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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—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Are you envious because I am generous?" The landowner in today's Gospel parable surprised everyone. Contrary to standard practice, he paid all of his laborers the same wage, regardless of how many hours they had worked! Of course this was a very pleasant surprise for those who had begun their job late in the day. And, understandably, it was something of a disappointment for those who had toiled since the morning. From their perspective, they should have gotten more than the others. But in fact the landowner was not cheating anyone; he was simply being especially generous with the latecomers.

This story would have had a special meaning for the Jewish audience listening to Jesus. They, the Chosen People, were the laborers who had started at 9:00 a.m. They belonged to the group with a long history of worshipping the true God. Non-Jewish Gentiles, on the other hand, had appeared late in the game. Jesus was making the point that just because he would offer the same salvation and mercy to everyone, there should be no reason for the Jews to complain. They had received their promised Messiah; so what if, in God's mercy, he allowed others who had not waited so long to be saved as well? Divine generosity is not meant to be a cause for jealousy.

Now, we may feel removed from the concerns of those Jews. But the basic lesson remains relevant: that we ought to appreciate God's generosity, even when it reaches to those whom we may not expect God to forgive. Those who have long been faithful, for example, might think they deserve more benefits than sinners who repent late in life. But instead, we should all rejoice to see God's mercy extended to EVERYONE, no matter when they joined the fold.

Liturgical Publications

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. Sept. 24 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. Sept. 24 11:00 a.m. For Will Dubuc requested by Connie Strazzo and Family.

Sun. Oct. 1 8:00 a.m. For Claude, Paul and Marcel Thibault requested by Jeannette Thibault and Family.

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Offertory Last Week: \$1,260.00

Electronic Giving: \$275.00

**Second Collection This Week for Catholic University
AND
Hurricane Irma Victims**

Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, September 25, 2017

Deborah Kramer

Gail Blasius

Lollie Krawitt

Schedule of Ministries: October 1, 2017

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

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

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-9/28 Choir Practice for 8:00 a.m. Mass Choir at 7:00 p.m.

-9/28 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

-10/01 CCD at CCS at 9:00 a.m.

-10/01 2nd Year Confirmation Class at St. Jude's at 10:30 a.m.

-10/08 1st Year Confirmation Class at St. Jude's at 10:30 a.m.

Question of the Week: How will I stop acting like a self-appointed judge of "latecomers" and begin serving as a member of God's "welcome wagon"? After all, God has welcomed even me.

Religious Ed Classes: Religious Ed Classes for 1st through 8th grades began **Sunday, September 17**, Our next class is Sunday, October 1, beginning with the 8:00 a.m. and then classes at Charlotte Central School 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.

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 26 and October 10 and 24 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.** Serving begins at 12:00 noon.

Second Collection for Hurricane Irma Victims: The second collection this week will be for the victims of Hurricane Irma in the Caribbean, especially the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, and the southern US. The Church is a channel for grace and solidarity in the wake of natural disasters as it offers solace and support in their aftermath. However, as is so often the case, the Church itself in these regions is both a long-standing provider of aid and now is in need of tremendous assistance itself. So many of the Church's structures have been damaged and their resources depleted which makes it even more challenging to provide assistance and pastoral outreach to those in need. Won't you please help out any way you can? Thank you.

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.

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.

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.

Love for the Earth: Action & Prayer: September 24 will mark All Souls Interfaith Gathering's partnership with Shelburne Farms at the 16th annual Choral Celebration at Shelburne Farms' magnificent Breeding Barn. This year's celebration theme is "Love for the Earth: Action and Prayer" and will include prayers from representatives from local faith groups: Kelly Story of the Vermont Zen Center (Buddhism), Fr. David Cray, SSE of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Churches (Roman Catholic), the Reverend Canon David Hamilton of All Saints Episcopal Church (Episcopal), Basu Dhakal of the Vermont Hindu Temple (Hindu), Rabbi Jan Salzman of Congregation Ruach Hamoqom (Judaism), Chief Don Stevens of the Nulhegan Abenaki Tribe (Native American), and Asim Zia representing Sufisim (Islam). The Choral Celebration is free and open to the public and will begin at 4:00 p.m. Shelburne Farms cheese and other seasonal snacks will be available. Donations are gratefully accepted at the door. Shelburne Farm's Breeding Barn is unheated; please dress for the weather. All Souls Interfaith Gathering is a nondenominational, interfaith community in Shelburne that welcomes people of all faiths to explore spiritual and human values. All are Welcome.



“Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

— Mt 20:13c-16

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Pancake Breakfast: There will be a Pancake Breakfast this **Sunday, September 24** following the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Jude's. All are welcome. **FREE WILL OFFERING.**

Blessing of the Animals: There will be a Blessing of the Animals on **Monday, October 2 at 6:30 p.m.** in the St. Jude parking lot in observance of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Everyone is invited to bring their pets for this blessing. The rain date for this event is Monday, October 9. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Hinesburg Food Shelf **OR** an item for the local rescue/Humane Society. All are welcome.

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.

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

Vermont Catholic Magazine: This September issue is the first of Vermont Catholic magazine's new distribution system. All who have donated \$24 or more to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal will receive a copy of the magazine delivered to your home address during the first week of September. Additional copies are available in the vestibule of the church to be shared with family and friends who did not receive a copy for one reason or another. We will continue to collect donations to help pay for these free magazine copies for friends and neighbors who may not be able to afford to contribute at this time.

Worldside Marriage Encounter: “Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near.” Encourage those moments by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are October 21-22, 2017 in Contoocook, NH and March 16-18, 2018 in Isle LaMotte, VT. For more information, call Gary and Lynn Root at 802-456-8114 or visit <http://wwmevt.org>.

Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue Symposium at Saint Michael's College: On **September 26, 2017**, the Edmundite Center for Faith and Culture at Saint Michael's College is commemorating the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation with a symposium on the Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue. Bishop Christopher Coyne will offer a welcome and speak about ecumenism in Vermont. Three panelists will make presentations: Bishop James Hazelwood from the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America will speak about ecumenism as well as the hopes and challenges of the dialogue between Lutherans and Catholics; Dr. Joy Schroeder, professor of church history at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Cleveland, Ohio, will speak about the documents that have resulted from the dialogue between Lutherans and Catholics, especially the 2015 *On The Way* document; Dr. Christian Washburn, professor of systematic theology at Saint Paul Seminary at the University of Saint Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, will speak about ecumenism and the Second Vatican Council as well as the Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue from the Roman Catholic perspective. The event will be held in the Roy Room of the Dion Family Center on the campus of Saint Michael's College at 4:00 p.m. with a concluding time of 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Parish Happenings at St. Jude's: 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.

--**Family Contra Dance:** There will be a Family Contra Dance on **Friday, October 27** from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. featuring Pete Sutherland (fiddle), Ben Munkres (piano) and Adina Gordon (calling). Donations at the door for the event. All are welcome.

--**Tai Chi:** Tai Chi will be offered on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. beginning on **October 16 through December 6**. More info in the coming weeks.

Life Chain in Burlington—Sunday, October, 1: LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 60 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. The Christian community supports the sanctity of human life and the moment of conception until natural death. This year's Life Chain will be held on **Sunday, October 1**, on Main Street in Burlington. They will convene on the sidewalk in front of Edmund's School with group prayer. They provide signs to hold for one hour on the green strip between the sidewalk and street. For one hour from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., they stand in silent prayer and return to the school for a group picture and final prayer. For more information, go to lifechain.net or contact Ethel Brousseau at 893-1168.

Our Lady's Blue Army Annual Prayer Day and Picnic: All parishioners are invited to the Annual Prayer Day and Picnic on **Sunday, October 1, 2017** at St. Anne's Shrine, Isle LaMotte, VT. Rosary at 10:00 a.m., Mass starts at 10:30 a.m., followed by procession, burning of prayer requests and cook-out with hot dogs and hamburgers. Please bring a side salad or dessert dish. Bottled water will be provided. For more information, please contact Rick Gravelin at rickgravelin@gmail.com or 862-2240.

Rice Memorial High School 100th Anniversary: This year, Rice Memorial High School celebrates 100 years of Catholic education in the Diocese of Burlington. To commemorate this historic milestone, friends of Rice-Cathedral are encouraged to attend several special events planned for Homecoming, **October 6-8**, including:

--A Knight to Remember: A Rice Community Party under the Stars

--Book group discussion of *Motherland*, a novel by Maria Hummel '90 inspired by stories from her father and long-time Rice teacher Manfred Hummel's youth in WWII Germany

--17 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions and Dinner

--Return of the Great Cow Maneuver

--Alumni Memorial Mass

--RJ's Rice Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run

--Home athletic events and much, much more!

For more information including how to purchase tickets, visit www.rmhsvt.org/riceturns100 or call the Rice Advancement office at 862-6521 ext. 200. Join them for the party of the century!

St. Ambrose Spaghetti Dinner: The Knights of Columbus of St. Ambrose in Bristol will host a “Knights in Italy Spaghetti Dinner” on **Friday, September 29** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Adults/\$10, Children under 12/\$5, and Immediate Family/\$25. All are welcome.

St. Peter's K of C Breakfast: Breakfast is back!! Mark your calendars for at St. Peter's Church, 85 South Maple Street, Vergennes from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. They invite you to their parish breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus. They will be serving eggs, omelets (to order), hot cakes, french toast, sausage, bacon and more. Bring your family and friends. Adults/\$8.50, seniors over 60/\$7.50, and kids 6-12/\$6.00, children under 6 are free and immediate families of five or more/\$28.

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.