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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—5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

"Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do." What were the works that Jesus did? Miracles, sometimes, but what were the essence of these miracles? Caring for the sick, comforting the sorrowful, feeding the hungry ... much of Jesus' ministry was spent in carrying out what we call the works of mercy. But he did more than that; he also preached and publicly shared the good news, he fostered fellowship and community, and he prayed. All of this makes a kind of plan of action for us as Christians. As Jesus says today, if we truly believe in him, we will follow in his footsteps and do these same things.

What this all suggests is that belief itself--having faith, being Christian--is only part of the picture. Jesus expects us to take this faith and put it into concrete, practical action. Apparently this goes hand in hand with real faith. If actions don't follow, then faith is not being lived to its fullest.

This of course presents a real challenge. Our lives are busy and our plates are full, just with the tasks and demands of daily existence. It can seem like a burden to serve others, to share the Gospel, to be actively involved in a faith community, to find time to pray. But these are meant to be priorities for true disciples of Christ. And as many will testify, when we sincerely ask God to help us get our priorities in order, he has a way of miraculously multiplying our time. Somehow, we find the opportunities right before us to follow God's will and bring our faith to life. That simple prayer of asking for help may be where we need to start. The first step is not so much to fill our calendar as to fill our hearts, or just to pray that God will fill our hearts, with the desire to "do the works" of Jesus.

Liturgical Publications

### ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

**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.

**Sun. May 21 8:00 a.m.** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

**Sun. May 21 11:00 a.m.** For Shirley Marshall requested by Deb and Frank DeVolder.

**Offertory Last Week: \$1,597.75**

**Maintenance: \$605.25**

**Electronic Giving: \$645.00**

**Second Collection This Week for Church in Central and Eastern Europe**

**Second Collection Next Week for the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**

## Pray for Vocations

### Schedule of Counters: Monday, May 15, 2017

Janet Landrigan  
Nancy Calcagni  
Gail Blasius

### Schedule of Ministries: May 21, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Altar Server:	Eliza Merrill
	Lector:	
	Extraordinary Min.:	David McNally Judy Laberge
11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	Rosemarie Cartularo
	Altar Server:	
	Lector:	Charlie Tegatz
	Extraordinary Min.:	Betsy Tegatz Fritz Tegatz

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

-5/14 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation at St. Jude at 10:30 a.m.

-5/18 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Question of the Week:** Drawing on the strength of today's word and Eucharist, how can I offer creativity and understanding as a path toward resolution?

**Congratulations:** Congratulations to the following First Communion Students on receiving their First Communion yesterday:

Reed Cousino  
Eloise Eckels  
Connor Houghton  
Ryan Johnson  
Johnathan Kogut  
Kelty Pooler

Also, congratulations to the following students who were confirmed at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral last Thursday evening:

Daniel Bernier  
Lilly Cazayoux  
Hadley Murphy

**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.

**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.

**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](http://redcrossblood.org).

**Bishop's Fund:** The Bishop's Annual Appeal provides an opportunity to reflect upon the fact that every Catholic is part of a local Church *and* of the Universal Church. Each of us is responsible not only for his or her parish, but also for the wellbeing of the church throughout our diocese and throughout the world. Since we are one community of believers, members of all parish communities throughout the Diocese of Burlington are asked to give to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. There are pledge cards available at the end of the pews. Please take one, fill it out and drop in the collection basket.

\*\*\*Thank you, thank you for all your generous contributions on behalf of our parish thus far to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. **As of Monday, May 8, OLMC parishioners have pledged \$9,200 (41.67%) of our parish goal of \$22,079.** What a fantastic effort made by all during the In-Pew Commitment Phase! Bishop Coyne may have or will be reaching out in the coming weeks to all who have yet to pledge to the 2017 Appeal. Please help him keep Christ alive in our community! Thank you.

**Memorial Day Community Prayer Service:** All are invited to attend a community prayer service sponsored by St. Jude Parish and the United Church of Hinesburg on **Monday, May 29 at 9:00 a.m.** We will be meeting near the Veterans' Monuments on the village green on Rte. 116 next to the Good Times Café. The pastors of the two churches will lead us in prayer. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to gather as a community to show our gratitude to our service men and women, living and dead, and to ask God's blessing upon them and our nation. We also wish to honor those in our community who risk their lives in service to the community. An open invitation is extended to members of our police force, volunteer fire department and first response unit to attend and be recognized for their faithful service to Hinesburg. Why not get into the true spirit of the Memorial Day weekend and join with friends and neighbors to honor all those who have contributed to our safety and welfare. We're hoping for a good turnout from a grateful and appreciative community.

**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](mailto:linooropeza@gmail.com) or at 654-3400.

**Join an "Invisible Monastery":** Pledge to pray for vocations at the international website, [invisiblemonastery.com](http://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."

**Memorial Day Mass at Resurrection Park Cemetery:** The Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington cordially invites you and your family to attend the annual Memorial Day Mass to be celebrated on **Monday, May 29, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Resurrection Park Cemetery** on Hinesburg Road in South Burlington. We are pleased to announce that The Most Reverend Christopher Coyne, Bishop of Burlington, will celebrate the Mass. We ask that you bring a chair and an umbrella for shade if necessary. Parking is available in the cemetery or at St. John Vianney Church, adjacent to Resurrection Park Cemetery. In the event of rain, Mass will be celebrated at St. John Vianney Church.



**“I**n my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.” — Jn 14:2-3

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

**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 **May 23, and June 13 and 27 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.** Serving begins at 12:00 noon.

**Bereavement Support Ministry:** Learn more about a new ministry, *Bereavement Support*, designed to provide encouragement and support to participants, as well as fellowship with others who may also be experiencing grief at the loss of a loved one. There will be an informational meeting on **Sunday, June 4, at 1:00 p.m. in the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Hall in Shelburne.** The Ministry will be led by St. Catherine parishioner, Lucille Malaney, and assisted by Tom Mott from Vermont Catholic Charities.

**The Church in Central and Eastern Europe Collection:** This week, our second collection will be for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in 20 countries, many of which still struggle to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Thank you for your generosity.

**Collection for the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception:** Next weekend, **May 20 and 21**, there will be a second collection to support restoration efforts for the Basilica at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. This is a one-time collection.

**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](http://www.birtright.org) or call them at 865-0056.