

November 5, 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—31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For they preach but they do not practice." The scribes and Pharisees may be the ones Jesus was speaking about in today's Gospel, but we must be careful not to dismiss his words when it comes to our own actions. Jesus offered a difficult challenge to those honor-seekers that we must also heed when he said, "The greatest among you must be your servant." This is not the way the world usually works. Generally speaking, the idea of being a servant is considered inferior to being someone who has risen to high levels of leadership or status. But Jesus wants people in positions of authority to selflessly serve those over whom they have influence. And he insists that the leaders who establish laws, rules, and guidelines do not excuse themselves from following their own directives! "Practice what you preach," as the saying goes.

Whether or not we have extensive public influence, almost all of us at certain points are in a position to exercise leadership—with our children and families, with classmates, coworkers, neighbors, friends, and sometimes strangers. When these moments arise, we are called to step into this role without being hypocrites. It's important to be sure we don't issue unrealistic demands on others that we ourselves would find it burdensome or even impossible to fulfill. This requires the virtue of humility. Instead of reveling in the authority we may have at any given moment, instead of creating "heavy burdens hard to carry and lay[ing] them on people's shoulders," we need to be ready and willing to walk a mile in their shoes, and lead accordingly. And Jesus tells us clearly that this servant leadership will be rewarded, for "whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Liturgical Publications

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. Nov. 5 8:00 a.m. For All Souls
Sun. Nov. 5 11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.
Sun. Nov. 12 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.
Sun. Nov. 12 11:00 a.m. For Helen May requested by Catherine Nolan and Family.

Offertory Last Week: \$1,503.00
Priests' Benefit Fund: \$613.00
Electronic Giving: \$100.00

Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, November 6, 2017

Lollie Krawitt
Nancy Calcagni
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: November 12, 2017

8:00 a.m.	Altar Server:	Angelina Seidita Anthony Seidita
	Lector:	Jim Richards
	Extraordinary Min.:	Sheila Duffy Judy Laberge
11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	Kyle & Katie Franko
	Altar Server:	Ethan Croke
	Lector:	Deena Miller Leah Croke
	Extraordinary Min.:	David Croke Deena Miller

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-11/05 CCD at CCS at 9:00 a.m.
-11/05 2nd Year Confirmation Class at St. Jude's at 10:30 a.m.
-11/12 1st Year Confirmation Class at St. Jude's at 10:30 a.m.
-11/11 Raking of the Parish Grounds at 9:00 a.m.
-11/12 Synod Parish Meeting from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
-11/16 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Question of the Week When I think about the ministry I undertake in my community of faith, how can I ensure that it always reflects the word of God and not my own agenda?

Thanksgiving Day Mass: There will be a Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 23 at 10:00 a.m. at OLMC.

Autumn Raking: Mark your calendars for next Saturday, **November 11**, at 9:00 a.m. for the annual raking of the cemetery and parish grounds. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com or at 425-2637 so we know who to contact in the event of bad weather. Inclement weather date will be November 18. Please bring rakes, tarps, and leaf blowers if available.

Charlotte Food Shelf: The Charlotte Food Shelf is in constant need of healthy snacks for the children the Food Shelf serves. Items such as pudding snack packs, granola bars, microwave popcorn, peanut butter or cheese crackers, pretzels and fruit or applesauce cups are all samples of healthy, easy after school snack foods. Donations may be left in the OLMC vestibule or can be dropped off at the Food Shelf at the Congregational Church on Wednesday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. or Thursday mornings 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

OLMC Summary Financial Report for the Three Months Ended 9/30/17:

-For the 1st Quarter ended 9/30/17, OLMC's Offertory Income was \$29,473 versus \$31,442 for the prior year comparable period, a decrease of \$1,969 or 6.3%.

-Total Expenses for the 1st Quarter were \$32,553 compared to \$32,500 for the same period last year, an increase of \$53.

-Net Income for the three months ended 9/30/17 was \$2,929 versus \$5,118 for the prior year comparable period.

-The total cash balance at 6/30/17 was \$149,303 compared to \$146,474 at 6/30/16.

All Souls Masses: During the month of November we will have six (6) masses for All Souls. This is a way to remember our loved ones. The remaining masses will be as follows:

Sunday, November 5 at 8:00 a.m. at OLMC
Saturday, November 11 at 4:30 p.m. at St. Jude
Sunday, November 19 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Jude
Tuesday, November 21 at 5:15 p.m. at OLMC
Sunday, November 26 at 11:00 a.m. at OLMC

Remembering our Deceased: We have a permanent book to record the names of our deceased family members and friends to be remembered at Mass during the month of November. This book is available in the back of the church.

Faith In Action Meeting: There will be a Faith In Action Meeting on Sunday, November 19 following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.

Meet and Greet: Our next Meet and Greet will be next Sunday, November 12. This will be done by our 5th & 6th Grade students. Please plan to stop over to the parish hall after the 8:00 a.m. Mass to say hello and grab a cup of coffee and something to eat. Hope to see you there.

Yarn Donations: The Helping Hands Sewing Ministry at St. Jude's is looking for yarn. If you have any leftover yarn that you are looking to part with, please leave in the box in the vestibule of the church. Thank you.

Looking for Knitters and Those Who Crochet: For the past 11 years, St. Jude Parish has provided the meal at the Salvation Army on the eve of Thanksgiving. In past years we have also provided hats, mittens, and socks for the clients who came in that evening. We will be doing this again this year. We are looking for parishioners and others who would be willing to knit and/or crochet adult size hats and mittens and anyone who would be willing to donate thick, new adult size socks. There will be a box in the vestibule where you can drop off any of these items. If you have any questions, please contact Marie at 425-2637 or email at marietcookson@aol.com. Thank you.

Looking for Crafters: St. Jude's will be having a Craft Fair on Saturday, December 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We are looking for crafters. If you are a crafter and are interested in purchasing a space at this Craft Fair, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com and an application form will be sent to you. 75% of items sold **must** be handmade.

Counters Needed: We are in need of more counters as many of our regulars will be heading south in the next month or two. Counting is done on Monday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the St. Jude Rectory. Folks work in teams of three. Counting is usually finished by 9:30 a.m. (usually earlier). It is a great way to meet some of your fellow parishioners and get to know those from St. Jude's also. If you are interested or would like more info, please contact Marie at 425-2637 or email at marietcookson@aol.com.



Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice." — Mt 23:1-3

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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.

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 **November 14 and 28 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.** Serving begins at 12:00 noon.

Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Jude's on **Wednesday, November 29** from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. More info in the upcoming weeks.

6th Annual Vermont Catholic Women's Retreat: The 6th Annual Vermont Catholic Women's Retreat will be held on **Saturday, November 18** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Holy Family Parish Center, 28 Lincoln Street, Essex Jct., VT. You are invited to join women from all over Vermont for a day filled with prayer, fellowship, and encouragement—focused on the teachings of Pope John Paul II on the gift of being a woman. Keynote Speaker will be Mother Mary Catherine of the Divine Word M.W. Visit www.vermontcatholic.org for more information or to register.

Advent Appeal-2017: Please join Vermont Catholic Charities in supporting the Annual Advent Appeal. The "Season of Giving" has no bounds for people in need. Whatever the season, there are basic needs to be met: food, shelter, and heat, to name but a few. With your help, we can make a difference in lives of those living on the edge. Many Vermonters are struggling to put daily bread on the table or to keep the lights and heat on in their homes. Whether your gift is \$10, \$100, \$1000 or more, your gift will make a difference in the life of a needy family. To donate, please mail a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403 or give online at www.vermontcatholic.org. Thank you.

Chittenden County Right to Life: The Chittenden County Right to Life will meet on **Tuesday, November 14** from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. in St. John Vianney Parish Hall, 160 Hinesburg Road, So. Burlington. Discussion of ideas for new educational projects and promotion of the Rally For Life in Montpelier on January 13, 2018. Contact chitrighttolife@gmail.com for more info. All are welcome.

Taize Evening Prayer: A Taizé Prayer Service will be held on **Sunday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m.** at The Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 2 Cherry Street, Burlington. All are welcome to this ecumenical and contemplative prayer service which incorporates both song and times of quiet.