

November 12, 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—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"But the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps." The foolish versus the wise. Today's parable sets these two groups in stark contrast to one another. Two crowds of young women wait for a wedding feast. One group comes prepared for the unexpected, the other just assumes everything will go according to schedule. But it doesn't! The Bridegroom is late, and the foolish virgins are left out in the dark--literally--while the wise ones enjoy the feast inside.

The lesson here is not just about having foresight and gathering the corresponding equipment. It's about being ready for the second coming of Christ. Jesus himself is the "Bridegroom." Traditionally we refer to the Church as the "Bride of Christ" and we, as the people of God who constitute the Church, are even now awaiting the real feast, the culmination of time when Jesus returns. But are we standing among the wise or the foolish as we wait?

Jesus tells us today, "Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Are we spiritually awake? Do we have extra oil to see us through, or are we hitting the bottom of the barrel and running on spiritual fumes so to speak? Do we think it's enough to do the bare minimum as we wait for Christ--stepping into church without really being present, or calling ourselves Christian without really taking up the challenge of the cross? In order to avoid standing outside the feast with the foolish, we will want to make sure we fill our flasks with oil or, in other words, fill our hearts with the love of God, fill our minds with his word and his teachings, and fill our souls with the virtues that unite us to his will. If we stock up on these important supplies, we can count ourselves among the wise!

Liturgical Publications

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

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.

Sun. Nov. 19 8:00 a.m. (No Intention)

Sun. Nov. 19 11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Offertory Last Week: \$2,341.00 Maintenance: \$155.00

All Saints: \$210.00 World Mission Sunday: \$25.00

Human Campaign: \$50.00 Priests' Benefit: \$55.00

Fuel: \$315.00 World Mission: \$25.00

Electronic Giving: \$575.00

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance

Second Collection Next Week for Campaign for Human Development

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, November 12, 2017

Gail Blasius

Sue Haselton

Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: November 19, 2017

8:00 a.m. Altar Server: Hadley Stockwell
Lector: Chris Kogut
Extraordinary Min.: Mark Bisanzo
David McNally

11:00 a.m. Greeters: Rosemarie Cartularo
Altar Server: Henry Palmer
Lector: Ray Curtis
Extraordinary Min.: Eileen Curtis
Ray Curtis

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-11/12 Meet and Greet following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

-11/12 1st Year Confirmation Class at St. Jude's at 10:30 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 What can I do this week to make myself a little more ready for the coming of the Lord?

SYNOD Parish Meeting: The Synod Parish Meeting will be held this **Sunday, November 12** from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at St. Jude's and 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at OLMC. We encourage everyone to attend.

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

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.

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.

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 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 today, **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.

Parish Council Meeting: There will be a Parish Council Meeting this **Thursday, November 16** at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome.

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.

Family Feud: Come on down to St. Jude's in Hinesburg on **Friday, November 17** at 7:00 p.m. to have some fun and play a little FAMILY FEUD. Come with a team or we'll hook you up with other players. Joking will be encouraged and seriousness discouraged. We have the questions from the show and you will have some laughs. For more info please email Ted Barrett at tedbarrett79@gmail.com.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection: Next week, the second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection you give people a hand up, not a hand out. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.



“The bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’”

— Mt 25:10b-12

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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.

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.

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.

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.