

October 2, 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 -27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" What a humble attitude this would be! Jesus challenges us today not to boast, not to seek special praise, not to consider ourselves worthy of some great reward when we follow him. Rather, he honestly reminds us that it is simply our duty to do all we "have been commanded."

God made us. Our lives are a result of his loving initiative. Giving ourselves back to him through "the obedience of faith" (as the Second Vatican Council called it), is truly the only appropriate response. Of course we are free NOT to practice this obedience. We are free to reject God, to ignore his commandments, even to make ourselves his enemies. But nonetheless it remains true that what we ought to do is to love God and follow his ways. And Jesus suggests today that this simple obedience should be a given in our lives. Following the commandments is merely what we are obligated to do.

But, let's not forget that we are also free to do more. Because of the nature of love, we can never really exhaust it. We can always love more, serve more devotedly, give more generously. Perhaps Jesus is calling us to focus less on meeting the bare-bones requirements of Christianity, and instead to shift our efforts farther in the direction of going above and beyond the call of duty. Instead of asking what is the least I HAVE to do, we would do well to ask, what ELSE can I do? What else can I do to show my gratitude to God for all he has given me? What else can I do to serve his people and nurture the world he has made? Let us aim to become truly profitable servants.

Liturgical Publications

Offertory Last Week: \$3,980.70 Maintenance: \$155.00
LA Flood Victims: \$256.00 Catholic University: \$269.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$50.00

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance
Second Collection Next Week for Fuel

Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: \$29,300.50
Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$31,666.17

Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$2,226.73
Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$2,362.35

Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$3,654.00
Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: \$3,694.00

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 103 9:30 a.m.: 110

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat, Oct. 1 4:30 p.m. For Arthur and Victoria Matte requested by the Family.
Sun. Oct. 2 9:30 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the Gruppi Family requested by the Family.
Mon. Oct. 3 8:00 a.m. For Emma Dennis requested by her daughter, Peggy Cloffi.
Fri. Oct. 7 8:00 a.m. For Cila Quiroz requested by Irena and James Case.
Sat. Oct. 8 4:30 p.m. For David Stokes requested by his family.
Sun. Oct. 9 9:30 a.m. For Robert Bagdis requested by the CCD Students and Teachers.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, October 3, 2016

Stan Haselton
Dick Stowe
Ann Thomas

Schedule of Ministries: October 8 and 9, 2016

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	The Stewart Family
	Altar Server:	Peter Stewart
		Hannah Shepardson
	Lector:	Sue Hoepfner
	Extraordinary Min.:	Steve Cooley
		Kelly Rohan-Cooley
		Donna Shepardson
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	Paulette Noyes
		Jim Ross
	Altar Server:	Hunter Driver
		Mia Marino
	Lector:	Rodney Strong
	Extraordinary Min.:	Doug Taff

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-10/02 1st Year Confirmation Class at 10:30 a.m.
-10/03 Blessing of the Animals at 6:30 p.m.
-10/04 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.
-10/07 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m.
-10/11 Senior Meal at Noon
-10/11 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-10/13 Salvation Army Dinner
-10/13 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Question of the Week What do I have to do this week to accomplish "all [I] have been commanded," so next week I can say, "[I] have done what [I was] obliged to do?"

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.

Blessing of the Animals: There will be a Blessing of the Animals on Monday, October 3 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 10.

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 7, following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Men's Discussion Group: The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome.

Jubilee Of Mercy For The Sick: The Jubilee of Mercy for the Sick will be held on **Sunday, October 16 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral**, 20 Allen St., Burlington. This healing service is for those with physical, emotional and spiritual concerns. Light refreshments will be served after. All are welcome.

Salvation Army: The next Salvation Army Dinner will be Thursday, October 13. 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 October 13. 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.

Bishop Coyne Visit: Bishop Christopher Coyne will be visiting St. Jude Parish and celebrating Mass on **Saturday, October 29 at the 4:30 p.m. Mass.** This is our Family Mass and will be followed by a Pasta Dinner at 5:30 p.m. We invite everyone to attend this Mass and Dinner.

Cleaning for the Bishop's Visit: With the Bishop's visit at the end of October we would like to do a very thorough cleaning in the church beforehand. There is a sign up sheet in the lobby for anyone interested in helping out on **Saturday, October 22 at 9:00 a.m.** or you can email Marie at marietcookson@aol.com. We welcome adults and children to help out.

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 October 11 and 25 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

Free Domestic Violence Workshop: In Observance of October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Diocese of Burlington is presenting a free workshop aiding in developing tools to reach out and help victims of domestic violence. This workshop is open to everyone. It will be held on Thursday, October 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Holy Family Parish Center, Essex Junction. Lunch is included. Please call 658-6110 ext 1453 or vermontcatholic.org to register.

Gregorian Chant: A concert of sacred music, performed by the Vermont Gregorian Chant Schola, will take place at St. Jude's on Sunday, October 16 at 3:00 p.m. In Residence at St. Michael's College, the eighteen voice men's group, has sung over one hundred concerts and liturgies. Under the direction of Dr. William Tortolano, Professor Emeritus at St. Michael's, the program includes Gregorian settings of the Mass of the Angels, five chants reflecting the liturgical year, and choral music from the American folk music style. The concert is free and open to the public. An optional free will offering is suggested.



*The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."
The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,
you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted
in the sea,' and it would obey you." — Lk 17:5-6*

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REJOICE IN HOPE: Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted their Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. It is important that all parishioners complete a Commitment Card as we will be mailing out a Summary Report of the program and need all commitments accounted for in this report. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. We also encourage all parishioners to consider our electronic giving method and to setup your reoccurring offertory gifts electronically.

SCHIP: Thinking about Halloween? Last year's costume too small? Donate that costume and any other children's costumes to SCHIP.

****Fall cleaning time.** Tired of the art work on your walls? Donate your artwork to SCHIP and while you're there, check out the treasures in the shop.



Thank you for all your support of the 2016 Bishop's Fund Annual Appeal. Our Parish is now at \$22,863 (98.42% of total dollars **pledged** toward our goal of \$23,230. **(We are less than \$375 away from our goal!!)** Thank you. If you haven't get given, won't you please do so today? You will soon be receiving Bishop Coyne's final request for participation in the 2016 Bishop's Fund Annual Appeal. The Diocese is 85% toward the goal of \$2.8 M in pledges. The Appeal is the main source of support for ministries too large for individual parishes to maintain. The Appeal supports Catholic Charities, Schools, Finance, Human Resources, Safe and Sacred, Marriage and Family, Technology, Vocations, Tribunal, and Worship. In addition, community outreach and Evangelization efforts are happening throughout the state of VT, all funded by The Bishop's Fund. Please join our parish support of the Appeal for 2016 so we can ensure a strong Catholic community for years to come. For updates on works within our diocese, and from Bishop Coyne, please visit vermontcatholic.org or bishopsfund.org. Thank you to all who have participated in 2016.