

December 3, 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—First Sunday of Advent

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." On this First Sunday of Advent, Jesus gives us a wakeup call. This is no time for slumber. Now is the time to be on our toes, alert, attentive, ready. But for what? For the coming of "the Lord of the house."

During Advent, the Church does her best to help us get ready for the second coming of Christ. We don't know precisely when he will return, but we know that he will. And the fact is, even if it doesn't happen in our lifetime, each and every one of us will still have to face the Lord at an unknown hour—namely, the hour of our death.

So let us be prepared! Let us be on the watch for anything that would threaten this most important of all encounters. We want to recognize the Lord as a friend and master, so that on seeing him we don't cower in fear at his awesome power and strength. Instead, we hope to rejoice in finally being able to behold him face-to-face. This of course is the result of a healthy and holy relationship with Christ.

To nurture such a relationship this Advent season the Church urges us to recommit to a life of prayer, worthy reception of the sacraments, and a commitment to following God's loving laws through a life of virtue. With these priorities in order, we can wait for the second coming with joyful anticipation, just as we joyfully await the celebration of Christmas.

During these weeks as we prepare our homes for the festive holiday season, may we also set aside some time and effort to prepare our hearts. Then, not only will we appreciate the yuletide wonders around us, but we can also look forward to the eternal wonders that lie in store.

Liturgical Publications

Offertory Last Week: \$2,207.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$100.00

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance
Second Collection Next Week for Religious Retirement Fund

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 – NOVEMBER 26

Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: \$57,040.57
Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$53,174.57

Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$4,699.85
Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$4,825.50

Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$7,116.00
Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: \$10,160.00

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 68 9:30 a.m.: 152

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Dec. 2 4:30 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

Sun. Dec. 3 9:30 a.m. For Daniel Cox requested by Rodney Strong and Family.

Sat. Dec. 9 4:30 p.m. For Joseph Cioffi requested by his wife, Peggy.

Sun. Dec. 10 9:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, December 4, 2017

Bill Doris
George Gardner
Ann Thomas

Schedule of Ministries: December 9 and 10, 2017

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	CCD Students
	Altar Server:	CCD Students
	Lector:	CCD Students
	Extraordinary Min.:	Peggy Cioffi Dawn Griswold Theresa Aube

9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	Paulette Noyes Charlene Van Sleet
	Altar Server:	Grace Buzzell
	Lector:	Tom Buzzell
	Extraordinary Min.:	Tom Buzzell Stephanie Buzzell Sue McGuire

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-12/03 2nd Year Confirmation Class at 10:30 a.m.
-12/04 Madrigal Singers at 6:30 p.m.
-12/05 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.
-12/09 St. Jude Craft Fair from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
-12/09 Family Mass at 4:30 p.m.
-12/10 1st Year Confirmation Class at 10:30 a.m.

Question of the Week: As we begin the season of Advent, how am I preparing a place for Jesus in my life?

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is **Friday, December 8** and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held at 7:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude.

Daily Mass: There will be **NO** daily Mass this **Thursday, December 7** at 5:15 p.m. at OLMC due to Father being away.

Holiday Mass Schedules: The holiday schedule is as follows:

Immaculate Conception:

Friday, December 8 at 7:00 a.m. at OLMC
Friday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude

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

Madrigal Singers: The CVU Madrigal Singers will be performing at St. Jude's on **Monday, December 4** beginning at 6:30 p.m. A free-will offering will take place to benefit the Madrigals. All are welcome to this Christmas event and sing-along.

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.

St. Jude Craft Fair: There will be a Craft Fair at St. Jude Parish on **Saturday, December 9** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Many items will be available. Please join us.

*****St. Jude's will also be running a canteen during the Craft Fair. We are looking for donations of hot dogs and rolls, soups, chips, sandwich fixings, baked goods, soda and bottled water. There is a sign up sheet in the lobby.**

Monthly Family Mass: The next Family Mass will be next **Saturday, December 9 at 4:30 p.m.** This month we will NOT have a dinner following the Mass as this is a busy time of year for families.

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 **December 12 and 26** from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

Kids At Christmas: We have 4 cards left for children who are in need of items for Christmas. Won't you please help us out either by taking a card or by making a monetary donation? Thank you.

*****Gifts need to be back next Sunday, December 10. If you need more time, please contact Marie to let her know. Her info is on the yellow sheets attached to the card.**

Cleaning the Church: We will be cleaning the St. Jude Church in preparation of the Christmas Season on **Saturday, December 16** beginning at 9:00 a.m. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Marie at 482-2290 or marietcookson@aol.com or leave your name on the sign up sheet in the lobby. Thank you.

Calling All Puppeteers: There is a sign up sheet in the lobby for those wanting to participate in the Gospel presentation for the 7:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. You are never too old for this ministry. Rehearsal will be announced in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Shelly Underwood at 434-2408.

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



“Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.”

— M K 13:35-36

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

Young Family Brunch: There will be a Brunch for all families with children, infants through 4th 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 Wednesday, December 6** to let us know how many will be attending, including children. Childcare will be available.

Bambinelli Sunday: We will have a Bambinelli Sunday of the third Sunday of Advent, **December 16 and 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.

2018 Collection Envelopes: The collection envelopes for 2018 are available in the lobby of the church. Envelopes are in alphabetical order. PLEASE NOTE: Due to more parishioners using Automatic Giving, we ordered less envelopes this year. Some parishioners have been reassigned new numbers. 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.

Salvation Army Dinner: Thank you to everyone who donated food and money for the Thanksgiving Dinner at the Salvation Army on November 22. We fed 75 clients. A special thank you to the Zimmerman and Sean Lang families for their donations of turkeys. Also to Donna and Dan Shephardson, Peggy Cioffi, Paige Larson, Laurie and Chris Meyer, Frankie and Emily Donegan, Anna, Jen and Sean Pelkey who helped with the serving. We will resume these dinner in the spring.

Retirement Fund for Religious: Help care for elders. “Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders,” writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for ageing members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Thank you.

Christmas Flowers: There are collection envelopes in the lobby 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.

Yarn Donations: Thank you to everyone who donated yarn to the Helping Hands Sewing Ministry. It is greatly appreciated.

Helping Hands Sewing Ministry: The Helping Hands Sewing Ministry is looking for anyone who has a need for adult smocks (food catchers) or walker bags. If you or someone you know could use these, please contact Grace at 598-0882 or Marie at 482-2290.

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.

Daily Mass at St. Jude's - Winter Weather: Once again the schedule for daily Mass at St. Jude's will follow the Hinesburg/Charlotte School System. If there is no school in Hinesburg and Charlotte due to the weather, there will be NO morning Mass on Monday or Friday mornings. Closings are found on the local radio and TV stations.

Jay Peak Family Fun Package: We are 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 or by calling Marie at 482-2290 or email marietcookson@aol.com.

Line Dancing: Line Dancing will be offered at St. Jude on Tuesdays and Thursdays - **December 5 and 7 and December 12 and 14**. Classes begin at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$5/class. All are welcome.

Blue Army Event: Please join the Blue Army at St. John Vianney Church in South Burlington for the celebration of *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary* on Friday, December 8 with the Rosary starting at 5:15 p.m. followed by Mass at 6:00 p.m. and concluding with a meeting and potluck in the church basement. Please plan to bring a dish for the meeting.

Advent Appeal-2017: Please join Vermont Catholic Charities in supporting the Annual Advent Appeal. The "Season of Giving" has no bounds for people in need. Whatever the season, there are basic needs to be met: food, shelter, and heat, to name but a few. With your help, we can make a difference in lives of those living on the edge. Many Vermonters are struggling to put daily bread on the table or to keep the lights and heat on in their homes. Whether your gift is \$10, \$100, \$1000 or more, your gift will make a difference in the life of a needy family. To donate, please mail a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403 or give online at www.vermontcatholic.org. Thank you.

Synod Parish Listening Session: We had the Synod Parish Listening Sessions on Sunday, November 12. Thank you to all those who attended. If you couldn't attend the listening session or have more to say, you can give your input online at www.vermontcatholic.org/synod, beginning November 15. If you don't have access to the internet, you can send a response to one or more of the three questions, typed or neatly hand-written and limited to **one page**, to **Diocesan Synod, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403**. The three questions are as follows:

1. **As the Catholic Church in Vermont, what are we doing well?**
2. **What are we doing that we should be doing better?**
3. **What are we not doing that we should be doing?**

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.

Safe Environment-Protecting Our Children Young People and Vulnerable Adults : The Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington is committed to achieving healing and reconciliation with victims and survivors of abuse, and to provide safe environments for all of our children, young people and vulnerable adults.

To report child abuse or sexual misconduct call:

--Rev. Msgr. John McDermott, Vicar General or
--Tom Mott, Victim Assistance Coordinator
at 1-866-485-2488