

April 2, 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—5th Sunday of Lent

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." As we draw near to the great feast of Easter, the Church gives us here some food for thought regarding the idea of resurrection and eternal life. Today's Gospel shares the story of a dead man who came to life again by the power of Jesus. Lazarus, who had been lying lifeless in a tomb for four days, "came out" of the tomb, burial cloths draped around his body, in a moment that must have been absolutely astonishing! This miracle could not have been explained by anything other than divine power over life and death.

It's important to consider that this story is not so much about Jesus' own resurrection but rather it is about OURS. Jesus uses the occasion of this restoration of his friend, Lazarus, to teach that we ALL can be raised to new life through the power of the Lord. Jesus tells us that we too can overcome death by believing in him: "everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

Easter, of course, will confirm for us that death has no power over the God of life. But today, during these closing days of Lent, we are reminded that we can share in this source of life by believing in Jesus. So now is a perfect time to double-check our faith in him. Is it authentic? Do we really accept the supernatural reality of who Jesus is? Do we believe that he can conquer even the most frightening moment of human existence: death itself?

If we find ourselves falling short of faith in these things, let us turn to the Lord and ask that he will increase our faith so that, with Martha, we can truly say, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God."

Liturgical Publications

Offertory Last Week: \$2,268.50
Catholic Relief Services: \$621.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$50.00

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 - JUNE 30

Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: \$88,570.43
Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$98,311.72

Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$7,215.03
Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$7,544.10

Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$10,497.00
Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: \$14,318.00

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 80 9:30 a.m.: 125

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

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.
Fri. April 7 8:00 a.m. For Rueben Pillisbury requested by Michael and Carolyn Hill.
Sat. April 8 4:30 p.m. For Joe Cioffi requested by his wife, Peggy.
Sun. April 9 9:30 a.m. For Charles Thibault requested by his Family.

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, April 3, 2017

Ann Thomas
Stan Haselton
Grace Link

Schedule of Ministries: April 8 and 9, 2017

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Chloe and Donna Shepardson
	Altar Server:	Hannah Shepardson
	Lector:	Noe Lindemuth
	Extraordinary Min.:	Heidi St. Peter Mike New
		Donna Shepardson Sue Haselton Stan Haselton
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	Charlene Van Sleet Paulette Noyes
	Altar Server:	Ethan Cook
	Lector:	Rodney Strong Tom Buzzell
	Extraordinary Min.:	Chris Destito Ted Barrett Sue McGuire

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-4/02 1st Yr. Confirmation Mass at 9:30 a.m.
-4/04 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.
-4/07 Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.
-4/08 Confirmation Retreat at 11:00 a.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.

****On Monday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m.** the CCD Students will be participating in the Stations of the Cross. We invite all parents, grandparents, siblings and everyone else to join us for the Stations.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule:

Holy Thursday	7:00 p.m.	St. Jude
Good Friday	3:00 p.m.	OLMC
Good Friday (Ecumenical)	3:00 p.m.	Hinesburg United
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.

Lenten Reconciliation Services: The Chittenden Deanery will have a Lenten Reconciliation Service at the following parishes:
-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 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.

New Evangelization Series: The New Evangelization Series with Simeon Lewis will be held this **Monday, March 27** at OLMC beginning at 6:30 p.m. You can attend this evening even if you didn't attend the first one. Soup at 6:30 p.m., talk at 7:00 p.m. 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.

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.



Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." — Jn 11:25-27

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Parish Websites: We recently found out that the email portion of our OLMC and St. Jude Websites do not work. We know that the OLMC website email has not worked for over a year. If you have used the website to contact us and we haven't responded, please know it is not because we are ignoring you. We have informed the web designer and he is working on this. If you need to email Fr. Cray or Marie, please use their email addresses listed on the front of the bulletin or use the parish email addresses: carmel@gmavt.net or stjude@gmavt.net. Thank you and we apologize for any inconveniences.

Salvation Army: The next Salvation Army Dinner will be Wednesday, April 19. We will be serving Shepherd's Pie, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Fruit Breads, Desserts 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 April 19. 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.

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.

Men's Lenten Workshop: All men are invited to participate in a special Lenten Spiritual Development Workshop entitled, **"The Day the Revolution Began: What did the Passion of the Christ do for the world?"** with Fr. Peter O'Leary. The workshop will be conducted in the Immaculate Heart of Mary parish hall in Williston on **Saturday, April 8 from 7:45 to 10:15 a.m.** This is a **FREE** program and will include a complimentary continental breakfast sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. For more information, contact Bill Rensch at 872-8063 or goodrench.vt@gmail.com.