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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—6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

If you love me, you will keep my commandments." It's not uncommon to associate the word "commands" with images of dictatorship. We can tend to think of commandments as obstacles to real freedom, imposed by some angry, powerful tyrant who just wants to be in control. Call them directions, or suggestions, or guidelines if you will, but not commands! It almost feels like an insult. But today, Jesus breaks out of these stereotypes. He casts the commandments in the context of love. He does not insist on any obligation to follow them. Rather, he says that whoever observes his commandments "is the one who loves me."

So just what commandments will we be following if we love the Lord? When Jesus was questioned about this, he said the two greatest commandments are to "love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," and to "love your neighbor as yourself," (Mt 22:37-39). Even the commands he gives us are rooted in love, not legalism. Of course, when we follow these principles we will naturally keep the traditional Ten Commandments, which give more specific instructions on how to love God and neighbor.

As we know from experience, when we truly love someone, we desire to make them happy. When they are content, we are content. So the more we love Jesus, the more we will want to please him. Thus, following his commandments ultimately makes us happy too. Understood in these terms, the commandments don't stifle us, they satisfy us! God doesn't restrict our freedom; he respects it. Ultimately, it is our choice whether or not we will live the life of love that Jesus offers us.

Liturgical Publications

### ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

**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.

**Sun. May 28 8:00 a.m.** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

**Sun. May 28 11:00 a.m.** "For Opa with Love, Kyle" (Deacon Al Toborg) requested by the Kyle and Katie Franko

**Offertory Last Week: \$1,698.00 Maintenance: \$210.00**  
**Church in Central and Eastern Europe: \$398.00**  
**Ascension: \$30.00 Salvation Army: \$10.00**  
**Electronic Giving: \$50.00**

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

## Pray for Vocations

### Schedule of Counters: Monday, May 22, 2017

Jacqueline Jones  
Sue Haselton  
Marie Cookson

### Schedule of Ministries: May 28, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Altar Server:	Hadley Stockwell
	Lector:	Jim Richards
	Extraordinary Min.:	Joanne Duranceau Tom Reilly
11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	Kyle & Katie Franko
	Altar Server:	David Tsounis
	Lector:	Kathy Nolan
	Extraordinary Min.:	Ray Curtis Eileen Curtis

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

-5/21 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation Class at St. Jude's at 10:30 a.m.  
-6/04 Last CCD Class for 2016/2017 year

**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?

**Question of the Week:** Remembering my Confirmation anointing and Saint Peter's challenge to be able to explain my Christian hope, how will I seek out a faith-enriching resource and set aside time to study it?

**Feast of the Ascension:** The Feast of the Ascension is Thursday, May 25 and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be held at OLMC at 7:00 a.m. and at St. Jude at 7:00 p.m.

**Daily Mass:** There will be NO daily Mass on Thursday, June 1 at 5:15 p.m. at OLMC and Friday, June 2 at 8:00 a.m. at St. Jude due to Father Cray being away for meetings at St. Michael's College. Adoration will be held Friday, June 9 at St. Jude's following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**Food Shelf:** The Charlotte Food Shelf is in need of children's snacks 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.

**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.

**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 \$14,505 (65.70%) of our parish goal of \$22,079.** Thank you.

**Collection for the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception:**

This 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.

**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.



*"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you."* — Jn 14:15-17

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**Adult Confirmation:** Are you an adult who has been baptized and received your First Communion in the Catholic Church but were never confirmed? We will be holding a 7 session preparation class in the fall for all those interested in being confirmed. If you are interested or would like more info, please contact the office at 425-2637 or [carmel@gmavt.net](mailto:carmel@gmavt.net) and we will add you to our list and will notify you as we get closer to the start date.

**Charlotte Senior Center:** The Charlotte Senior Center sponsors a Blood Drive at the Senior Center six times a year. It is a community event and is very well received. Volunteers are essential to the success of the drive. They are hoping to have more community volunteers involved in this very important cause. The time commitment and volunteer responsibilities vary and it is not necessary to volunteer for every Blood Drive. If you are interested in helping out, please call or email Peggy Sharpe at 425-6345 or [srctr@gmavt.net](mailto:srctr@gmavt.net). Thank you very much.

**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.

**College Internship Opportunity:** Rice Memorial High School is currently seeking a college-age intern interested in gaining hands-on marketing, communications and public relations experience. This intern will work in Rice's Advancement office this summer facilitating communication with donors and alumni. Interested applicants should be conscientious and detail-oriented; must have strong written and oral communication skills; should be creative and maintain a high level of professionalism when dealing with confidential material. This internship is for credit-only and could continue through the fall or winter if the intern attends one of the local colleges. Email a resume and cover letter to Christy Bahrenburg, Director of Advancement at [Bahrenburg@rmhsvt.org](mailto:Bahrenburg@rmhsvt.org).