August 6, 2017

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We are a Welcoming Community of Believers, Hopers 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—Transfiguration of the Lord

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Oh, to be on that mountain! What a priceless experience for Peter, James, and John. If they had ever doubted, if they wondered whether Jesus was really who he said he was, their confidence surely got a boost on the day of the Transfiguration. Before their very eyes, Jesus' divine beauty radiated gloriously while the two ancient prophets also appeared in miraculous manner. And to top it off, the voice of God the Father spoke from the heavens and confirmed that it was all true: Jesus really is the Son of God!

Why did Jesus reveal himself in such a remarkable way to these men? Perhaps we have an answer in today's epistle. Peter writes, "We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain." Peter mentions this fact in order to confirm his credibility as a preacher as he goes on to say, "We possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it." Because of the mission that Peter had to help shape and nurture the Church in its earliest days, his position as an "eyewitness" to the Transfiguration helped to gain the attention, and the faith, of his hearers.

So although we were not there during this holy apparition, we have the benefit of it. We, and the faithful through the ages, have heard the testimony that Jesus is truly our God from those who saw in person that it was for real. In this way, the Transfiguration is able to bolster the faith of many, not just the three men who were there that day. May we have the grace to allow the feast we celebrate today to truly deepen our faith.

Liturgical Publications

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

requested by Kyle and Katie Franko.

Sun. August 6 8:00 a.m. (No Intention)
Sun. August 6 11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.
Sun. August 13 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.
Sun. August 13 11:00 a.m. For Deacon Al Toborg

Offertory Last Week: \$2,230.00 Maintenance: \$40.00 Feast of the Assumption: \$10.00 Electronic Giving: \$100.00

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, August 7, 2017

Karen Doris Lollie Krawitt Gail Blasius

Schedule of Ministries: August 13, 2017

8:00 a.m. Altar Server:

Lector: David Duffy Extraordinary Min.: Sheila Duffy

Judy Laberge

11:00 a.m. Greeters: Kyle & Katie Franko

Altar Server:

Lector: Colleen Armstrong
Extraordinary Min.: Susan Zahn

Jacqueline Jones

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-8/10 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: What peak experience do you hold onto, or what experience holds onto you? How does it help you when it is time to bear your cross and share in Jesus' passion?

Feast of the Assumption: The Feast of the Assumption is Tuesday, August 15 and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated for this Feast Day on Monday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the top of Mount Philo (see Sermon on the Mount notice on next page) and on Tuesday, August 15 at 7:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and at 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude.

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".

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 **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), 3rd (aide), 5th (aide), 6th (teacher and aide), and 7th (teacher and aide) grades. If you are interested in helping out or learning more, please contact Marie at 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 14th. 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.

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. Thank you.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministry: Rachel's Vineyard is a postabortion 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.

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.



While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Bereavement Ministry Invitation: The Second Six-Week Series of *Seasons of Hope* **begins Wednesday, August 16, at 6:00 p.m.** in St. Catherine's Parish Hall. *Seasons of Hope* is a program designed to support participants in their bereavement and provide fellowship with others who are also experiencing the loss of a loved one. Participation in the first six-week series is not required in order to join in this second series. For more information, please call Lucille Malaney, group facilitator for *Seasons of Hope*, at 343-8812.

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 and we will add you to our list and will notifiy you as we get closer to the start date.

Healthier Living With Pain: The University Medical Center will be offering a FREE six week seminar on Healthier Living With Pain beginning Tuesday, August 8 and running for 6 consecutive Tuesdays from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. at the Carpenter Carse Library in Hinesburg. Call Amanda Biggs at 847-5468 to register. All are welcome.

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 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 20th 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.