

July 30, 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—17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it." How many of us think of our faith as "a pearl of great price"? How many of us really recognize the precious treasure we already possess? As baptized Christians, we have been welcomed into God's family. We are royalty in his kingdom! No matter what our status may be on earth, no matter what treasures we may or may not own right now, we are heirs of God's heavenly kingdom.

It is easy to take this for granted, however. On this side of eternity, it's even a temptation to forget that we have been adopted into God's family. Right now, for us, "the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field." That is to say, the treasure isn't always so obvious. But that doesn't mean it isn't there. It just means that we have to dig a little bit to find it. We have to remove whatever layers of dirt or sand may be obscuring the priceless package and bring it back into the daylight.

So where is our treasure buried? What, if anything, is obscuring the full flourishing of our faith? Is it buried by the demands of work or school? Is our faith hidden beneath the weight of sickness or sorrow? Have we covered it over with false "treasures" that only give us fleeting joy? Or have we never even given our faith the chance to come into the sunlight at all?

Whatever it is for each one of us, we should resolve to recover the treasure that lies beneath our feet. By giving ourselves to Christ, encountering him regularly through prayer, Scripture study, and the sacraments, we too can experience the joy of that blessed merchant who, by selling all he had, truly became rich.

Liturgical Publications

### **ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sun. July 30 8:00 a.m.** For Laura McGee requested by Sue and Stan Haselton.

**Sun. July 30 11:00 a.m.** (No Intention)

**Sun. Aug 6 8:00 a.m.** (No Intention)

**Sun. Aug. 6 11:00 a.m.** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes

**Offertory Last Week: \$1,203.75**  
**Electronic Giving: -0-**

## **Pray for Vocations**

### **Schedule of Counters: Monday, July 31, 2017**

Sue Haselton  
Cyndy Marshall  
Marie Cookson

### **Schedule of Ministries: August 6, 2017**

8:00 a.m. Altar Server: Angelina Seidita  
Anthony Seidita  
Lector: Chris Kogut  
Extraordinary Min.: David McNally  
Wanda Bean

11:00 a.m. Greeters: Kyle & Katie Franko  
Altar Server:  
Lector: Charlie Tegatz  
Extraordinary Min.: Betsy Tegatz  
Fritz Tegatz

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

-8/03 Choir Practice for 8:00 a.m. Mass Choir at 7:00 p.m.  
-8/13 Faith In Action Meeting at Noon  
-8/14 Sermon on the Mount at 6:00 p.m.  
-8/17 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Question of the Week:** In a world divided by economics and education, social status and political opinions, race and religion, what can I do this week to bring people together?

**8:00 a.m. Choir:** The OLMC 8:00 a.m. Choir will be rehearsing on **Thursday evenings, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at the OLMC church and would love to have anyone wanting to sing to join them. Joining for rehearsal doesn't mean you are committed for every Sunday, but you could sing with them when the "spirit moves"! They would love to welcome new voices into their "choir family".

**Thank You:** The Knights of Columbus from So. Burlington wish to thank the parishioners from St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel for your generous contribution to their annual tootsie roll drive. They collected a total of \$419 from both parishes. That money will be put to good use helping intellectually challenged people. Thank you.

**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 **August 8 and 22 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.** Serving begins at 12:00 noon.

**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.

**Helping with CCD:** We are looking for teachers and aides for this coming school year. We are in need of help in Kindergarten (teacher) , 3<sup>rd</sup>(aide), 5<sup>th</sup>(aide) , 6<sup>th</sup>(teacher and aide), and 7<sup>th</sup> (teacher and aide) grades. If you are interested in helping out or learning more, please contact Marie at [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com). This is a very rewarding experience. **\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** CCD information and registration forms will be mailed out in August. If you are new to the parish and haven't yet registered and have children who are school age, please contact Marie at the email address above and she will be sure that you get the information.

**Bishop's Fund:** Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Bishop's Fund thus far. **To date, we are 111.48% (\$24,614) of our annual goal of \$22,079. Thank you very much!** If you haven't yet made a donation, won't you please do so this week? Thank you.

**Vermont Catholic Magazine:** Please support the Bishop's Fund. By making a donation of \$24 or more, you will receive the quarterly VT Catholic Magazine. Thank you for supporting both the Bishop's Fund and VT Catholic.

**Sermon on the Mount:** Join your fellow parishioners from OLMC and St. Jude's on the top of Mount Philo for the annual celebration of the Feast of the Assumption on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Mass will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a potluck to follow. There is no cost to you to drive/walk up the mountain—just tell the gate attendant that you are with OLMC. Senior citizens with Green Mountain Passes should show them to the attendant so we are not charged for your entrance. We ask that you try and arrive early (by 5:45 p.m.) and take advantage of the shuttle service to the top (if you don't plan walking to the top) as there is very limited parking available at the top. According to your last name you are asked to bring: **A-E: desserts; F-I: drinks; J-Q: main dish; R-Z side dishes/salads (potato, macaroni, pasta, tossed, etc.) or hor'dourves, chips, dips, veggie trays, etc;** OLMC will supply the paper goods. In the event of rain, the Mass and potluck will be held at OLMC. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Eileen Curtis at 425-4432.

**Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration:** St. Jude Parish will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, August 4, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

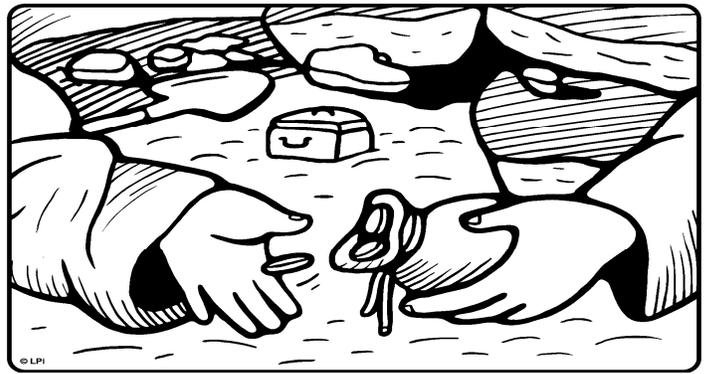
**St. Jude Raffle:** St. Jude's is having a raffle for a Jay Peak Water Park Family Fun Package valued at \$725.00. The drawing will be Labor Day Weekend. Tickets are \$1 each or a book of 6 for \$5. If anyone would like tickets, please contact Marie at 482-2290, 425-2637 or at [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com). Thank you.

**Rachel's Vineyard Ministry:** Rachel's Vineyard is a post-abortion spiritual healing ministry sponsored by the Diocese of Burlington. If you or someone you know has had an abortion and is seeking spiritual and emotional support and healing, please consider attending one of the following retreats:

**-Day of Hope:** A one-day retreat, to be held Saturday, October 21.

**-Rachel's Vineyard Retreat:** A weekend retreat on April 6-8, 2018.

For further info, please contact (in confidence) [projectrachel@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:projectrachel@vermontcatholic.org).



**“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” — Mt. 13:44**

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**Project Rachel Prayer Partners:** Project Rachel Prayer Partners is looking for new members. This is a virtual prayer group of volunteers who pray for those involved in the Project Rachel Ministry for post-abortion healing. Members receive email or surface mail requests outlining specific prayer intentions. To join or for more information, contact Lori Daudelin at 658-6110 ext 1131.

**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.

**St. Joseph's Level III Residential Care Home:** St. Joseph's Level III Residential Care Home in Burlington has rooms and suites available. St. Joseph's is operated by VT Catholic Charities and is a small home-like community that provides personal care, medication management, home cooked meals, nursing overview, and a wide array of activities. Their dedicated staff supports the needs of the whole person – physical, emotional, social and spiritual. For more info or to schedule a tour of the home, please call 864-0264.

**Vatican Online Questionnaire for Young People:** To involve young people in preparations of the Synod of Bishops on youth in 2018, the Vatican has released an online questionnaire to better understand the lives, attitudes and concerns of 16 to 29 year olds around the world. The questionnaire can be found on the synod's official site: [youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/it.html](http://youth.synod2018.va/content/synod2018/it.html) and is open to any young person, regardless of faith or religious belief.

**RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:** The RCIA program educates and forms adults in the Catholic faith. If you or someone you know wants to become a Catholic, or simply wants a better understanding of the Catholic Faith, please consider joining us. Do you know someone who does not belong to a faith community and who could use a boost in their spiritual life? — please invite them! **Classes will begin on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall of St. John Vianney, South Burlington, and are free of charge. Please contact Father Cray so he can get you registered through our parish.**