

# December 10, 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—Second Sunday of Advent

"People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him." John the Baptist commanded quite a crowd. What was the attraction? Was it his unusual appearance-clothed in camel's hair? Perhaps it was his bizarre eating habits-feeding on locusts and wild honey. Or maybe people were captivated by the Baptist's remarkable humility in the face of such huge popularity-"I am not worthy."

Unlike our modern fascination with standing in the presence of superstars, the crowds who flocked to John weren't looking for a thrill. They weren't lining up for autographs. They were lining up for baptism. And they were acknowledging their sins at the same time. John was proclaiming "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." And people came because they were longing to experience the freedom of that forgiveness.

John called them to conversion. To convert means to turn, in this case to turn away from sin. And the crowds were anxious to do so in order to "prepare the way of the Lord." For these first-century Jews, the imminent approach of the Messiah came with a call for conversion and they took this call very seriously.

Now, for us, as twenty-first century Christians, the Church, like John the Baptist, calls us to prepare and repent during this season of Advent. Will we take the call seriously? Will we examine the areas of our lives that need to change? Will we pray for God's help to overcome our habitual sin and to make choices based on generosity instead of selfishness? Now is the time to heed the message. Now is the time to "prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

Liturgical Publications

### ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sun. Dec. 10 8:00 a.m.** For Alice Hill requested by Marsha Casey.

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

**Sun. Dec. 17 8:00 a.m.** For Nancy and Joe Blanchette, Sr. requested by Joe and Peg Blanchette, Jr.

**Sun. Dec. 17 11:00 a.m.** For Rachel Ann Norton requested by Janice Couture and Gail Tisseur.

**Offertory Last Week: \$1,612.00**

**Maintenance: \$723.00**

**Electronic Giving: \$575.00**

**Second Collection This Week for Religious Retirement Fund**

## Pray for Vocations

### Schedule of Counters: Monday, December 11, 2017

Nancy Calcagni  
Sue Haselton  
Gail Blasius

### Schedule of Ministries: December 17, 2017

8:00 a.m. Altar Server: Hadley Stockwell  
Lector: Chris Kogut  
Extraordinary Min.: Joanne Duranceau  
Tom Reilly

11:00 a.m. Greeters: Rosemarie Cartularo  
Altar Server: Ethan Croke  
Allison Croke  
Lector: Deena Miller  
Leah Croke  
Extraordinary Min.: David Croke  
Deena Miller

### Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-12/10 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation Class at St. Jude's at 10:00 a.m.  
-12/17 Young Family Brunch at St. Jude's at 10:30 a.m.  
-12/21 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Question of the Week:** In what ways do I feel parched, spiritually or emotionally? How can Jesus' presence satisfy my thirst? How can I prepare myself for Christ's presence?

**Meet and Greet:** Today, **Sunday, December 10** will be our next Meet and Greet following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Students from 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades will be providing food and greeting parishioners in the hall after Mass. Please plan on coming over to the hall after Mass and having something to eat and visiting with fellow parishioners.

**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.

**Charlotte Food Shelf Giving Tree:** The Christmas Holiday Box is in the back of Church. Please return your Giving Tree gift on or before **December 10**. Small items also needed for children are warm socks in sizes for children and adults. Personal items such as hair brushes, hair clips, hair spray, nail clippers, pens or any idea you have for teenage boys. If you have any questions please call 425-3252. Thank you for your thoughtful and generous gift.

**Holiday Mass Schedules:** The holiday schedule is as follows:

**Christmas Eve and Christmas Day:**

Sunday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. at The Old Lantern

Sunday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude

Sunday, December 24 at 10:00 p.m. at OLMC

Monday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude

**New Year's Eve and Day:**

The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on a Monday. However, Mass will still be celebrated as follows:

Sunday, December 31 at **4:30 p.m.** at St. Jude

Monday, January 1 at 10:00 a.m. at OLMC

**Salvation Army:** The next Salvation Army Dinner will be **Wednesday, December 13**. We will be serving Shepherd's Pie, Tossed Salad, Rolls, and Milk. We are also looking for workers. **We need enough food to feed approximately 150 people.** Sign up sheets for food donations and workers are in the vestibule. Food donations need to be at the church by **3:00 p.m. on December 13**. Workers meet at the Salvation Army by 4:30 p.m. and are usually finished by 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Tricia at 324-1235 or Marie at 425-2637.

**Retirement Fund for Religious: Help care for elders.**

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. Many served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes-often for little to no pay. Now there is a shortage in retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides funding for medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Thank you..

**Christmas Flowers:** There are collection envelopes in the back of the church for the Christmas Flowers. Your donations may be made in someone's memory. Please fill out the front of the envelope accordingly.

**Ministries for Christmas Masses:** The sign up sheets are in the back of the church for Altar Servers, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for Christmas Eve and New Year's Day Masses.

**Help Needed:** We are looking for help for the Christmas Eve Mass at the Old Lantern. This special Mass takes a village to make it happen. On **Saturday, December 23 at 8:30 a.m.** we need help transporting to and setting up at the Old Lantern. On **Tuesday, December 26** at 9:00 a.m. we need help in cleaning up and breaking down. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the church.

**2018 Collection Envelopes:** The collection envelopes for 2018 are available in the back of the church. Envelopes are in alphabetical order. If you have not used the collection envelopes in the past but would like to do so now, please take a box without a name on it. **Please be sure to write your name and address on the envelopes for the first few weeks you are using them. Also, please do not use leftover envelopes from previous years.** 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.

**Jay Peak Family Fun Package:** St. Jude Parish is again raffling off the Jay Peak Family Fun Package with a \$725.00 value. Tickets are \$1/each or a book of 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will happen after the holidays. Tickets are available after the weekend Masses at St. Jude's or by calling Marie at 482-2290, 425-2637 or email [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com).



*John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me." — Mk 1:4, 6-7a*

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**Young Family Brunch:** There will be a Brunch for all families with children, infants through 4<sup>th</sup> grade, at St. Jude's on **Sunday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m.** (following the 9:30 a.m. Mass). This is a chance for young families to meet other young families in our two parishes. **Please RSVP by Monday, December 11** to let us know how many will be attending, including children. Childcare will be available.

**Bambinelli Sunday:** We will have a Bambinelli Sunday on the third Sunday of Advent, **December 17**. Children and adults will bring figures of the Christ Child from their Nativity sets to be blessed at Mass. This is an Italian custom and the Pope blesses the infant figures in St. Peter's Square during the Angelus on the third Sunday of Advent.

**Thank You:** Thank you to the following people who came out last Saturday to clean the church for the Christmas Season: Winnie eiger, Mary Tierney, Michelle Lussier, Holden and Scott Lalumiere, Nick Burroughs, Bob Danyow, Joe Blanchette, Colleen Armstrong, Trina Bianchi and Marie Cookson. Great job folks!!

**Senior Meals:** St. Jude Parish offers lunches to area seniors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **Tuesday** of each month. The next senior meals are scheduled for **December 12 and 26 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.** Serving begins at 12:00 noon.

**Hinesburg Community Christmas Concert:** The Hinesburg Artist Series will present the annual Hinesburg Community Christmas Concert on **Sunday, December 10** with two shows at 2:00 and 4:30 p.m. at St. Jude's. Admission to the concert is free. Donations are greatly appreciated and all are encouraged to bring a non-perishable item for the Hinesburg Food Shelf.

**Young Life Update:** Young Life is going strong as they continue to grow in Chittenden County! At CVU there are upwards of 30 teens who attend Bible study each week, called Campaigners. Almost half of the Campaigners belong to one of our Catholic Churches serving the CVU towns. Thank you to all for your continued support through your prayer and donations. This year's \$10,000 matching donation has been matched! There is also another \$10,000 matching opportunity for 2018. More info on next year's events to come in the coming weeks. Contact Tricia Sulva with any questions at [majac@gmavt.net](mailto:majac@gmavt.net).