

September 6, 2015

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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

"He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue." Jesus could have healed this deaf man another way. He could have spoken a powerful word or, for that matter, just silently willed that the man's health be restored. It wasn't uncommon for Jesus to cure people simply by a quick touch. But instead, Jesus chose to heal him in this unique way. He made it a private event, one that involved an unusual kind of physical ritual.

Clearly, this was not for Jesus' sake. And since it was away from the crowd, it wasn't for their sake either. This particular healing was for this particular man. For whatever reason, Jesus knew that this man needed these signs--touching his ears and putting saliva on his tongue--in order to be freed of his inability to hear and speak well.

Jesus knows what we need. His care for each and every one of us is not some standardized package of generic charity. He loves us all as unique individuals and understands us. He sees our weaknesses and knows our strengths. He offers himself to us as an intimate friend, not an unfamiliar acquaintance. When we come to him with our hopes, our fears, our desires and needs, he hears and answers us ... in the way he knows is best. It might seem odd. It might be unexpected or different from what we have seen him do for others. But we need to trust, even when we are desperate for "healing," that Jesus does care, that he does listen, and that he does act on our behalf.

Let us have confidence in today's Old Testament proclamation from Isaiah: "Thus says the LORD: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God ... he comes to save you."

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Readings for the Week of September 6, 2015

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
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Offertory Last Week: \$2,359.63 Maintenance: \$25.00
Feast of the Assumption: \$5.00
Online Giving Last Week: -0-

NEEDED EACH WEEK: \$2,935.00

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance

Attendance Last Week:

4:30 p.m.: 72 9:30 a.m.: 155

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Sept. 5 4:30 p.m. For Victor Giroux requested by his wife, Mona, and Family.

Sun. Sept. 6 9:30 a.m. For Tom Palmer requested by his wife, Angie.

Mon. Sept. 7 8:00 a.m. For Mark Payea requested by Stan and Sue Haselton.

Sat. Sept. 12 4:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Cecile Auger requested by her daughter, Carmen Cote.

Sun. Sept. 13 9:30 a.m. For Roger Strong Jr. requested by his family.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Stan Haselton
Theresa Aube
Karen Fox

Schedule of Ministries: September 12 and 13, 2015

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Theresa Aube Karen Fox
	Altar Server:	Josh Syverson Becca Syverson
	Lector:	Deirdre Bissonette
	Extraordinary Min.:	Deirdre Bissonette

9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	The Cook Family
	Altar Server:	Ethan Cook Grace Buzzell
	Lector:	Rodney Strong
	Extraordinary Min.:	Dan Smith

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-9/09 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-9/10 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-9/13 2nd Year Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.
-9/14 Parish Wide Potluck Supper at 6:00 p.m.
-9/15 Senior Meal at Noon
-9/27 1st Year Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.

Presbyteral Days: Father Cray will be away for the annual Diocesan meeting of priests beginning Tuesday, September 8 through Thursday, September 10. There will be **NO** daily Mass on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon or Wednesday morning.

Liturgy Committee Meeting: There will be a Liturgy Committee Meeting this Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

Parish Council Meeting: There will be a Parish Council Meeting this Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Religious Ed Classes: Our Religious Ed Classes for Kindergarten through 8th grades will begin September 14 beginning with the Parish Wide Potluck Dinner. Religious Ed information has been sent out. If you have a school age child and did not receive a registration packet, please call Marie at 482-2290 (office) or email at marietcookson@aol.com and a registration packet will be sent to you. There is also information on the table in the lobby. PLEASE NOTE: We are in need of help in the 5th grade class. If you are interested in helping out in any way, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com. Thank you.

Confirmation Classes: Confirmation Classes for the 2nd Year students begin on Sunday, September 13 following the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Jude Parish. The 1st Year students will begin on Sunday, September 27 following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Information and registration forms for the 1st and 2nd Year students has 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 marietcookson@aol.com and info will be sent to you. PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IS A TWO-YEAR PROGRAM.

Salvation Army Dinner: The next Salvation Army Dinner is scheduled for **Thursday, September 17**. We will be serving Baked Beans, Hotdogs & Rolls, Potato Salad, Chips and Milk. There are sign-up sheet for food and workers in the lobby. We need enough food to feed approximately 150 people. Food needs to be at St. Jude's by 3:00 p.m. on September 17. Workers meet at the Salvation Army by 4:30 p.m. and are usually finished by 6:30 p.m.

Bishop's Fund: Our Parish is now at 119.60% (\$24,159) toward our overall goal of \$20,200. A huge thank you to those who have been able to support this Year's Annual Appeal. As a reminder, in recent days, you may have received another opportunity by mail from Fr. Cray to make a pledge to this year's Appeal if you have not done so. Please consider offering your support to both sustaining and new diocesan ministries and initiatives. Be sure to check bishopsfund.org for updates, as well as on the diocesan site at vermontcatholic.org. God bless you for your wonderful support of our diocese.

St. Jude Parish Potluck Dinner: The St. Jude Parish Potluck Dinner is scheduled for **Monday, September 14** 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-D: Drinks; E-K: Side Dish, Salad, Hor'dourves, Chips & Dip; L-O: Dessert; P-Z: Main Dish.** Hope to see you there!!

Card Shower: Brenda Wilson, who was part of the Faith in Action Helping Hands Sewing Group, moved to New York a couple of years ago. Her health has greatly diminished in the past year. We are asking parishioners from St. Jude's and OLMC to send her "Thinking of You" cards or notes. We will be collecting these and sending them over to her in September/October. If you would send to send her a card or note, please place it in the box which will be in the lobby beginning next weekend. Thank you.

SCHIP: SCHIP is looking for donations of jewelry, especially pierced earrings. If you have any items you would like to donate, please leave them in the lobby. Thank you.



And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" — Mk 7:32-34

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: As in past years the RCIA will be conducted for our deanery on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. John Vianney Church in South Burlington. **Classes will begin on September 23.** Any adults who are interested in being baptized or received into the Church at Easter time should make their desire known to Father Cray as soon as possible so that he can refer them to the director of the program. This is also a great opportunity for Catholics to use this as a refresher course in our faith.

Senior Meals: St. Jude Parish offers lunches to area seniors on the 2nd and 4th **Tuesday** of each month. The next senior meal is scheduled for September 15 (due to scheduling conflicts on Sept. 8) and 22 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

Bus to World Meeting of Families Closing Mass: A bus to the closing Papal Mass for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia is scheduled to leave St. Thomas Church in Underhill Center, on **Sunday, September 27 at 3:00 a.m.**, arriving in Philadelphia about 11:15 a.m. The closing Mass is at 4:00 p.m. The returning bus will leave Philadelphia at 8:00 p.m., arriving at St. Thomas Church about **4:15 a.m. on Monday morning.** The cost is \$165. There is also a bus leaving from the Diocesan Office in South Burlington for \$160, and a bus from Shaw's Supermarket in Fair Haven for \$125. Register online at <http://rallybus.net/burlington-papal-pilgrimage/#city>.

Saving Our Common Home: A Symposium on Integral Ecology: Laudato Si – Pope Francis' Encyclical On the Environment. **Saving Our Common Home: A Symposium on Integral Ecology** on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at McCarthy Recital Hall, Saint Michael's College from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Keynote speaker is John Allen, Associate Editor of the Boston Globe and foremost commentator on the Catholic Church. Panel includes Dr. Jon Erickson, Professor at the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources and Fellow of the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics at UVM, Sister Bernadette Bostwick, Co-founder of the Green Mountain Monastery and Dr. Clive Gray, retired Third World Development economist, formerly of Harvard Institute for International Development. Free and Open to the Public.