topics will include renewable energy, energy efficiency, waste management, clean water, living simply, impacts on communities, and eco-spirituality. Evening prayer, focused on Pope Francis' inclusion of "care for our common home" as an act of mercy, will precede the discussion. *For more on Mercy2Earth Weekend please check out <http://www.mercy2earth.org/>*



“Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” — Jn 20:27b-29

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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 25 and May 9 and 23 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon.

Young Life Update: Young Life is growing by leaps and bounds! Thanks to your support, Young Life is a vibrant entity at CVU, serving our youth with joyful dedication to ensure each and every high school teen has an opportunity to form a relationship with Jesus. CVU has approved and is supporting a weekly Bible study group on campus. In addition, kids are now enjoying social and wholesome, engaging events like wiffleball golf. Support for this effort is ongoing and once again we will be fundraising to support Young Life at CVU and to help teens earn money for summer camp at Saranac Lake. You can continue to support us by:
~donating your Spring Cleaning items to the tag sale which will happen on May 13th at St. Jude's Church.
~offering kids opportunities to earn camp funds by hiring them to help with needed yard work and/or household chores.
~sponsoring and/or participating in the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at Cedar Knoll on Saturday, June 24, 2017.
~PRAY: it is free and it is powerful. Please pray for the young leaders who work directly with teens, the committee members who are raising funds to support their efforts, and mostly for our youth to be able to fulfill God's purpose in their lives that can only happen by having a personal relationship with Jesus. To donate items, sign up for the golf tournament and any questions, thoughts or insights, contact Tricia Sulva at majac@gmavt.net

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.