

September 10, 2017

The bulletin is also available online at olmvt.org

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—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." This is a fascinating promise. Jesus enlightens us today about the power of communal faith. He emphasizes that a gathering of like-minded believers, small though it may be, has a powerful effect. As he tells his disciples, "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father."

Alright then, what are we waiting for? We should take Jesus up on this amazing offer! Going to Mass is one way to do so. When we gather together every Sunday, we do more than listen to readings and receive the Eucharist. We also PRAY together. The priest leads us in these prayers, of course, but we are meant to join with him, as the Second Vatican Council put it, with "fully conscious, and active participation" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, #14). We are to make the prayers our own by attentively joining in with them from our hearts. Mindlessly reciting "Amen" or absently whispering the words of the Our Father likely loses the effect Jesus was talking about in today's Gospel. But truly praying together with our parish community certainly fits the bill.

We need not be at church to fulfill this kind of prayer, however. It only takes two! Those of us who live with others can exercise communal prayer every day in our own homes, just by joining each other for a few moments of petition or praise. Those who live alone may need to reach out more deliberately, but it only takes a phone call to "gather together" with another believer and offer up our prayers. May we have the courage to invite others to join us as we bring our needs to God.

Liturgical Publications

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. Sept. 10 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. Sept. 10 11:00 a.m. (No Intention)

Sun. Sept. 17 8:00 a.m. For all our CCD Students and their Families.

Sun. Sept. 17 11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Offertory Last Week: \$1,440.00

Maintenance: \$590.05

Electronic Giving: \$575.00

Second Collection This Week for Victims of Hurricane Harvey

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, September 11, 2017

Trina Bianchi
Linda Stowe
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: September 17, 2017

8:00 a.m. Altar Server: CCD Altar Servers
Lector: Deena Miller
Extraordinary Min.: Susan Zahn
Rose Bernier
Tricia Sulva

11:00 a.m. Greeters: Kyle & Katie Franko
Altar Server:
Lector: Bill Geiger
Extraordinary Min.: Winnie Geiger
Bill Geiger

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

- 9/10 2nd Year Confirmation Class at St. Jude's at 10:30 a.m.
- 9/14 Choir Practice for 8:00 a.m. Mass Choir at 7:00 p.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.
- 9/28 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Question of the Week: Who in my life right now do I need to "win over" for the Lord?

Special Collection for Victims of Hurricane Harvey: The second collection today, **Sunday, September 10**, is to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey and to assist in the relief efforts. There are "Special Collection" envelopes in the back of the church. Please be sure to write your name on the envelope. Please continue to pray for those who have been affected by this disaster.

Helping with CCD: We are looking for teachers and aides for this coming school year. We are in need of help in Kindergarten (teacher), 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 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. If you have not yet registered your child(ren), won't you please do so this week? 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.

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 have 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 115.24% (\$25,444) 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.

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.

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.

Screening of the Film *Outcasts*: On **Thursday, September 28 at 7:30 p.m.**, a special screening of *Outcasts* will be held in the Davis Center at UVM. *Outcasts* is a powerful new documentary from Grassroots Films that shows the work of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal as they serve the poor in some of the world's toughest neighborhoods. This moving film depicts the realities of life as experienced by drug addicts, women engaged in prostitution, people dying of AIDS, prisoners, and others in desperate situations — along with the efforts of the Franciscan Friars to share hope in Christ with them. The event is free but tickets are required. Pick up tickets at UVM Davis Ctr., The Catholic Center at UVM, and The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. For more info: catholiccenteruvm@gmail.com or 862-8403.

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 the following retreat:

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

Men and women seeking healing from the hurt caused by abortion can reach out to Project Rachel at 658-4118 or projectrachel@vermontcatholic.org



“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?”

— Mt 16:24b-26

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCB

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.

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.

Parish Happenings: St. Jude in Hinesburg is offering activities that are open to everyone. Below are some of the upcoming events:

--Tae Kwon Do: Wednesday afternoons: 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. and 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. Two session—Open to 3 year olds to adults. For more info and to set up a free class (1st Class), please call 802-377-0476 or email tkdkicks101@yahoo.com.

--Line Dancing: Line Dancing will be offered twice a month on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. (Weeks will vary from month to month). September's classes will be Thursday, Sept. 21 and 28. \$5/class. All are welcome.

--Red Cross Adult First Aid/CPR/AED Training: We will be holding a Red Cross Training on Saturday, October 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$90. You will be certified for two years. If you are interested in registering, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com or 482-2290.