

March 19, 2017

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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—3rd Sunday of Lent

"I am he, the one speaking with you." Jesus reveals his true identity to an anonymous woman, and a Samaritan at that. She speaks about the Messiah only to discover that she is speaking with the Messiah! How does this woman, this non-disciple and non-Jew, this perfect stranger earn the right to such a direct revelation? Why does Jesus choose her?

For the same reason he chooses us. Out of love. The "woman at the well" did not earn her place at the side of Christ. She did nothing to merit this life-changing encounter. In fact, the reading implies she was a sinful woman. Yet Jesus approached her first. He asked her for a drink, and then looked for an opportunity to offer her the "living water" that would quench her deepest thirst.

This is what Jesus has done for us. As Saint Paul says, "God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8). He offers us the gift of salvation, the "spring of water welling up to eternal life." We don't earn this gift; Jesus paid for it on the cross. In other words, we get to drink without having to dig the well. As Jesus tells his disciples, "others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work."

Of course, we must be willing to "drink" by accepting the gift Christ offers, orienting our lives around it. Like the woman who "left her water jar and went into the town" to testify, we are called to leave behind our old life of sin and selfishness once we accept our new life in Christ. Indeed, Lent is the season that prepares us for such a dramatic rebirth. We pray and fast and give alms, not to earn the joy of Easter, but to be ready to drink it in.

Liturgical Publications

Offertory Last Week: \$1,817.25
Online Giving Last Week: \$290.00

Second Collection Next Week for Catholic Relief Services

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 - JUNE 30

Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: \$85,834.43
Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$93,099.22

Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$7,093.03
Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$7,544.10

Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$10,022.00
Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: \$13,848.00

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 100 9:30 a.m.: 115

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. Mar. 18 4:30 p.m. For John Aube requested by his wife, Louella.

Sun. Mar. 19 9:30 a.m. For Sharon Therrien requested by the CCD Teachers, Aides and Students.

Sat. Mar. 25 4:30 p.m. For Pam Cutright requested by her mother, Mona Giroux, and Family.

Sun. Mar. 26 9:30 a.m. For Robert and Patricia Casey requested by the Family.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, March 20, 2017

Lee Cross
George Gardner
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: March 25 and 26, 2017

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| 4:30 p.m. | Greeters: | Joanne & Lee Cross |
| | Altar Server: | Snow Lindemuth Farmer Lindemuth |
| | Lector: | Mike Bullock |
| | Extraordinary Min.: | Judy Thibault Mike Bullock Joanne Cross |

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| 9:30 a.m. | Greeters: | 2 nd Yr. Conf. Students |
| | Altar Server: | Grace Buzzell Barbara Gile |
| | Lector: | 2 nd Yr. Conf. Students |
| | Extraordinary Min.: | Doug Taff Hollis St. Peter Heidi St. Peter |

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-3/19 Family Mass and Pancake Breakfast beginning at 9:30 a.m.
-3/19 HAS Concert at 4:00 p.m.
-3/23 Red Cross Blood Drive from 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Question of the Week How is Christ's call to be "transfigured" calling me to "go forth" this Lent from my present (comfortable) values and lifestyle, priorities, and preferences?

Stations of the Cross: Stations of the Cross will be held at St. Jude's every Friday at 7:00 p.m. during Lent beginning on March 3. All are welcome.

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.

Family Mass and Pancake Breakfast: The next Family Mass and Pancake Breakfast will be Sunday, March 19. **There is no charge for the breakfast but donations will be accepted.**

Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, March 23 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.

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 March 28 and April 11 and 25 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon.

Meatless Fridays During Lent: As part of the Church's Lenten observances, all Catholics aged 14 and older should abstain from eating meat on Fridays in Lent.

****PLEASE NOTE:** In consideration that St. Patrick is the secondary patron of the Diocese of Burlington, Bishop Coyne is granting a dispensation from the precept of abstaining from meat on Friday, March 17. If you take advantage of this dispensation, you should add some other sacrifice/penance to your Lenten observances.

-- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting. Those between 18 and 59 may have one full meal and two minor meals on these days.

--Throughout Lent all are encouraged to intensify their prayer life, to do penance and to contribute to charities.

Community Service Project: Our Religious Ed Classes will finish up on Monday, April 17. We are finishing up the year with a Community Service Project that all the classes will participate in. We are looking for donations of candy, chocolate jars, chewing gum, etc. We will be making up snack bags and distributing them to the local fire and police departments. If you would like to donate to this project, we will have a box in the lobby beginning next week that you can leave your donations in. Thank you.

Holy Week and Easter Sign Up: The sign up sheets for the ministries for Holy Week and Easter are in the sacristy. Won't you please help out if you can? Thank you.

Catholic Relief Services: Next week we will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and **help Jesus in disguise**. Thank you.

Light of the World Retreat: Join many St. Mark parishioners on March 24-27 in experiencing a powerful renewal of their faith through a living encounter with Jesus Christ! If you would like to sign up or would like more information, please visit their parish website at stmarksvt.com or contact the parish at stmarksvt@gmail.com.

The Chrism Mass: The Chrism Mass will be held Tuesday, April 11 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral in Burlington. At this special Mass celebrated by Bishop Coyne, the Oil of Chrism is consecrated, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the priests within the Diocese of Burlington recommit themselves to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. All are invited to join in celebrating this special Mass.

Presentation on Immigration: The Sisters of Mercy and Mercy Associates invite you to a presentation given by Sr. Kathleen Erickson, RSM, on Immigration and the Detention of Mothers and Children on **Sunday, March 19 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** at the Mount St. Mary's Chapel, 100 Mansfield Avenue in Burlington. Sr. Kathleen will lead a presentation/reflection on how our broken immigration system calls us to go deeper as we examine what it means to be human beings in a polarized world. No cost for the event. Parking is available in the Mater Christi School parking lot.



T*The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."*

— Jn 4:9a. 10

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Community Garden Plots Available in Hinesburg: *Growing Together Community Garden*, sponsored by the Community Alliance Church, is an organic, raised bed gardening site open to all. Located on a sunny, breezy rise next to the Community Alliance Church on Pond Road in Hinesburg, the cost for a plot (two 4' x 12' beds) is \$35 for the first year, \$20 in subsequent years, and includes a water source, compost and guidance from two Master Gardeners. This is a great opportunity to grow fresh, organic vegetables. If you have questions or to request a registration form, please contact Kristy, Community Garden member, at 482-3372, or email at larcredsox@qnavt.net.

Magnificat - 20th Anniversary Concert: South County Chorus and Hinesburg Artist Series Orchestra performing music of John Rutter, Rene Clausen and others this Sunday, March 19 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Jude Church. Tickets at Flyntix, Hinesburgh Public House, Blue Cottage, Hinesburg Recreation Department, from chorus members and at the door. Adults/\$20, Seniors and Students/\$15. All are welcome.

VT Christian Rock 'N Worship: VT Christian Music will be presenting the VT Christian Rock 'N Worship Night 2017 featuring Todd Agnew, Jason O'Brian and Jessie-Lynn on March 25 at 7:00 p.m. hosted by Community Bible Church at 2025 Williston Rd, So. Burlington. A wonderful opportunity to pray, sing and worship together! This event is family-friendly and children 7 and under can attend free. Tickets range from \$15 to \$25 each. Purchase your tickets online at www.VTChristianMusic.com.

Safe Environment-Protecting Our Children and Young People: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington is committed to achieving healing and reconciliation with victims and survivors of abuse, and to provide safe environments for all of our children and young people.

To report child abuse or sexual misconduct call:

--Kevin Scully, Director of Safe Environments or

--Rev. Msgr. John McDermott, Vicar General
at 1-866-485-2488