

May 1, 2016

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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 –Sixth Sunday of Easter

"Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." Can we hear Jesus saying these words to us? It's often easier for us to imagine the apostles hearing this consoling command and following it, than to think of it really applying to us. After all, Jesus was standing right there with them. Can he really expect US, two thousand years later, not to be troubled by the cares of life? But the fact is that the gift Jesus was giving to his disciples, he has also given to us: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name."

Jesus told them that peace would be theirs, and it can also be ours. Peace is, in fact, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, along with love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity. These fruits don't come from us. They aren't just for people with certain cheery personalities. These fruits come from God straight into our souls through the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit. Through our baptism and confirmation, Jesus gives us the gift of his Spirit. And then his peace, and so many other gifts can truly become ours if we open our hearts to them.

This is a reality that we can contemplate whenever worry or anxiety strike. Whatever may be disturbing our inner peace--whether it be a family feud, some kind of physical suffering, or a difficult decision to make at work or school--we can take comfort in knowing that we can find peace even in the midst of the problem. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you," Jesus says. But he continues, "Not as the world gives do I give it to you." In other words, God doesn't promise to take away the struggle in an instant. But he does promise to give us his peace even in the midst of life's trials and tribulations.

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Readings for the Week of May 1, 2016

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26--16:4a
Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

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Offertory Last Week: \$3,012.95

Maintenance: \$40.00 Catholic Home Missions: \$504.00

Online Giving Last Week: \$100.00

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance

Attendance Last Week:

4:30 p.m.: 85 9:30 a.m.: 125

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Apr. 30 4:30 p.m. For Anne Gardner requested by her husband, George.

Sun. May 1 9:30 a.m. For Richard Dubois requested by his family.

Mon. May 2 8:00 a.m. For Joe Bettis requested by his wife, Joan.

Sat. May 7 4:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Cecile Auger requested by her daughter, Carmen Cote.

Sun. May 8 9:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, May 2, 2016

Theresa Aube
Becky Cook
Karen Fox

Schedule of Ministries: May 7 and 8, 2016

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Joanne & Lee Cross
	Altar Server:	Annie Dufault Kaitlin Murphy
	Lector:	Mike New
	Extraordinary Min.:	Joanne Cross Sue Haselton Stan Haselton
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	Paulette Noyes Charlene Van Sleet
	Altar Server:	Sam Buzzell Annaliesa Fry CCD Students
	Lector:	Stephanie Buzzell
	Extraordinary Min.:	Tom Buzzell Doug Taff

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-5/01 2nd Year Confirmation Rehearsal and Potluck
-5/02 First Communion Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.
-5/03 Men's Group at 7:00 p.m.
-5/06 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m.
-5/06 First Communion Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.
-5/08 First Communion at 9:30 a.m.

Question of the Week: How can I be prayerfully open to the Spirit's guidance like the early community? To whom can I be compassionately responsive?

Feast of the Ascension: This Thursday, May 5, is the Feast of the Ascension and a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are 7:00 a.m. at OLMC and 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude.

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 Nine Month Financial Summary - 7/01/2015 thru 03/31/2016:

--Offertory Income for this period was \$107,899 compared to \$113,098 for the prior year comparable period, a decrease of \$5,199 or -4.6%.

--Total Income including Offertory, Fund Raisers, Gifts, Bequests and Miscellaneous Income for the period was \$138,640 compared to \$150,262 for the prior year comparable period, a decrease of \$11,622 or -7.70%.

--St. Jude's had a New Loss of (\$19,666) for the 9 months ending 03/31/16 compared to a Net Gain of \$4,917 for the prior year comparable period.

--Total Cash as of 03/31/2016 was \$91,703 compared to \$114,595 on 03/31/2015, a decrease of (-\$22,892) or -20%.

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, May 6 following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

First Communion: We have 7 students who will be receiving their First Communion next Sunday, May 8 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Confirmation: We have 9 students who will be confirmed on Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Birtheright Fundraiser: Birtheright's Annual Carnation fundraiser will take place next weekend, Mother's Day weekend, after each Mass. Our parish will give out carnations to all mothers. A donation has been made to Birtheright in support of its life-affirming work and there will be a basket to accept more donations. Birtheright is an emergency pregnancy service for women in crisis pregnancies and provides unconditional support to the woman to help her carry her baby to term. Birtheright's guiding principle is: "It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth, and the right of every child to be born." Birtheright of Burlington wishes to give recognition and honor to all mothers, and appreciates your support! For more information on Birtheright, or if you are interested in volunteering, please visit their website at www.birtheright.org or call at 865-0056.

Salvation Army Dinner: Thank you to everyone who furnish food and milk for the Salvation Army Dinner on Wednesday evening. We fed 140 clients. A special thank you to Claire Auger, Peggy Cioffi, Randy Kaiser, Chris Meyer, and Donna and Hannah Shepardson all who helped with the serving and clean up. Our next dinner will be June 30. More details in the coming weeks.

Toiletry Kit 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. We are in need especially of toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorants and soap. Thank you.

Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, May 18 at St. Jude Parish from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Walk-in or for an appointment please call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org.

John Michael Talbot: Join in for two Special Evenings of Healing and Hope through Spoken Word and Sacred Song with John Michael Talbot on May 9 and 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Chapel of St. Michael the Archangel (St. Michael's College). This ministry event is cosponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington and Saint Michael's College. No tickets required. A Love Offering will be received each evening to support the ministries of John Michael Talbot and the Brothers and Sisters of Charity.



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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 May 10 and 24 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

Faith In Action: Have you been wanting to be more involved in your church and community but just can't seem to figure out how to fit it into a busy schedule? Well the answer is easy—join Faith In Action! On Sunday, May 15 at 12 noon there will be a potluck lunch at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Join them to hear how you can be part of this vibrant group. You can participate with whatever amount of time you feel you can give—no set commitment. They are looking for previous members to rejoin and new members too. Come enjoy meeting new faces and exploring new opportunities to support your church and put your faith into action! Contact Eileen Curtis at 425-4432 with any questions. We look forward to meeting you!

Young Life Thanks YOU: Young Life would like to thank you all for your time last weekend in listening to their message about Young Life (YL) in Chittenden County and specifically at CVU. They received an amazing outpouring of support and interest: after the Masses, in phone calls and emails this past week. They have just begun (!) and as this is an ongoing effort, if you would like to receive the quarterly newsletter via email, please let Tricia Sulva know. Again, they are looking for donated items for the tag sale at **St. Jude's on Saturday, May 14**. They are also looking for business sponsorships for the golf tournament in July and also players for golf. Contact Tricia at majac@gmavt.net. To donate to YL of CC, please use this link: <https://vt22.younglife.org/Pages/giving.aspx> or you may mail a check made out to: Young Life and send to Chittenden County Young Life, PO Box 4281, Burlington, VT 05406. They are so grateful for your enthusiasm and your prayers in helping them on this mission of bringing the opportunity of knowing Jesus to our youth.

Northern Bronze May Concert: Northern Bronze Handbell Ensemble is pleased to present its spring concert series, "**Ringin' in the Rain and Wadin' in the Water**". Come and hear music inspired by water in nature that presents an exciting opportunity for handbells to ring familiar, yet challenging arrangements of tunes. Northern Bronze is a community based handbell ensemble comprised of experienced ringers from the northwest corner of VT, dedicated to sharing the art of ringing English Handbells. Their concert will be on **Sunday, May 15 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Jude's in Hinesburg**. Tickets are available at the door. General admission: \$12; children under 12 yrs \$8. All are welcome.