

January 1, 2017

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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 – Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Supernatural communication was nothing new for Mary. The angel Gabriel had already appeared and spoken to her when she agreed to bear God's Son. Her husband Joseph also had a kind of divine intervention in the dream where the angel told him to go ahead and marry her. When she was first pregnant, her cousin Elizabeth had been led by the Holy Spirit to know the secret that Mary was "the mother of my Lord" (Lk 1:43). Now, Jesus has just been born and a crew of earthy shepherds appears at her door with a message from heaven: that the Savior has been born. And Mary believed them. She did not doubt their sincerity or the authenticity of their message. She took the words to heart, and meditated upon the meaning of it all.

What might strike us as peculiar in all of this is that God chose to speak to Mary in a variety of ways. This holy and immaculate woman, this Mother of God, did not always receive direct communication from on high. Sometimes, God chose to speak to her through other people. Sometimes, he revealed himself to them in order to reveal himself to her. And God does the same with us.

It's easy to daydream about having our own personal revelation from God, to hear his voice loud and clear, directing, encouraging, and supporting us in our times of need and confusion. But this isn't the standard pattern of God's operation. Mary was tuned in enough to hear God's voice all around her instead of expecting it to always sound the same. We can imitate this same kind of openness by seeking to discover how God may be speaking to us through the voices of others.

Liturgical Publications

Offertory Last Week: \$1,153.00 Flowers: \$25.00
Religious Retirement: \$135.00
Immaculate Conception: \$20.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$50.00
Christmas: \$3,899.00
(20%-Pastor, 20%-Diocese, 60%-Parish)

Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: \$60,182.65
Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$54,613.92

Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$4,578.03
Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$5,287.85

Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$7,168.00
Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: \$9,064.00

Attendance Last Week: (Christmas)
7:00 p.m.: 254 10:00 a.m.: 122

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Dec. 31 4:00 p.m. For Emmanuel and Celinda Nadeau requested by the Family.
Sun. Jan. 1 9:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.
Mon. Jan. 2 8:00 a.m. For Jaroslav Case requested by his parents, Irena and Jim Case.
Fri. Jan. 6 8:00 a.m. For Rev. Walter Miller requested by Theresa and Steve Aube.
Sat. Jan. 7 4:30 p.m. For Raymond Cote requested by the South Burlington Knights of Columbus.
Sun. Jan. 8 9:30 a.m. For Betsy Taff requested by Mark and Jodi Hanna.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, January 2, 2017

Anne Donegan
Stan Haselton
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: January 7 and 8, 2017

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	The Dufault Family
	Altar Server:	Annie Dufault
	Lector:	Mike New
	Extraordinary Min.:	Mike New
		Erin Dufault
		Peter Dufault
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	Kathy & Ted Barrett
	Altar Server:	Max Destito
		Emma Destito
	Lector:	Mickey Wetzel
	Extraordinary Min.:	Ted Barrett
		Chris Destito
		Doug Taff

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-1/03 Movie Night at 7:00 p.m.
-1/03 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.
-1/06 Eucharistic Adoration following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.
-1/08 First Year Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.
-1/10 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-1/12 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-1/15 Family Mass and Pancake Breakfast at 9:30 a.m.

Question of the Week To whom do I need to bring a special greeting of Christ's peace, with the assurance of supportive friendship, this New Year's Day?

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.

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

Thank You: Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Christmas Season and the Christmas Masses such a success. It really does take a whole village to make all this work.

Men's Discussion Groups: The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday, January 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All are welcome.

Catholicism Series: Please join us at St. Jude's in Hinesburg for another evening of "Catholicism-The Journey of a Lifetime". This week's episode will be **"A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church"**. Bishop Barron explores the Catholic Faith's unique understanding of the relationship of Jesus Christ and the Church. Witness how the Mystical Body of Christ is a living organism that stretches from Rome to New York, Sao Paulo, Manila, and Namugongo, embracing humanity in all of its joys and sorrows. It is not necessary to have viewed the previous episodes to be inspired by this week's DVD. We look forward to many more spiritually enriching evenings. Please join us this Tuesday, January 3 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Family Mass and Pancake Breakfast: The next Family Mass and Pancake Breakfast will be Sunday, January 15. The cost of the breakfast is \$8/adults; \$5/child; \$23/family (2 adults and 2 or more children). If you would like to help with cooking the breakfast, please contact Lisa Boutin at 363-0630.

Parish Contributions for 2016: If you use offertory envelopes or are enrolled in online giving, a record of your 2016 donations to St. Jude's will be mailed to you later this month.

Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Jude's on Tuesday, January 19 from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m. There is an urgent need for blood. Please bring a friend and be sure to have your Blood Donor Card, Photo ID or two forms of ID.

Rose (NOT PINK) Mass Vestments: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish has received a Christmas gift of a set of rose-colored Mass vestments, including a stole and chasuble. They arrived with no indication of who donated them. Unless the donor wants to remain anonymous, would he/she/they please let Father Cray know who sent them. Our Lady of Mount Carmel will be right up to speed for Laudate Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Lent. They may also be used on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. A twice-a-year luxury!

Adult Confirmation Program: A new Adult Confirmation Program is being implemented in the Diocese. This is a 7 session process designed for those adults who received their First Communion/Reconciliation but were never confirmed. This program will run during Lent and Easter Seasons, leading to the reception of Confirmation on Pentecost from Bishop Coyne. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Fr. David Cray at 425-2253 or email at dgcray@gmail.com.



When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. — Lk 2:21

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2017 Collection Envelopes: The 2017 Collection Envelopes have not yet arrived. The envelope company has been called and it is our hope that the envelopes arrive before the end of the year. This is a new printing company (they bought out the company we have dealt with in the past) and they have been overwhelmed by the number of orders. In the event that the new envelopes don't arrive before the beginning of 2017, we ask that you place your donation in a plain envelope with your name on it. Also, if you would like to receive collection envelopes and haven't used them in the past, please contact Marie at 482-2290 or email at marietcookson@aol.com and a box of collection envelopes will be assigned to you. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Annual Rally for Life: The annual Rally for Life will kick off in Montpelier on Saturday, January 21 at 10:45 a.m. as participants need to line up behind City Hall. Signs and banners will be provided. The march down State Street to the steps of the Capitol will begin at 11:00 a.m. and those who wish to attend but cannot participate in the outdoor portion of the event can find their way to House Chambers and wait for the group to join them. This year, the Rally for Life will feature women's voices, featuring Jewels Green of Philadelphia, Sarah Zagurski of Colorado and Amy Cochran of Vermont.

March for Life: "March for Life" Pilgrimage registration is now "live" and accessible online at the Diocesan website. The Diocese will sponsor two Pilgrimage Buses (one for youth, one for adults). Please note that the Youth Pilgrimage is restricted to high school students (Grades 9-12) and their Safe and Sacred-certified chaperones. This trip will include visits to several shrines in the DC area and an overnight stay. \$150, includes transportation and lodging. **The deadline to register for the youth group bus is January 7.** A second bus for individual adults or those travelling with their families will offer a shortened visit with overnight bus travel in each direction. Cost is \$75. Registration links are at www.vermonthcatholic.org.

Steubenville East: Save The Date for Steubenville East Conference on July 14 through 16, 2017 at the Tsonga's Center at UMass Lowell. Open to all high school students. This conference was attended by 3000+ teens last year. If your high school student is interested, or you are interested in attending as a chaperone, please contact Marie at 482-2290 or email at marietcookson@aol.com and info will be sent to you.