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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—21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." Simon got a new name after his profession of faith. As soon as he declared to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," Jesus renamed him with a title that means "rock." And with that name he gave Peter the mission to be a solid foundation upon which he would build his church. Not Peter's church. Not James or Paul's church. Not Martin Luther's or John Calvin's or anybody else's. This is Jesus' church, the church of Christ himself, that we call the Catholic Church.

So it was Christ himself who desired to give authority in the church--"the keys to the kingdom of heaven"--to a human leader. Peter was thus established as the first pope. He exercised a special kind of headship, within the community of the apostles and the church at large, because Jesus gave him the power to do so, not because Peter claimed it for himself. And so too every pope since, right down to our Holy Father today, exercises this unique leadership within the Church.

What a gift this is to us! Jesus knew well the human tendency to squabble and disagree, to argue and compete. He knew that the church would be prone to all of this because of her members, and that providing a final voice of authority, saying in effect that "the buck stops here" would be helpful for maintaining unity. As Catholics, even in spite of the differing opinions and perspectives that are manifest in the Church, we nonetheless maintain a strong sense of identity and belief thanks in large part to the papacy. Today, may we give thanks for the pope and pray for him as he strives to lead all of us closer and closer to Christ.

Liturgical Publications

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. Aug. 27 8:00 a.m. For Eric D. Mitchell requested by his parents, Glenn and Sylvia Mitchell.

Sun. Aug. 27 11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. Sept. 3 8:00 a.m. For Raymond and Marie Laberge requested by Judy Laberge.

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Offertory Last Week: \$1,481.25
Feast of the Assumption: \$293.00
Electronic Giving: \$225.00

Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, August 28, 2017

Cyndy Marshall
Jacqueline Jones
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: September 3, 2017

8:00 a.m. Altar Server: David Duffy
Lector: Wanda Bean
Extraordinary Min.: Sheila Duffy

11:00 a.m. Greeters: Kyle & Katie Franko
Altar Server: Ray Curtis
Lector: Eileen Curtis
Extraordinary Min.: Ray Curtis

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-8/31 Choir Practice for 8:00 a.m. Mass Choir at 7:00 p.m.
-9/10 2nd Year Confirmation Class at St. Jude's at 10:30 a.m.
-9/17 CCD Classes at CCS at 9:00 a.m.
-9/17 1st Year Confirmation Class at St. Jude's at 10:30 a.m.
-9/21 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Question of the Week: How does Peter's continuing presence in the Church through the ministry of Pope Francis impact my life of witness?

Presbyteral Days: Father Cray will be away for the annual Diocesan meeting of priests beginning Tuesday, September 5 through Thursday, September 7. There will be no daily mass on Tuesday.

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 8th (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.

Religious Ed Classes: Religious Ed information and registration forms were mailed out this past week. If you do not receive the mailing this week, please contact Marie. 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.

***PLEASE NOTE: Religious Ed Classes for Kindergarten through 8th grades begins **Sunday, September 17**, beginning with the 8:00 a.m. Mass and then classes at Charlotte Central beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Confirmation Classes: Confirmation Classes for the 2nd Year students begins on **Sunday, September 10** following the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Jude's. The 1st Year students will begin on **Sunday, September 17** following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Information and registration forms for the 1st and 2nd Year students has been sent out. If you did not receive the info and have a child who should be in this program, please call 425-2637, 482-2290 or email marietcookson@aol.com and info will be sent to you. **PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IS A TWO-YEAR PROGRAM.**

Bishop's Fund: Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Bishop's Fund thus far. **To date, we are 114.11% (\$25,194) 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.

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, September 1, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

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 **September 12 and 26 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.

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 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.

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.

Action For Ecological Justice: Join Bishop Coyne on **Saturday, September 30 at St. Michael's College**, for this one day conference hosted by the Catholic Church of Vermont as part of the Year of Creation. Consider our call to be global disciples who care for all of God's creation by discussing the connections between environmental degradation and human suffering and what each of us can do to aid our neighbors in need. Cost is \$35/person. Space is limited!! Go to vermontcatholic.org to register.



“I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

— Mt 16:19-20

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

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 notify you as we get closer to the start date.

Rice Alumni: Be a part of Rice history! Rice alumni are invited to join the Rice faculty, staff and students as they embark on Rice's 100th school year on **Tuesday, August 29.** Attend our First Day of School Assembly and "Clap-In" at **1:30pm** to commemorate this special day in Rice-Cathedral history, cheer for our current students, and socialize over birthday cake. Contact Christy Warner Bahrenburg '88 at bahrenburg@rmhsvt.org to sign up and visit www.rmhsvt.org/riceturns100 for information on other Centennial events.

Catholic Variety Show: The Challengers will be hosting our first ever Catholic Variety Show on **October 13 at 7:00 p.m.** at the McCarthy Arts Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester. This event will feature nationally renowned Catholic Comedian Judy McDonald—a very funny lady that shares stories about Catholic Dating, Family, Life and just being Catholic. Throughout the evening there will be a medley of very gifted priests sharing their many talents. The whole evening will be a benefit show to help support our Diocesan Seminarians. More information and tickets available for \$15/each at www.VTChallengers.org.

VT Christian Rock-toberfest: YOU ARE LOVED! Truest words ever spoken – **STARS GO DIM** with hit song "You Are Loved" will perform with a variety of other artists including **MALLARY HOPE** with hit song "NOW" and Catholic Comedian **JUDY MCDONALD** – at this year's Christian Rock-toberfest on **October 14 at 7:00 p.m.** at North Avenue Alliance Church, Burlington. Tickets ranging from \$20-\$30/each are available online at www.VTChristianMusic.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Help discover the keys to your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are October 21-22, 2017 in Contoocook, NH and March 16-18 in Isle LaMotte, VT. For more information, please call Gary and Lynn Root at 802-456-8114 or visit <http://www.wmvt.org>.