

May 7, 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—4th Sunday of Easter

"Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." Jesus' analogy about the pasture suggests the ideas of both provision and protection. In this grassy field, the sheep find their sustenance. The pasture is also the safe zone where the Shepherd can keep tabs on his flock. When Jesus speaks of himself as "the gate for the sheep" he is telling us that through our belief in him, we too will find provision and protection.

First: provision. Jesus wants to provide for his people. He "came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." The imagery here is of plenty, not just "enough." Today's psalm says, "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want...You spread the table before me...my cup overflows." This generous Shepherd provides not only our daily bread, but also our spiritual needs. "He refreshes my soul," the psalm tells us. When we are weary from the cares of life, the struggles of daily survival, and the burden of our sins, Jesus gives us "repose" in the "verdant pastures" of his love. Today's epistle follows the theme: "You had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls."

This brings us to the second point: protection. Jesus guards us, ensuring our safety. Again, Psalm 23 declares, "Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side." Jesus wants to comfort us when we are frightened by trials or threatened by temptations. He "calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." Out of harm's way. We only must be sure we know him well enough to "recognize his voice" when he calls.

Liturgical Publications

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. May 7 8:00 a.m. For the Deceased Pastors of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.

Sun. May 7 11:00 a.m. For Shirley Marshall requested by Sue and Stan Haselton.

Tues. May 9 5:15 p.m. For Henry Emmons requested by the Cote Family.

Sun. May 14 8:00 a.m. For Laura McGee requested by Sue and Stan Haselton.

Sun. May 14 11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Offertory Last Week: \$2,559.00 Maintenance: \$27.00
Home Missions: \$35.00 Feast of the Ascension: \$10.00
Church in Central and Eastern Europe: \$25.00
Easter: \$75.00
Electronic Giving: \$50.00

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance
Second Collection Next Week for Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, May 8, 2017

Karen Doris
Cyndy Marshall
Trina Bianchi

Schedule of Ministries: May 14, 2017

8:00 a.m. Altar Server: Angelina Seidita
Anthony Seidita
Lector: David Duffy
Extraordinary Min.: Sheila Duffy
Mark Bisanzo

11:00 a.m. Greeters: Rosemarie Cartularo
Altar Server: David Tsounis
Lector: Yvette Tsounis
Extraordinary Min.: Susan Zahn
Tricia Sulva

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-5/07 CCD at CCS at 9:00 a.m.
-5/07 Appreciation Weekend
-5/14 1st Year Confirmation at St. Jude at 10:30 a.m.
-5/18 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Question of the Week Who have I pushed to the periphery of my life? How can I "call them by name" to be like Jesus, my Good Shepherd?

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.

First Holy Communion: We have 5 students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this Saturday, May 13 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. Please keep them and their families in your prayers during this time. Thank you.

Appreciation Weekend: This weekend is Appreciation Weekend. One of the inserts this weekend list all the volunteers who help to make this parish what it is. Thank you to all who help out in any way. If you are interested in becoming involved with one of the many groups we have, please contact Marie at 425-2637 (office) or email marietcookson@aol.com and she will connect you with the right person. Thank you.

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.

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: This weekend is In-Pew commitment Weekend for the Bishop's Annual Appeal. You and your family fulfill a key role in our faith throughout the state of Vermont. Please be prepared to participate with Father, parish staff and volunteers to make your commitment this weekend to the 2017 Annual Appeal. Thank you. Our parish goal this year is \$22,079.

2017 World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

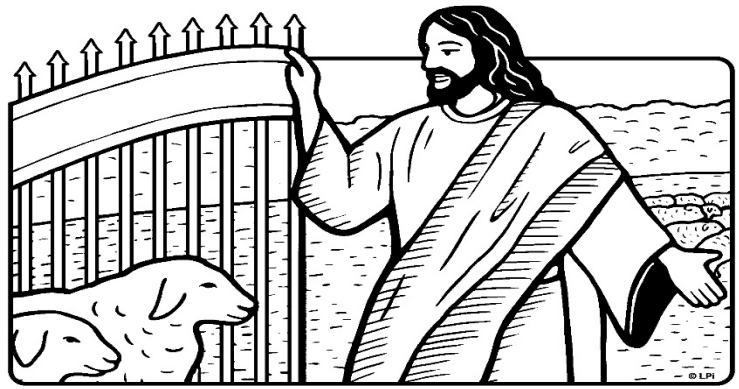
- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

For Women and Men both, a Discernment Retreat: The Society of Saint Edmund invites you to a Catholic vocational discernment retreat—Marriage? Religious Life? Committed Single Life? Ordained Ministry? –at Saint Anne's Shrine, Isle LaMotte, June 16-18. Contact Father Lino Oropeza at linooropeza@gmail.com or at 654-3400.

Join an "Invisible Monastery": Pledge to pray for vocations at the international website, invisiblemonastery.com. It was inspired by a call from the Vatican urging Catholics to "organize an 'invisible monastery' in which many persons, day and night, are committed to continuous prayer for priestly vocations."

Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, May 18 at St. Jude Parish from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Walk in or for an appointment please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org.

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



"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice." — Jn 10:2-4

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1990, 1970 CCC.

The Church in Central and Eastern Europe Collection: Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in over 20 countries, many of which are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. Thank you.

Birtright: Birtright's Annual Carnation fundraiser will take place Mother's Day weekend, May 13-14 after each Mass. Our parish will give out carnations to all mothers. A donation has been made to Birtright in support of its life-affirming work. We will also have a basket out on Mother's Day weekend for anyone who would like to make a donation to Birtright. Birtright is an emergency pregnancy service for women in crisis pregnancies and provides unconditional support to the woman to help her carry her baby to term. For more information on Birtright, or if you are interested in volunteering, please visit www.birtright.org or call them at 865-0056.

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