

October 25, 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 –30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more." The blind Bartimaeus was a courageous fellow. Not only was he bold enough to call out to Jesus who was passing by, but he also had the guts to keep on calling, even when people were telling him to be quiet. Clearly, this man knew that he needed Jesus--and he wasn't about to let popular opinion convince him otherwise. What were those people thinking who tried to silence the poor beggar? Perhaps they thought that Jesus was too busy for a stop along the way. Maybe they bought into the prevalent idea that Bartimaeus' blindness was a punishment for sin and that he was therefore a lost cause. Or it could be that they were just annoyed by his persistence. Whatever the case, these folks tried to pressure Bartimaeus into giving up. But he didn't. And the reward for his steadfastness was priceless: "Immediately he received his sight."

Immediately, that is, after he encountered Christ. But let's not forget that he had to invest all that time and energy earlier in order to arrive at that precious encounter. And we may have to do the same. Our persistence in prayer is often a necessary first step to the gift of God's intervention in our lives. We, like Bartimaeus, may have to call out time and time again, making our requests known to Jesus even when it may seem he isn't looking our way. We too may need to be faithful in the face of doubters and detractors who tell us that our prayers are pointless, that God doesn't really care, or that we deserve to be stuck in our own misery. Let us seek to be like this man who heard Jesus say, "Your faith has saved you."

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Readings for the Week of October 25, 2015

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
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Offertory Last Week: \$2,430.75 Fuel: \$265.00
Maintenance: \$10.00 World Mission: \$350.00
Priest Benefit: \$100.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$505.00

NEEDED EACH WEEK: \$2,935.00

Second Collection This Week for Priest Benefit Fund
Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 120 9:30 a.m.: 125

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Oct. 24 4:30 p.m. For Kay Hilliker requested by her sister, Peggy Cioffi.
Sun. Oct. 25 9:30 a.m. For Dan Giroux requested by his family.
Sat. Oct. 31 4:30 p.m. For Anne Gardner requested by her husband, George.
Sun. Nov. 1 9:30 a.m. For Theresa Giroux requested by Donald and Marianne Danis.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, October 26, 2015

Lee Cross
John Calcagni
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: October 31 and November 1, 2015

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Mona Giroux Marie Cookson
	Altar Server:	Noe Lindemuth
	Lector:	Mike Bullock
	Extraordinary Min.:	Theresa Aube
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	Wendy Koenig Greg Tomczyk
	Altar Server:	Hunter Driver Ethan Cook
	Lector:	Tom Buzzell
	Extraordinary Min.:	Doug Taff

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-10/24 & 10/25 Recognition Weekend
-10/25 Youth Mass and Pancake Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.
-10/25 1st Yr. Confirmation Class at 10:30 a.m.
-10/27 Senior Meal at Noon
-10/31 & 11/01 Remembrance Weekend
-11/06 Red Cross Blood Drive from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Question of the Week: What cloaks that weigh us down do we need to cast aside if we are to spring up and hasten to answer Jesus' call?

Men's and Women's Discussion Groups: The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. The Women's Group will meet on **Tuesday, November 17 at 10:00 a.m.** in the rectory. All are welcome.

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 October 27 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

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.

Saint Jude's Financial Summary for the 1st Quarter of this Fiscal Year Ending 9/30/2015:

-Offertory Income for this period was \$35,043 compared to \$36,450 for the prior year, a decrease of \$1,407 or -3.9%.
-Total Income including Offertory, Fund Raisers, Gifts, Bequests and Miscellaneous Income for the period was \$40,338 compared to \$47,601 for the prior year's 1st quarter, a decrease of \$7,263 or -15.3%.
-St. Jude's had Net Loss of \$2,533 for the 1st quarter compared to a Net Gain of \$4,653 for the prior year's 1st quarter, a decrease of \$7,186 or -154.4%.
-Total Cash as of 9/30/2015 WAS \$101,789 compared to \$114,234 at 9/30/2014, a decrease of (\$12,455) or -10.9%.
Please note that the loss and decrease in cash is due to the fall off of income, pre-purchase of parking lot lights and the painting and renovations of the church hall.

Recognition Weekend: This weekend, October 24 and 25, all members of the Liturgical Ministries will be recognized for their service. We are grateful for the dedication of all our Lectors, Greeters, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Ushers, Music Ministers and Altar Decorating Committee who all give generously of their time to enhance our weekly parish worship.

Youth Mass and Pancake Breakfast: Our October Youth Mass and Pancake Breakfast is this Sunday, October 25 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).

Tai Chi for Seniors: CVAA is sponsoring Tai Chi for Seniors at St. Jude's Parish Hall. There is no cost to attend this eight week program. Open to anyone age 50 and over. Classes are every Monday and Wednesday from 11:00 to 11:45 a.m. beginning October 19. To register, call CVAA at 1-800-642-5119.

All Souls Day Mass at Resurrection Park Catholic Cemetery: Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne, S.L.D., Bishop of Burlington, cordially invites you and your family to attend a Mass he will be celebrating on All Souls Day, November 2 at 10:00 a.m. at Resurrection Park Catholic Cemetery. Parking will be available in the cemetery and St. John Vianney Church adjacent to Resurrection Park and please bring a chair to sit on. Mass will be celebrated in St. John Vianney Church if the weather does not cooperate. Following the Mass, there will be a procession around the cemetery reciting the Holy Rosary led by Bishop Coyne.

Civil War Veterans Remembrance: A ceremony will be held in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cemetery in Charlotte on Sunday, November 8 at 2:00 p.m. to honor the eleven Civil War veterans buried or commemorated there, to rededicate their monuments—some recently restored and one brand new—and to pray at their graves. It is amazing that eleven members of this brand new parish (founded in 1858) were among the record number of Vermonters who went off to defend the Union, two brothers never coming home and being buried in Virginia. In case of bad weather, the rain date will be November 15 at 2:00 p.m.

Remembering our Deceased: We have a permanent book to record the names of our deceased faith members and friends to be remembered at Mass during the month of November. This book will be available next week in the lobby.

Taize Prayer Service: There will be a Taize Prayer Service at St. Paul's Cathedral on Cherry Street in Burlington on Sunday, November 1 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.



Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. — Mk 10:51-52

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Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Jude's on **Friday, November 6** from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Sign up sheets are available for those interested in helping out with food. There is an urgent need for blood, especially this time of year. Please bring a friend and be sure to have your Blood Donor Card, Photo ID or two forms of ID.

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 482-6248 or email at groberts@cssu.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.

Volunteers Needed at University of VT Medical Center: Do you find yourself with a few hours a week you would like to use to help others? The Spiritual Care Dept. is looking for volunteers interested in bringing communion to the sick to be trained as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Training will begin in early November. These persons would be approved by the Diocese of Burlington and commissioned for service at the University of Vermont Medical Center following the training. They welcome those already serving as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in the parish. Those interested in helping others through the Spiritual Care Department please call Sr. Karen Pozniak at University of Vermont Medical Center at 847-6537. If you feel this particular opportunity is not of interest to you, the University of Vermont Medical Center Volunteer Office has many other areas available. Again, training would be provided. For other volunteer opportunities please call the Volunteer Office at 847-3536.