

November 19, 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—33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money." This servant was scared. He didn't want to take any risks and just wanted to play everything safe. As he confesses to his master, "Out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground." And the master was not pleased. The other servants who invested the money he gave them were richly rewarded for their efforts to produce more. But this servant was punished for letting his fear rule the day.

What factors are keeping us from making a return on God's investment in us? He has given us all life, and each of us also has a special collection of "talents" to make use of. We have certain gifts, skills, experiences, resources, and abilities that (though we may not often think about it) come from God. He calls us to make the most of these things, not just to take them for granted or bury them in the ground, so to speak. Our gifts are meant not just for our own enjoyment, but to help others, to spread truth and goodness and beauty to the world around us.

Sometimes, however, we fail to really capitalize on our potential. Laziness, distraction, or self-pity can get in the way if we are unwilling to put in the hard work to improve our natural gifts, if we allow ourselves to zone out with entertainment or frivolous pastimes instead of making good use of the time entrusted to us, or if we wallow in negativity by focusing on what we don't have instead of embracing what we do.

Each moment is a gift from God. May we seize every opportunity to multiply the investment God has made in us so that we may be worthy to hear God tell us, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Liturgical Publications

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

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.
Tues. Nov. 21 5:15 p.m. For All Souls
Sun. Nov. 26 8:00 a.m. (No Intention)
Sun. Nov. 26 11:00 a.m. For All Souls

Offertory Last Week: \$1,349.00
Maintenance: \$561.00
Electronic Giving: \$125.00

Second Collection This Week for Campaign for Human Development

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, November 20, 2017

Janet Landrigan
Cyndy Marshall
Linda Stowe

Schedule of Ministries: November 26, 2017

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

11:00 a.m. Greeters: Kyle & Katie Franko
Altar Server:
Lector: Colleen Armstrong
Extraordinary Min.: Susan Zahn
Tricia Sulva

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-12/03 CCD at CCS at 9:00 a.m.
-12/03 2nd Year Confirmation Class at St. Jude's at 10:30 a.m.
-12/10 1st Year Confirmation Class at St. Jude's at 10:30 a.m.

Question of the Week How am I investing those talents entrusted to me by the Master?

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:
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 today, **Sunday, November 19** following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.

Faith In Action Prayer Chain: OLMC Faith In Action Committee has a prayer list used by members to pray for those who request prayers to be said for them. Please contact Eileen Curtis at 425-4432 or Sheila Duffy at 425-7221 to add a name to the list.

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.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection: Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remains in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Madrigal Singers: The CVU Madrigal Singers will be performing at St. Jude's on **Monday, December 4** beginning at 6:30 p.m. A free-will offering will take place to benefit the Madrigals. All are welcome to this Christmas event and sing-along.

St. Jude Craft Fair: There will be a Craft Fair at St. Jude Parish on **Saturday, December 9** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Many items will be available. Please join us.

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 28 and December 12 and 26 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.** Serving begins at 12:00 noon.



*“Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’
His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant.
Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great
responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’”*

— Mt 25:20b-21

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

Synod Parish Listening Session: We had the Synod Parish Listening Sessions last Sunday, November 12. Thank you to all those who attended. If you couldn't attend the listening session or have more to say, you can give your input online at www.vermontcatholic.org/synod, beginning November 15. If you don't have access to the internet, you can send a response to one or more of the three questions, typed or neatly hand-written and limited to **one page**, to **Diocesan Synod, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403**. The three questions are as follows:

1. **As the Catholic Church in Vermont, what are we doing well?**
2. **What are we doing that we should be doing better?**
3. **What are we not doing that we should be doing?**

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.

SCHIP: SCHIP's Treasure Resale Shop is hiring a part-time sales associate for its non-profit boutique in Shelburne Village. Work hours are 2+ days per week, including some Saturdays. Must like clothing and working with people; retail experience a plus. Must also be able to stand for long periods of time and be able to lift up to 25 pounds repeatedly. Salary is \$11.50 - \$13.00/hour, depending on experience. Please send resume to Caroline Vanderbilt, c/o SCHIP's Treasure, 5404 Shelburne Rd. #1, Shelburne, VT 05482 or schipstore@myfairpoint.net.

