



**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.

**Help Needed:** On **Tuesday, December 26** at 9:00 a.m. we need help in cleaning up and breaking down at The Old Lantern. 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.

**Holy Hour Of Eucharistic Adoration:** St. Jude Parish will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on **Friday, January 5**, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**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 **January 9 and 23** from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

**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 spring 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](mailto:carmel@gmavt.net) and we will add you to our list and will notify you as we get closer to the start date.

**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).

**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).

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** "The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me." Let your spirits be augmented by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are March 16-18, 2018 in Isle LaMotte, VT and January 19-21, 2018 in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Gary and Lynn Root at 802-456-8114 or visit them at <http://wwmevt.org>.



*And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God."*

— L k 1 : 3 5

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**Regional Listening Sessions with Bishop Coyne:** As a part of our preparation for the Diocesan Synod, Bishop Coyne will be holding three regional listening sessions in January. These will be similar in format to the parish listening sessions, but with the Bishop present to hear people's input. The one in our area is **Saturday, January 13 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.** at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Burlington. All are welcome.

**Synod Delegates – First Preparatory Meeting with Bishop Coyne:** Bishop Coyne will hold his first preparatory meeting with the delegates to the Diocesan Synod on **Saturday, February 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The delegate for Our Lady of Mount Carme Parish is Lisa Beal with Tricia Sulva as the alternate.

**Re-engaging the Occasional Catholic:** A Presentation by Bishop Coyne on **Wednesday, January 17**, will be offered at Holy Cross Parish in Colchester from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. This presentation will also be available via livestreaming on the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington Facebook Page <http://www.facebook.com/vermontcatholic.com>.

**Annual Mass and Rally for Life:** The annual Mass and Rally for Life will be on **Saturday, January 13** in Montpelier. Bring family and friends to Montpelier for the Rally for Life Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Coyne at St. Augustine's at 9:30 a.m. There will be a warm-up immediately following the Mass in the church hall. The Mass is sponsored by the Diocese of Burlington. At 10:45 a.m. participants will begin to line up for the traditional march to the State House. Those who do not wish to join the march can head directly over to House Chambers. Once seated, participants will hear from the featured guest speaker, Ryan Bomberger of the Radiance Foundation. Light refreshments will be offered in the State House cafeteria. The March and State House Rally are sponsored by the Vermont Right to Life Educational Trust Fund and there is no charge to attend.