

September 17, 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—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" The parable Jesus tells today is the story of a king, but in truth it is about Jesus himself. He is the "king" who has forgiven our debts. We are the "servants" whose sins have earned us chastisement. But when we repent and ask for Christ's mercy, he grants it to us without hesitation.

The point of the parable, then, is that we too should extend this mercy to others. We should not be like that "wicked servant" who begged for mercy but would not show it to others. Elsewhere, Jesus teaches us to pray, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" (Mt. 6:12). We use different words, but a similar meaning when we pray the Our Father asking God to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." But are we sure that we mean what we say?

It's important to pause and evaluate how we are doing in this regard. Are we harboring any grudges? Are there people we refuse to forgive? Is there a situation where we are seeking revenge instead of extending mercy? Jesus asks us to do otherwise. He reminds us that we have already been forgiven. We are right now enjoying the benefits of his forgiveness. So we are called to bear in mind our own sins, failings, weaknesses, and "debts" when we deal with others instead of thinking that we are perfectly innocent and acting as if we've never been the beneficiary of mercy. So let us do our best to forgive as we have been forgiven. This doesn't mean approving of wrong behavior; God doesn't ask us to do that. But he does ask us to let go of bitterness and foster mercy instead.

Liturgical Publications

Offertory Last Week: \$2,647.35 Maintenance: \$319.00
Hurricane Relief: \$2,320.00
Raffle: \$307.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$290.00

Second Collection Next Week for Catholic University

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 - JUNE 30

Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: \$24,858.85
Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$26,903.67

Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$2,207.35
Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$2,737.00

Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$3,269.00
Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: \$5,489.00

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 72 9:30 a.m.: 175

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

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.
Sat. Sept. 23 4:30 p.m. For Victor Giroux requested by his wife, Mona.
Sun. Sept. 24 9:30 a.m. For Arthur and Victoria Matte requested by the Family.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, September 18, 2017

Brenda Waters
Theresa Aube
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: September 23 & 24, 2017

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Joanne & Lee Cross
	Altar Server:	Becca Syverson
	Lector:	Sue Hoepfner
	Extraordinary Min.:	Steve Cooley Kelly Rohan-Cooley Joanne Cross
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	CCD Students
	Altar Server:	CCD Students
	Lector:	CCD Students
	Extraordinary Min.:	Hollis St. Peter Heidi St. Peter Emily Donegan

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-9/17 1st Year Confirmation Class at 10:30 a.m.
-9/18 CCD Classes for K-8th Grades at 6:30 p.m.
-9/24 Opening Family Mass at 9:30 a.m. with Pancake Breakfast
-9/25 CCD Classes for K-8th Grades at 6:30 p.m.
-9/26 Senior Meal at Noon
-10/2 Blessing of the Animals at 6:30 p.m.

Question of the Week: Who needs my forgiveness? How might I start a "ripple of forgiveness" that could expand to a global tidal wave of unending forgiveness?

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

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 26 and October 10 and 24 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.** Serving begins at 12:00 noon.

Confirmation Classes: Confirmation Classes for 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.



Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." — Mt 18:21-22

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

Family Mass and Pancake Breakfast: With the beginning of the Religious Ed Classes, we also begin the monthly Family Masses. This month's mass will be held next **Sunday, September 24 at 9:30 a.m.** The Mass will be followed with the Pancake Breakfast. There is **NO CHARGE** for the breakfast but a **FREE WILL OFFERING** basket will be available. If you would like to help with cooking the breakfast, please contact Lisa Boutin at 363-0630.

Congratulations and Thank You: Congratulations to Brenda Waters, a St. Jude Parishioner, for winning the Jay Peak Water Package. Brenda has graciously donated the prize back to the parish so that we can do another raffle. We will be doing this in late October or early November with the drawing before Christmas. Stay tuned and thank you again Brenda. Profit made thus far after cost of gift card and tickets is \$478.00. Next raffle will be all profit except for cost of tickets.

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.

Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue Symposium at Saint Michael's College: On **September 26, 2017**, the Edmundite Center for Faith and Culture at Saint Michael's College is commemorating the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation with a symposium on the Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue. Bishop Christopher Coyne will offer a welcome and speak about ecumenism in Vermont. Three panelists will make presentations: Bishop James Hazelwood from the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America will speak about ecumenism as well as the hopes and challenges of the dialogue between Lutherans and Catholics; Dr. Joy Schroeder, professor of church history at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Cleveland, Ohio, will speak about the documents that have resulted from the dialogue between Lutherans and Catholics, especially the 2015 *On The Way* document; Dr. Christian Washburn, professor of systematic theology at Saint Paul Seminary at the University of Saint Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, will speak about ecumenism and the Second Vatican Council as well as the Lutheran-Catholic Dialogue from the Roman Catholic perspective. The event will be held in the Roy Room of the Dion Family Center on the campus of Saint Michael's College at 4:00 p.m. with a concluding time of 5:30 p.m. All are welcome.

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.

Vermont Catholic Magazine: This September issue is the first of Vermont Catholic magazine's new distribution system. All who have donated \$24 or more to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal will receive a copy of the magazine delivered to your home address during the first week of September. Additional copies are available in the lobby on the back table to be shared with family and friends who did not receive a copy for one reason or another. We will continue to collect donations to help pay for these free magazine copies for friends and neighbors who may not be able to afford to contribute at this time.

Screening of the Film *Outcasts*: On **Thursday, September 28 at 7:30 p.m.**, a special screening of *Outcasts* will be held in the Davis Center at UVM. *Outcasts* is a powerful new documentary from Grassroots Films that shows the work of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal as they serve the poor in some of the world's toughest neighborhoods. This moving film depicts the realities of life as experienced by drug addicts, women engaged in prostitution, people dying of AIDS, prisoners, and others in desperate situations – along with the efforts of the Franciscan Friars to share hope in Christ with them. The event is free but tickets are required. Pick up tickets at UVM Davis Ctr., The Catholic Center at UVM, and The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. For more info: catholiccenterum@gmail.com or 862-8403.

Rachel's Vineyard Ministry: Rachel's Vineyard is a post-abortion spiritual healing ministry sponsored by the Diocese of Burlington. If you or someone you know has had an abortion and is seeking spiritual and emotional support and healing, please consider attending the following retreat:

-Day of Hope: A one-day retreat, to be held Saturday, October 21. *Men and women seeking healing from the hurt caused by abortion can reach out to Project Rachel at 658-4118 or projectrachel@vermontcatholic.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.