

# September 27, 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 –26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

"It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna." Jesus' listeners would have recognized this reference. Gehenna was in fact a deep ravine located outside of Jerusalem that had a sordid past. It had been the site of pagan rituals in which children were forced to walk through fire. Thus the spot had become known as a symbol for the fires of hell.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is making a dramatic contrast between "life" (heaven) and Gehenna (hell). He emphasizes that no sacrifice is too great to keep oneself out of the miseries of hell. His images are shocking. Cutting off hands and feet? Plucking out eyes? Ouch! Is hell really so bad that we'd rather go to heaven maimed than go to hell in one piece? Apparently so.

Some interpreters suggest that Jesus was using hyperbole to make his point. Perhaps. But whether it was literal or figurative, the point remains clear: we need to do whatever it takes to avoid sin and ultimately to avoid hell. The catechism defines this state of eternal misery as "definitive self-exclusion from communion with God" (§1033). Yes, self-exclusion. God doesn't "send" anyone to hell. Rather, someone chooses hell when he or she freely chooses something over God and won't repent.

The choice is ours: cut out the source of the sin--painful though it may be--or stubbornly march with our beloved sins straight into Gehenna. Realistically, what we choose "over" God are not so much our physical body parts as things like a high-paying job that isn't ethical, a favorite pastime that isn't morally upright, or a relationship that isn't chaste. Jesus tells us clearly today, whatever it is that "causes you to sin, cut it off." Period.

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## **Readings for the Week of September 27, 2015**

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48  
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50  
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Jn 1:47-51  
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62  
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12  
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Mt 18:1-5, 10  
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24  
Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

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**Offertory Last Week: \$2,387.50**

**Maintenance: \$27.50**

**Online Giving Last Week: \$375.00**

**NEEDED EACH WEEK: \$2,935.00**

**Second Collection This Week for Catholic University  
Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance**

**Attendance Last Week:**

4:30 p.m.: 76      9:30 a.m.: 135

## **ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sat. Sept. 27 4:30 p.m.** For Victor Giroux requested by his wife, Mona.

**Sun. Sept. 28 9:30 a.m.** For the Gruppi Family requested by the Family.

**Sat. Oct. 3 4:30 p.m.** For Joe Marshall requested by the CCD Students and Teachers.

**Sun. Oct. 4 9:30 a.m.** For the Tomasella Family requested by the Gruppi Family.

## **Pray for Vocations**

**Schedule of Counters: Monday, September 28, 2015**

Stan Haselton

Theresa Aube

Lee Cross

**Schedule of Ministries: October 3 and 4, 2015**

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Mona Giroux Marie Cookson
	Altar Server:	Noe Lindemuth Peter Stewart
	Lector:	Sue Hoepfner
	Extraordinary Min.:	Peggy Cioffi Sue Haselton Stan Haselton
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr. Confirmation
	Altar Server:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr. Confirmation
	Lector:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Yr. Confirmation
	Extraordinary Min.:	Tom Buzzell Stephanie Buzzell Dan Smith

## **Calendar of St. Jude Events:**

-9/26 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr. Confirmation Potluck following the 4:30 p.m. Mass  
-9/27 Youth Mass at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Pancake Breakfast  
-9/27 Rich Dowe from the Red Cross at 9:30 a.m. Mass  
-9/27 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.  
-10/1 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
-10/2 Eucharistic Adoration following the 8:00 a.m. Mass  
-10/4 2<sup>nd</sup> Yr. Confirmation Mass & Class at 9:30 a.m.

**Question of the Week:** When was the last time I rashly judged someone or found myself rashly judged by another? Did one prompt me to ask forgiveness? The other to offer it?

**Men's and Women's Discussion Groups:** The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. The Women's Group will meet on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. All are welcome.

**Youth Mass and Pancake Breakfast:** With the beginning of our Religious Ed Classes we also begin the monthly Youth Masses and Pancake Breakfasts. The first Youth Mass and Pancake Breakfast will be this Sunday, September 27 beginning with the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The cost of the breakfast is \$8/adults; \$5/child; \$23/family (2 adults and 2 or more children).

**Religious Ed Classes:** Our Religious Ed Classes for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grades have begun. If you have not yet registered your child, please do so this week as our regular classes have begun. 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](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com) and a registration packet will be sent to you. There is also information on the table in the lobby.

**Confirmation Classes:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation students will begin today, Sunday, September 27 following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Information and registration forms for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com) and info will be sent to you. PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IS A TWO-YEAR PROGRAM.

\*\*\*There will be a Potluck Dinner on Saturday, October 17 for all 1<sup>st</sup> year Confirmation students and their families. It is very important that you attend. Info will be emailed to families n the next week concerning the dinner.

**Liturgy Committee Meeting:** There will be a Liturgy Committee Meeting this Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

**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 2, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

**Senior Meals:** St. Jude Parish offers lunches to area seniors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **Tuesday** of each month. The next senior meals are scheduled for October 13 and 27 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

**Blessing of the Animals:** There will be a Blessing of the Animals on Monday, October 5 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 12.

**World Apostolate of Fatima—Blue Army Vermont:** Everyone, (member and non-member) is invited to join the evening Rosary Prayer and Mass in remembering the last apparition of Our Lady to the three Children of Fatima (Oct. 13, 1917) on Tuesday, October 13 at Our Lady of Grace Church in Colchester. Rosary prayer at 6:00 p.m., followed by a short procession, and Mass at 6:30 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner at the church hall. For more info please call Yorini Undyantara at 864-0561.

**Salvation Army Dinner:** Thank you to everyone who furnished food for the Salvation Army Dinner on September 17. We fed 145 clients. A special thank you to Claire Auger, Peggy Cioffi, Karen Fox, Rosalie Genest and Donna and Hannah Shepardson in helping out with the serving. Our next Salvation Army Dinner is on Wednesday, November 25 and will be the Thanksgiving Dinner. More info in the coming weeks.



*At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." — M K 9: 38 - 39*

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**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.

**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.

**Women's Retreat:** There will be a Women's Retreat on October 2 through October 4. The director of the retreat is Sr. Julia Werner, RSM. The theme is "How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place, O God". It will take place at Mount Saint Mary, 100 Mansfield Ave., Burlington. Cost of the weekend is \$125 for those commuting; \$150 for two night's lodging. The weekend begins with registration at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2 and ends Sunday at 11:30 a.m. To register or for more information, please call Sr. Ruth Ravey at 658-5494 or email at [33mercyvt@gmail.com](mailto:33mercyvt@gmail.com).

**Life Chain In Burlington:** LIFE CHAIN will be held on Sunday, October 4 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. It is a peaceful, prayerful, and legal public witness of pro-life individuals praying for our nation and for an end to abortion. It is a visual statement of solidarity by the Christian community that abortion kills children and that the Church supports the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Folks of all denominations will stand in silent prayer for one hour while holding pro-life signs. Gather in front of Edmunds Elementary School on Main Street in Burlington (near South Union Street) on Sunday, October 4 at 2:00 p.m. Signs are provided. For more information contact Ethel Brousseau at 893-1168.

**Safe Environment-Protecting Our Children and Young People:** 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 and young people.

**To report child abuse or sexual misconduct call:**

--Kevin Scully, Director of Safe Environments or  
--Rev. Msgr. Peter Routhier, Vicar General, or  
--Rev. Msgr. John McDermott, Vicar General  
at 1-866-485-2488