# March 26, 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—4th Sunday of Lent*

"So he went and washed, and came back able to see." The man born blind was healed by the power of Christ. But the man played his part as well. First, he let Jesus spread the clay on his eyes, which was probably just as strange as it sounds. This wasn't a typical practice for curing blindness! In fact, there was no such practice; as the blind man said, "It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind." Yet the man trusted Jesus enough to submit to this odd therapy. Then, still caked in mud, the man followed Christ's direction to wash in the Pool of Siloam. Only after this washing was the healing complete.

If the man had doubted Jesus, if he had been too skeptical to participate in this unusual ritual, he would not have been cured. But he believed. He took Jesus at his word and obeyed his command. Ironically, this man without physical vision "saw" what those around him did not. He recognized that Jesus was a prophet. The Pharisees, on the other hand, were "blinded" by Jesus' boldness in curing the man on a Sabbath day. They thought they were looking at a sinner.

Jesus tells us he came, "so that those who do not see might see." Where do we fall on this spectrum of spiritual vision? Are we like the man who followed Christ without question? Like him, do we respond to Jesus with obedience, even when it doesn't "appear" to make sense at the time? Or do we struggle to see Christ in the trials of life? During this season of Lent may we identify any areas where doubt has created a blind spot in our hearts. Let us pray that our eyes may be opened to recognize, even amidst struggles, the One who is "the light of the world."

Liturgical Publications

**Offertory Last Week: $2,944.00**
**Online Giving Last Week: $420.00**

**Second Collection This Week for Catholic Relief Services**
**Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance**

**FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 – JUNE 30**

**Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: $88,570.43**
**Offertory Y-T-D This Year: $96,043.22**

**Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: $7,195.03**
**Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: $7,544.10**

**Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: $10,397.00**
**Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: $14,268.00**

**Attendance Last Week:**
**4:30 p.m.: 73 9:30 a.m.: 117**

**ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:**

**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.
**Sat. April 1 4:30 p.m.** For Charles Thibault requested by his Family.
**Sun. April 2 9:30 a.m.** For Richard Dubois II requested by Pam Kerr and Family.

## Pray for Vocations

**Schedule of Counters: Monday, March 27, 2017**
Brenda Waters
Anne Donegan
Marie Cookson

**Schedule of Ministries: April 1 and 2, 2017**

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| 4:30 p.m. | Greeters: | The Dufault Family |
| | Altar Server: | Annie Dufault |
| | Lector: | Deirdre Bissonette |
| | Extraordinary Min.: | Deirdre Bissonette |
| | | Erin Dufault |
| | | Peter Dufault |
| 9:30 a.m. | Greeters: | 1st Yr. Conf. Students |
| | Altar Server: | 1st Yr. Conf. Students |
| | Lector: | 1st Yr. Conf. Students |
| | Extraordinary Min.: | Emily Donegan |
| | | Stephanie Buzzell |
| | | Tom Buzzell |

**Calendar of St. Jude Events:**
-3/26 2nd Yr. Confirmation Mass and Class at 9:30 a.m.
-3/28 Senior Meal at Noon
-3/28 Taize Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m.
-3/31 Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.
-4/02 1st Yr. Confirmation Mass and Class at 9:30 a.m.
-4/04 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.

**Question of the Week** How can I kindle Jesus' light in my daily life? Who now "outside" should I go out searching for to bring "home" as this Lent unfolds?

**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.

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

**Holy Week and Easter Schedule:**

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| Holy Thursday | 7:00 p.m. | St. Jude |
| Good Friday | 3:00 p.m. | OLMC |
| Good Friday (Ecumenical) | 3:00 p.m. | St. Jude |
| Good Friday | 7:00 p.m. | St. Jude |
| Easter Vigil | 8:00 p.m. | St. Jude |
| Easter Sunday | 8:00 a.m. | OLMC |
| Easter Sunday | 9:30 a.m. | St. Jude |
| Easter Sunday | 11:00 a.m. | OLMC |

**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.

**Taize Prayer:** The Taize Community will hold an evening of music at St. Jude's on **Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m.** This Taize Community features St. Jude's own John Penoyar. All are welcome.

**Lenten Reconciliation Services:** The Chittenden Deanery will have a Lenten Reconciliation Service at the followoing parishes:
-**Sunday, March 26 at 3:00 p.m.** at St. John Vianney Parish in South Burlington
-**Sunday, April 9 at 3:00 p.m.** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Williston. All are welcome.

**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 have a box in the lobby beginning this week that you can leave your donations in. Thank you.

**Men's Discussion Group:** The Men's Discussion Group will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m.** in the parish hall. All men welcome.

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

**Catholic Relief Services:** This week we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to **Jesus in disguise.** This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection. Thank you.

**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.

**Week Mini-Retreat:** Take time to prepare for and reflect on the most important time of the liturgical year: the Sacred Triduum. Join Josh Perry, Director of the Diocesan Office of Worship, for a Holy Week mini-retreat unpacking the symbols of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. This Holy Week mini-retreat will take place on **Monday, April 10, from 7:00—8:30 p.m.** at Holy Family Parish Hall in Essex Junction.

*When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.* — Jn 9:35-38

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**Taize Prayer:** Evening Prayer in the manner of Taize will be held on **Monday, April 10, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 2 Cherry Street, Burlington, VT.** The service includes Scripture readings, times of silence, spoken prayer, and music from the Taize Community. The Rt. Rev. Thomas Ely, Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Vermont and The Most Rev. Christopher Coyne, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington, will co-officiate. FREE parking at St. Paul's that evening. Join us to commemorate 10 years of Taize Prayer at St. Paul's.

**SCHIP:** This spring as you sort through your clothes please remember SCHIP's Treasure Resale Shop…our parish is one of their sustaining members. The shop has donated more than $615,000 to other non-profits over the last 12+ years because of your help. Help them again by donating, volunteering and/or shopping. They accept any season clothing at any time during the year provided it is gently used. They also accept home décor, jewelry (in need of at this time) and other small items. Call the shop at 985-3595 to volunteer for as few as two hours a week.

**Burlington Catholic Young Adults:** The Burlington Catholic Young Adults are hosting a pasta dinner fundraiser on **Saturday, April 29th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** in the St. Mark parish hall in Burlington to raise money for their group. These funds will be used to help with expenses like summer BBQs, dinners and costs for advertising. Tickets are $5 per person, or $20 per family. They will be serving pasta with tomato sauce, salad, garlic bread, and brownies. Please RSVP to burlingtonareayoungadults@gmail.com to reserve a seat and help them get a head count.

**Super Bingo For A Good Cause:** Save the date, **April 2,** for the Knights of Columbus Super Bingo in South Burlington. Have fun with family and friends and support Camp Ta Kum Ta in helping kids with cancer have a week at summer camp. Call 802-343-9767 or 658-0763 for full information or to reserve a seat.