

January 8, 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 – The Epiphany of the Lord

"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." In our day and age, the star of Christmas has become a kind of decorative symbol that adorns manger scenes and Christmas trees. It suggests something good and bright and holy, a visual indicator that the "Light of the world" has appeared. But today, on the feast of the Epiphany, we recall that originally, this star was not just a pretty symbolic ornament. This star was a sign from God that intervened in the operations of the physical universe. The Magi understood that this star was sent from God to indicate where his Son would be born.

Of course it should not surprise us in this season of all seasons that God should choose to order the universe according to his purposes. Jesus has just been born of a virgin! God has just taken on human flesh. These events in themselves are extraordinary divine interventions--miracles that defy the standard operation of things. Why shouldn't God choose to send a luminous star where he wants it, when he wants it? Why shouldn't he reveal his plan through the things that he created in the first place?

The beauty of today's feast is found, in part, in the fact that the Magi were able to recognize this sign from God. They waited for it, they saw it, and they rejoiced in it: "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." We too should be overjoyed in this season of God's special revelation to us. We may need the eyes to recognize it, but truly we have waited for a Savior, we have seen his appearance at Christmas, and now it is time to celebrate! God is at work in our physical world. He has come here, now to save us. This is cause for rejoicing!

Liturgical Publications

Offertory Last Week: \$2,287.00 Maintenance: \$5.00

Immaculate Conception: \$2.00

Online Giving Last Week: -0-

Christmas: \$225.00

(20%-Pastor, 20%-Diocese, 60%-Parish)

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance

Second Collection Next Week for Fuel

Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: \$62,455.65

Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$66,747.92

Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$5,497.03

Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$5,292.85

Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$7,541.00

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

Attendance Last Week:

4:00 p.m.: 72

9:30 a.m.: --

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

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.

Fri. Jan. 13 8:00 a.m. For Joseph Cioffi Sr. requested by Peggy Cioffi.

Sat. Jan. 14 4:30 p.m. For Fenwick and Paulita Estey requested by Peg and Dennis Casey.

Sun. Jan. 15 9:30 a.m. For Richard and Janet Dubois requested by the Family.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, January 9, 2017

Judi Maculan

Grace Link

Ann Thomas

Schedule of Ministries: January 14 and 15, 2017

4:30 p.m.

Greeters:

Altar Server:

Lector:

Extraordinary Min.:

Joanne & Lee Cross

Kaitlin Murphy

Deirdre Bissonette

Joanne Cross

Deirdre Bissonette

Dawn Griswold

9:30 a.m.

Greeters:

Altar Server:

Lector:

Extraordinary Min.:

CCD Students

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Jim Ulager

Stephanie Buzzell

Tom Buzzell

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-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.

-1/19 Red Cross Blood Drive from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.

-1/22 2nd Year Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.

Question of the Week To what "strange lands" might God be inviting me to travel in this New Year to discover Christ? What gifts will I bring with me to offer there?

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.

New Parishioners: If you are new to the parish or have never registered, won't you please fill out a parish registration form found on the table in the lobby? We are trying to update our parish records and have incomplete info on some families.

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 **"Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven: The Mystery of The Liturgy and The Eucharist"**. Bishop Barron explores the ancient practices of the Church's worship that endure to this very day, and the notion that "all value is summed up in the liturgy, the supreme act by which we commune with God." Considered by the Catholic Faith to be "the source and summit" of its identity and mission, the Eucharist is the central practice of the Church's culture. Bishop Barron describes all the parts of the Mass, and shows how the Sacred Liturgy embodies the whole of the Faith in diverse places as Jerusalem, Rome, Chicago, Orvieto, Mexico City. 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 10 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.

Liturgy Committee Meeting: There will be a Liturgy Committee meeting this Tuesday evening, January 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

Parish Council Meeting: There will be a Parish Council Meeting this Thursday evening, January 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory. All are welcome.

Family Mass and Pancake Breakfast: The next Family Mass and Pancake Breakfast will be next 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.

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 Laetare 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.

World Marriage Day 2017: The celebration of World Marriage Day in the Diocese of Burlington will take place on Sunday, February 5 at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral in Burlington with recognition being given to those couples celebrating their Milestone Anniversaries in 2017 (5, 10, 15, 20, etc.). The form to sign up to attend this Mass or to request a special certificate is in the lobby of the church.



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — Mt 2:10-11

Illustration by L.P. for Mt 2:10-11

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 soon. 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. Since the new envelopes haven't yet arrived, 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.

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.

Why Ordinary Time: "Why Ordinary Time" presented by Josh Perry (Director of the Diocesan Worship Office) on Tuesday, January 10 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Holy Family Parish Center, 39 Lincoln Street, Essex Jct. This is an Introduction to the new season of the Liturgical Year, Ordinary Time. An Extraordinary time to encounter the Risen Christ in the Sacraments of the Church.

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.

Free Domestic Violence Workshop: 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 Wednesday, February 22 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.