

September 10, 2017

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We are a Welcoming Community of Believers, Hopers 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—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." This is a fascinating promise. Jesus enlightens us today about the power of communal faith. He emphasizes that a gathering of like-minded believers, small though it may be, has a powerful effect. As he tells his disciples, "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father."

Alright then, what are we waiting for? We should take Jesus up on this amazing offer! Going to Mass is one way to do so. When we gather together every Sunday, we do more than listen to readings and receive the Eucharist. We also PRAY together. The priest leads us in these prayers, of course, but we are meant to join with him, as the Second Vatican Council put it, with "fully conscious, and active participation" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, #14). We are to make the prayers our own by attentively joining in with them from our hearts. Mindlessly reciting "Amen" or absently whispering the words of the Our Father likely loses the effect Jesus was talking about in today's Gospel. But truly praying together with our parish community certainly fits the bill.

We need not be at church to fulfill this kind of prayer, however. It only takes two! Those of us who live with others can exercise communal prayer every day in our own homes, just by joining each other for a few moments of petition or praise. Those who live alone may need to reach out more deliberately, but it only takes a phone call to "gather together" with another believer and offer up our prayers. May we have the courage to invite others to join us as we bring our needs to God.

Liturgical Publications

Offertory Last Week: \$3,040.00
Maintenance: \$434.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$1,193.00

Second Collection This Week for Hurricane Victims

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 - JUNE 30

Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: \$22,931.85
Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$24,256.32

Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$2,207.35
Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$2,418.00

Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$3,029.00
Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: \$5,199.00

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 59 9:30 a.m.: 113

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Sept. 9 4:30 p.m. For Angie Palmer requested by Sue and Stan Haselton.

Sun. Sept. 10 9:30 a.m. For Roger Strong Jr. requested by the Family.

Fri. Sept. 15 8:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving requested by Bernie Sage.

Sat. Sept. 16 4:30 p.m. For the Deceased Members of the Gruppi Family requested by the Family.

Sun. Sept. 17 9:30 a.m. For JP Giroux requested by the Family.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, September 11, 2017

Dick Stowe
Grace Link
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: September 16 and 17, 2017

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Chloe & Donna Shepardson
	Altar Server:	Hannah Shepardson Snow Lindemuth
	Lector:	Deirdre Bissonette
	Extraordinary Min.:	Deirdre Bissonette Donna Shepardson Theresa Aube
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	Kathy & Ted Barrett
	Altar Server:	Anna Ulager Annaliesa Fry Mickey Wetzel
	Lector:	Chris Destito
	Extraordinary Min.:	Doug Taff Ted Barrett

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-9/10 2nd Year Confirmation Class at 10:30 a.m.
-9/11 Parish Potluck Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
-9/12 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-9/14 Parish Council Meeting
-9/17 1st Year Confirmation Class at 10:30 a.m.
-9/24 Opening Family Mass at 9:30 a.m. with Pancake Breakfast

Question of the Week: Who in my life right now do I need to "win over" for the Lord?

Special Collection for Victims of Hurricane Harvey: The second collection this weekend, **September 9 and 10**, is to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey and to assist in the relief efforts. There are "Special Collection" envelopes in the lobby of the church. Please be sure to write your name on the envelope. Please continue to pray for those who have been affected by this disaster.

Confirmation Classes: Confirmation Classes for the 2nd Year students begins on **Sunday, September 10** following the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Jude's. The 1st Year students will begin on **Sunday, September 17** following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Information and registration forms for the 1st and 2nd Year students have been sent out. If you did not receive the info and have a child who should be in this program, please call 425-2637, 482-2290 or email marietcookson@aol.com and info will be sent to you. **PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IS A TWO-YEAR PROGRAM.**

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

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.

Helping with CCD: We are looking for teachers and aides for this coming school year. We are in need of help in 5th Grade. If you are interested in helping out or learning more, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com. This is a very rewarding experience.

St. Jude Parish Potluck Dinner: The St. Jude Parish Potluck Dinner is scheduled for **Monday, September 11** beginning at **6:00 p.m.** This is a great opportunity to come, visit with fellow parishioners and not worry about having to make a complete meal. We are asking everyone to bring something based on the first letter of your last name: **A-F: Main Dish; G-K: Drinks; L-R: Side Dish, Salad, Hor'dourves, or Chips & Dip; S-Z: Desserts** Hope to see you there!!

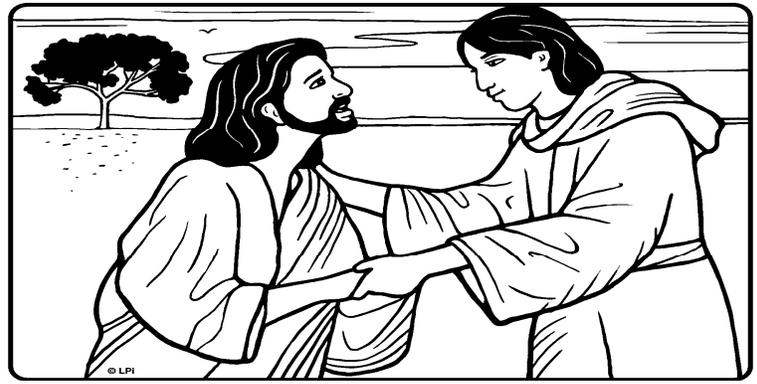
Liturgy Committee Meeting: There will be a Liturgy Committee Meeting this Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish rectory.

Parish Council Meeting: There will be a Parish Council Meeting this Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish rectory. All are welcome.

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: The RCIA program educates and forms adults in the Catholic faith. If you or someone you know wants to become a Catholic, or simply wants a better understanding of the Catholic Faith, please consider joining us. Do you know someone who does not belong to a faith community and who could use a boost in their spiritual life? — please invite them! **Classes will begin on September 20th at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall of St. John Vianney, South Burlington, and are free of charge.** Please contact Father Cray so he can get you registered through our parish.

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 fall 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 and we will add you to our list and will notify you as we get closer to the start date.

Salvation Army Dinner: Thank you to everyone who donated food and beverages for the Salvation Army Dinner on August 24. We fed over 200 clients including folks at the Salvation Army and the Day Station. They were all incredibly grateful. A special thank you to Peggy Cioffi, Karen Fox, Rosalie Genest, Donna Shepardson and Marie Cookson, all who helped with the serving. Our next dinner will be October 25.



“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.’” — Mt 18:15-16

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Action For Ecological Justice: Join Bishop Coyne on **Saturday, September 30 at St. Michael's College**, for this one day conference hosted by the Catholic Church of Vermont as part of the Year of Creation. Consider our call to be global disciples who care for all of God's creation by discussing the connections between environmental degradation and human suffering and what each of us can do to aid our neighbors in need. Cost is \$35/person. Space is limited!! Go to vermontcatholic.org to register.

Parish Happenings: With discussion at the Parish Council Meetings concerning the New Evangelization we agreed that we wanted to make St. Jude's more visible in the community. We have now scheduled some activities that are open to parishioners and others in the community.

--**Tae Kwon Do:** Wednesday afternoons: 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. and 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. Two session—Open to 3 year olds to adults. For more info and to set up a free class (1st Class), please call 802-377-0476 or email tkdkicks101@yahoo.com.

--**Line Dancing:** Line Dancing will be offered twice a month on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. (Weeks will vary from month to month). September's classes will be Thursday, Sept. 21 and 28. \$5/class. All are welcome.

--**Red Cross Adult First Aid/CPR/AED Training:** We will be holding a Red Cross Training on Saturday, October 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$90. You will be certified for two years. If you are interested in registering, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com or 482-2290.

Catholic Variety Show: The Challengers will be hosting our first ever Catholic Variety Show on **October 13 at 7:00 p.m.** at the McCarthy Arts Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester. This event will feature nationally renowned Catholic Comedian Judy McDonald—a very funny lady that shares stories about Catholic Dating, Family, Life and just being Catholic.

Throughout the evening there will be a medley of very gifted priests sharing their many talents. The whole evening will be a benefit show to help support our Diocesan Seminarians. More information and tickets available for \$15/each at www.VTChallengers.org.

VT Christian Rock-toberfest: YOU ARE LOVED! Truest words ever spoken - **STARS GO DIM** with hit song "You Are Loved" will perform with a variety of other artists including **MALLARY HOPE** with hit song "NOW" and Catholic Comedian **JUDY MCDONALD** - at this year's Christian Rock-toberfest on **October 14 at 7:00 p.m.** at North Avenue Alliance Church, Burlington. Tickets ranging from \$20-\$30/each are available online at www.VTChristianMusic.com.