

**April 3, 2016**

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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 –Second Sunday of Easter***

"Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" The disciples were paralyzed by fear. After the Crucifixion, they had locked themselves in a room and were keeping a low profile. They didn't want to end up how Jesus had ended up. But the Lord stepped right into this paranoia and dispelled it in an instant: "The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord."

Although these first Christians were very concerned about preserving their lives, the fact is that living holed up in an attic wasn't a life of much freedom or joy. Jesus wanted his followers to have the fullness of life, but this required trust in him and his promises. As today's Gospel puts it, through the belief that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, "you may have life in his name." When we come to really accept who Jesus is, there is no more need for a life of slavery to fear--whatever that fear may be, whether it's fear for our health; fear for our reputation; fear for our comfort; or even fear that our sins are too big for forgiveness.

Today as we celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy, we remember that God's love is strong enough to conquer the greatest of all human fears: death itself. This confidence leads us to a renewed joy. As Pope Francis wrote in his declaration of this, the Year of Mercy, "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Once we are firmly established in this hope, we are called to be witnesses of mercy to others. The Holy Father continues with a challenge for all of us, "Jesus asks us also to forgive and to give. To be instruments of mercy because it was we who first received mercy from God."

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### **Readings for the Week of April 3, 2016**

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31  
Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38  
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15  
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21  
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36  
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15  
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21  
Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19

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**Easter: \$4,606.80**

**Offertory Last Week: \$200.00 Maintenance: \$20.00**

**Holy Land: \$353.00**

**Online Giving Last Week: \$100.00**

### **Second Collection This Week for Maintenance**

**Attendance Last Week:**

**Holy Thursday: 105**

**Good Friday: 45 (3:00 p.m.) 60 (7:00 p.m.)**

**8:00 p.m.: 79 9:30 a.m.: 240**

### **ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sat. Apr. 2 4:30 p.m.** For Charles Thibault requested by the family.  
**Sun. Apr. 3 9:30 a.m.** For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.  
**Sat. Apr. 9 4:30 p.m.** For Joe Cioffi requested by his wife, Peggy.  
**Sun. Apr. 10 9:30 a.m.** For the 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Roger and Rose Strong.

### **Pray for Vocations**

#### **Schedule of Counters: Monday, April 4, 2016**

Stan Haselton  
Brenda Waters  
Becky Cook

#### **Schedule of Ministries: April 9 and 10, 2016**

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Mona Giroux Cathy Bombardier
	Altar Server:	Annie Dufault Snow Lindemuth
	Lector:	Deirdre Bissonette
	Extraordinary Min.:	Deirdre Bissonette
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	CCD Students
	Altar Server:	CCD Students
	Lector:	CCD Students
	Extraordinary Min.:	Mike Bullock

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

-4/03 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation Class at 10:30 a.m.  
-4/05 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.  
-4/10 Youth and Family Mass at 9:30 p.m.  
-4/10 Pancake Breakfast at 10:30 a.m.  
-4/10 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation Class at 10:30 a.m.  
-4/14 Koinonia Academy Choir at St. Jude's at 7:00 p.m.

**Question of the Week:** In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, to whom should I go this Easter week sharing Jesus' peace and merciful forgiveness?

**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.

**Men's Discussion Groups:** The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome.

**Lenten Baby Bottle Campaign:** Thank you for participating in the Care Net Baby Bottle Campaign. Please remember to bring your bottles back as soon as possible. Thank you for being a part of this ministry.

**Thank You:** Sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make Palm Sunday and the Triduum Services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday such meaningful and sacred times of worship for our parish family and friends. So many gave of their time and talents including our altar servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, greeters, musicians and singers, Confirmation students, ushers, decorators, Liturgy Committees and most especially Father Cray.

**Youth and Family Mass and Pancake Breakfast:** Our last Youth and Family Mass and Pancake Breakfast for this school year will be held next Sunday, April 10 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).

**Toiletry Kit Lenten Collection:** We are continuing to collect toiletry items for the less fortunate. We have ziplock bags with a list of items in each one. You can either buy some or all of the items on the lists. The items will be categorized as most needed (toothpaste, soap, etc.) or less needed (lotions, body wipes, etc.). There will also be a box in the lobby for folks who would like to help with this collection but don't want to fill a whole bag. It is our hope to fill 200 bags to give out to clients at the Salvation Army, COTS or St. Joseph's Home.

**What Is A Meal Train?** There are times in our lives when friends and family ask, "What can I do to help out?" The answer is usually to help them with a meal. When many friends give a meal, this is a Meal Train.

--A meal train for the **Dubuc's** has been set up to help during this recent health crisis. You can use the unique web address for their meal train below to view the calendar to pick a date for making/delivering a meal if you'd like to help out. Thank you. <http://mealtrain.com/747kn2>.

--As you may have heard, **James Donegan**, son of Roger and Anne Donegan from St. Jude Parish, began chemotherapy treatment for lymphoma this past week at UVM Medical Center. A meal train has been set up for him and his wife, Sara, and their daughter, Ruby. This is to provide meals or help with housework, errands, childcare transportation, etc. Their meal train is <https://mealtrain.com/0z37g9>. Also, YouCaring – <https://www.youcaring.com/james-and-sara-donegan-538326/update/446362> to donate to James, Sara and Ruby to ensure James receives high-quality treatment and to offset the cost of their more limited time and energy for farming.

**Mass of Healing for Abused:** Four Evening Prayer of the Night services for victims of child abuse and neglect will be held in the month of April to commemorate April as National Child Abuse Awareness Month. Each service will take place in a different region of the state in order to afford everyone the opportunity to attend an accessible service. All services are on Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. The one in our area will be held at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral in Burlington.

**Did You Know?** April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is during the Easter season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God — our children. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, visit the Child Safety section of [www.vermontcatholic.org](http://www.vermontcatholic.org) or contact the parish office.

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



*Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"  
Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."*

— Jn 20:28-29

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**St. Jude Potluck Dinner:** The St. Jude Parish Potluck Dinner is scheduled for **Monday, April 11 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 dinner. We are asking everyone to bring something, based on the first letter of your last name. **A-E: Main Dish; F-K: Drinks; L-R: Side Dish, Salad, Hor'dourves, or Chips & Dip; S-Z: Desserts.** We hope to see you there.

**Jubilee for Youth and Young Adults:** As a part of the Jubilee Year of Mercy the Diocese of Burlington will be hosting the Koinonia Academy Choir from Plainsfield, NJ. We are excited and blessed to announce that Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Jude and St. Catherine of Siena Parishes will be hosting an evening at St. Jude on **Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.** Come hear their amazing voices but also their amazing stories and personal witness. All are welcome. Check them out at [www.koinoniaacademy.org](http://www.koinoniaacademy.org).

**Salvation Army:** The next Salvation Army Dinner will be Wednesday, April 27. We will be serving Shepherd's Pie, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Fruit Breads 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 April 27. 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.

**SCHIP:** With spring upon us please remember SCHIP (Shelburne, Charlotte, Hinesburg Interfaith Projects). Our parish is one of the supporting faith communities for this interfaith project that gives grants to other non-profits who serve the people of our communities. The funds are generated from the sale of gently used clothing and household items, sold at the shop, SCHIP's Treasure Resale Shop, located on Route 7 in Shelburne in the distinctive yellow building. Please remember the shop for **donations** as you sort through your items; for **purchasing**...if you have never been in please come see what wonderful things are available. Brand names such as Eileen Fisher, NIC + ZOE, Lilly Pulitzer, Calvin Klein and Talbots are among the many offerings; and for **volunteering**...if you have a few hours a week please consider volunteering. Your help would be so appreciated.

**Right to Life:** The Chittenden County Right to Life will meet on Tuesday, April 12 in St. John Vianney's Parish Hall, 160 Hinesburg Rd, South Burlington, from 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Ongoing pro-life educational and advocacy projects will be discussed. New volunteers are always welcome. Contact [chitrighttolife@gmail.com](mailto:chitrighttolife@gmail.com) for more information.