

October 1, 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—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." Ouch. If Jesus weren't speaking the truth, this would seem like a nasty insult. To the ears of the chief priests and elders to whom he was speaking, it was as good as saying, "You're bigger sinners than the biggest sinners around." Jesus had a way of cutting to the heart of matters. In this case, he was calling out these religious leaders for their stubborn resistance to the revelation of God. At least the "sinners" heard and heeded John the Baptist's message of repentance. But those who considered themselves too righteous to repent were missing the opportunity to experience the healing power of mercy.

As we know, God the Father wants to extend mercy to his children. Just as any good parents want what's best for their children, God wants us to see the truth and follow it. But he won't force our hand. God always respects our freedom. He invites, encourages, assists, and persists in drawing us in, but ultimately the choice is ours. One way God invites us to spiritual healing is through the sacrament of reconciliation. This is a perfect example of God's desire to extend forgiveness. But if we don't take advantage of this gift, we miss the grace that it offers us.

Let us beware of thinking that we aren't the kinds of sinners that really need to repent. If we don't acknowledge our need for God's forgiveness we, become like the chief priests who closed themselves off to God's healing. It doesn't matter how far we may have fallen-this is why Jesus specifies that even "big" sinners can enter the kingdom of God-rather, what matters is that we have hearts open to recognizing and responding to God's love.

Liturgical Publications

Offertory Last Week: \$2,230.17
Catholic University: \$114.00
Hurricane Irma Relief: \$1,243.52
Online Giving Last Week: \$50.00

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance
Second Collection Next Week for Fuel

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 - JUNE 30

Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: \$31,366.17
Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$31,056.94

Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$2,517.35
Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$2,737.00

Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$3,369.00
Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: \$6,024.00

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 74 9:30 a.m.: ???

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Sept. 30 4:30 p.m. For the deceased members of the Donald Boss Family requested by the Family.
Sun. Oct. 1 9:30 a.m. For Rick Dubois requested by the Family.
Fri. Oct. 6 8:00 a.m. For Emma Dennis requested by her daughter, Peggy Cioffi.
Sat. Oct. 7 4:30 p.m. For David Stokes requested by the Family.
Sun. Oct. 8 9:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, October 2, 2017

Stan Haselton
Ann Thomas
George Gardner

Schedule of Ministries: October 7 & 8, 2017

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Theresa Aube Karen Fox
	Altar Server:	Kaitlin Murphy
	Lector:	Mary-Margaret Carroll
	Extraordinary Min.:	Theresa Aube Sue Haselton Stan Haselton
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	Paulette Noyes Charlene Van Sleet
	Altar Server:	Max Destito Emma Destito
	Lector:	Tom Giroux
	Extraordinary Min.:	Doug Taff Chris Destito Sue McGuire

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-10/01 2nd Year Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.
-10/02 Blessing of the Animals at 6:30 p.m.
-10/03 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.
-10/06 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m.
-10/07 Confirmation Potluck Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
-10/08 1st Year Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.

Question of the Week: If at times I've been the one who said no, what would my saying yes to God look like in my life this week?

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

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 482-2290 or stjude@gmavt.net and we will add you to our list and will notify you as we get closer to the start date.

Blessing of the Animals: There will be a Blessing of the Animals on **Monday, October 2 at 6:30 p.m.** in the St. Jude parking lot in observance of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Everyone is invited to bring their pets for this blessing. The rain date for this event is Monday, October 9. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the Hinesburg Food Shelf **OR** an item for the local rescue/Humane Society. All are welcome.

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, October 6, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

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.

Parish Happenings at St. Jude's: St. Jude is offering activities that are open to everyone. Below are some of the upcoming events:

--**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). \$5/class. Dates for October coming soon. 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.

--**Family Contra Dance:** There will be a Family Contra Dance on **Friday, October 27** from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. featuring Pete Sutherland (fiddle), Ben Munkres (piano) and Adina Gordon (calling). Donations at the door for the event. All are welcome.

--**Tai Chi:** Tai Chi will be offered on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. beginning on **October 16 through December 6**. More info in the coming weeks.

--**Learn to Arrange Flowers:** Our St. Jude altar designers are offering a three part class on flower arranging. If you would like to learn more for personal use or have interest in helping with altar decorating (no commitment), this may be of interest. Classes will be held every other Thursday evening in **November --(2nd, 16th & 30th)** from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Each week participants will make an arrangement for personal use or for the altar. No cost for the class. Flowers will be provided. Please register by Oct 20th -- Send email to suemcquire@comcast.net.

--**Baking Classes:** Learn to bake cakes, cookies and pies. Take one, two or all three classes. Each week will focus on a different product. Classes will be held **Tuesday, November 28, December 5th and 12th**. More info in the coming weeks.

Bishop's Fund: Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Bishop's Fund thus far. **To date, we are 113.53% (\$26,030.50) of our annual goal of \$22,928. Thank you very much!** If you haven't yet made a donation, won't you please do so this week? Thank you.



“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.” — Mt 21:32

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The Catholic Church And The Development of Science and Western Civilization: Is the Catholic Church against science? The historical reality is much different than the modern perception. The Catholic Church not only has always supported science but was instrumental in the development of western science as well as art, architecture, music, economics, law, etc. Come learn about the historical basis for western culture on **Wednesday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m.** at St. Jude's. This is open to **ALL 8th** graders, high school students and adults. Presented by Bill Gavin of the Youth Ministry Office at the Diocese.

Salvation Army: The next Salvation Army Dinner will be **Wednesday, October 25**. We will be serving Shepherd's Pie, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Fruit Breads, Desserts 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 lobby. Food donations need to be at the church by **3:00 p.m.** on October 25. 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 Marie at 482-2290.

Our Lady's Blue Army Annual Prayer Day and Picnic: All are invited to the Annual Prayer Day and Picnic on **Sunday, October 1, 2017** at St. Anne's Shrine, Isle LaMotte, VT. Rosary at 10:00 a.m., Mass starts at 10:30 a.m., followed by procession, burning of prayer requests and cook-out with hot dogs and hamburgers. Please bring a side salad or dessert dish. Bottled water will be provided. For more info, please contact Rick Gravelin at rickgravelin@gmail.com or 862-2240

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*

Life Chain in Burlington—Sunday, October, 1: LIFE CHAIN is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life individuals standing for 60 minutes praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. The Christian community supports the sanctity of human life and the moment of conception until natural death. This year's Life Chain will be held on **Sunday, October 1**, on Main Street in Burlington. They will convene on the sidewalk in front of Edmund's School with group prayer. They provide signs to hold for one hour on the green strip between the sidewalk and street. For one hour from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., they stand in silent prayer and return to the school for a group picture and final prayer. For more information, go to lifechain.net or contact Ethel Brousseau at 893-1168

Birthright: Birthright, a volunteer-run pregnancy service will host a New Volunteer Coffee on **Saturday, October 21** at 9:30 a.m. at its office at 289 College Street in Burlington. Birthright's mission is *"It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born."* Birthright provides alternatives to abortion through love, help, hope and support to anyone experiencing an untimely or unexpected pregnancy. Every life has worth; you can make a difference! Call 865-0056 or email birthrightbvt@gmail.com for more information. Thank you.

Rice Memorial High School 100th Anniversary: This year, Rice Memorial High School celebrates 100 years of Catholic education in the Diocese of Burlington. To commemorate this historic milestone, friends of Rice-Cathedral are encouraged to attend several special events planned for Homecoming, **October 6-8**, including:

- A Knight to Remember: A Rice Community Party under the Stars
- Book group discussion of *Motherland*, a novel by Maria Hummel '90 inspired by stories from her father and long-time Rice teacher Manfred Hummel's youth in WWII Germany
- 17 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductions and Dinner
- Return of the Great Cow Maneuver
- Alumni Memorial Mass
- RJ's Rice Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run
- Home athletic events and much, much more!

For more information including how to purchase tickets, visit www.rmhsvt.org/riceturns100 or call the Rice Advancement office at 862-6521 ext. 200. Join them for the party of the century!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: "Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths." Explore the paths with your spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are October 21-22, 2017 in Contoocook, NH and March 16-18, 2018 in Isle LaMotte, VT. For more information, call Gary & Lynn Root at 802-456-8114 or visit them at <https://wwmevt.org>.

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—she will 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.

Chittenden County Right to Life: The Chittenden County Right to life will meet on **Tuesday, October 10** from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. in St. John Vianney Parish Hall, 160 Hinesburg Road in South Burlington. Many volunteers and supporters made the fair booth and annual dinner/auction successful. Thank you! New volunteers are welcome to join as they discuss ideas for promoting the sanctity of all human life here in Chittenden County. Contact chitrighttolife@gmail.com for more information.

Hinesburg School Needs Adult Volunteers to Mentor: Do you have one hour a week to give to a child? The Connecting Youth Mentor Program at the Hinesburg Community School is looking for adults to become mentors for fifth graders and sixth graders who would benefit from an additional caring adult in their lives. Mentors meet once a week, at the school, during school hours. A Mentor Room full of games, crafts, puzzles and other activities provide a place for a friendship to develop. Research shows that the simple act of spending a regularly scheduled hour with a child every week can make a difference in a child's life. For more information, call Ginny Roberts at HCS at 482-6290 or email at groberts@cvsdvt.org. All it takes is a willingness to listen and be a friend. Connecting Youth is an organization dedicated to promoting a safe and healthy environment for young people.