

April 23, 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—2nd Sunday of Easter

"Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" Three times in today's Gospel, Jesus speaks these words to his disciples. He knew they were in need of peace! Following the Crucifixion, they had huddled in fear, hiding behind locked doors, "for fear of the Jews." But the risen Christ burst into this prison of anxiety to set the disciples free.

We may wonder why, after his first greeting of peace, Jesus immediately showed the disciples the wounds of his crucifixion, still present in his now glorified body. Why would he speak of peace and then show them the scars from the violence of the cross? Perhaps it is because those wounds earned our forgiveness. And this forgiveness is our peace.

Although we may not suffer from the fear of martyrdom as these first disciples did, we all need the peace that comes from being forgiven, and from forgiving. Our sins enslave us by preventing us from experiencing the fullness of life. But Jesus' mercy is greater than our sins. He wants to forgive us. And, as he taught us, we are supposed to "forgive those who trespass against us" as well. Perhaps we harbor grudges towards neighbors or family members who have hurt us. We are called to extend forgiveness to them, just as Christ extends forgiveness to us. In this way, we can cooperate with Christ by spreading peace to others. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you," he told the disciples gathered in the room. We too are sent to be messengers of Christ's peace and mercy.

Especially today, on this Sunday of Divine Mercy, may we accept from Jesus his promise of forgiveness. Then, we will truly be able to "go in peace."

Liturgical Publications

Easter: \$3,790.00
Holy Land: \$408.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$570.00

Second Collection This Week for Catholic Home Missions

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 - JUNE 30

Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: \$95,656.81
Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$104,896.07

Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$8,156.53
Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$8,726.10

Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$11,715.00
Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: \$16,361.00

Attendance Last Week:

Holy Thursday: 98 Good Friday: 67
Easter Vigil: 90 Easter Sunday: 289

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. April 22 4:30 p.m. For Sharon Therrien requested by Theresa and Steve Aube.

Sun. April 23 9:30 a.m. For Anna Greene requested by Kate Baldwin.

Mon. April 24 8:00 a.m. For Reubin Pillsbury requested by Michael and Carolyn Hill.

Sat. April 29 4:30 p.m. For Pam Cutright requested by The Laughing Group.

Sun. April 30 9:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes

Pray for Vocations

Schedule of Counters: Monday, April 24, 2017

Brenda Waters
George Gardner
Bill Doris

Schedule of Ministries: April 29 and 30, 2017

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Joanne & Lee Cross
	Altar Server:	Kaitlin Murphy
		Becca Syverson
	Lector:	Mike New
	Extraordinary Min.:	Peggy Cioffi
		Mike New
		Joanne Cross

9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	The Thomas Family
Family	Altar Server:	Grace Buzzell
	Lector:	Wendy Koenig
	Extraordinary Min.:	Stephanie Buzzell
		Tom Buzzell
		Emily Donegan

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-4/25 Senior Meal at Noon
-5/02 Men's Group at 7:00 p.m.
-5/02 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-5/04 Confirmation at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral at 7:00 p.m.
-5/05 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m.

Question of the Week To whom or to what situation this week can I bring Jesus' healing gift of shalom by offering my own forgiveness and reconciliation?

Daily Mass: There will be **NO** daily Mass on **Thursday, May 4** due to Confirmation at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral that evening.

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 25 and May 9 and 23 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon.

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.

Saint Jude's Nine Month Financial Summary - 07/01/2016 thru 03/31/2017

- Offertory Income for this period was \$125,806 compared to \$107,899 for the prior year comparable period, an increase of \$17,907 or 16.6%.
- Total Income including Offertory, Fund Raisers, Gifts, Bequests and Miscellaneous Income for the period was \$156,866 compared to \$138,640 for the prior year comparable period, an increase of \$18,226 or 13.2%.
- St. Jude's had a Net Gain of \$7,538 for the 9 months ending 03/31/17 compared to a Net Loss of -\$9,574 for the prior year comparable period.
- Total Cash and Prepaid Expenses as of 03/31/2017 was \$112,439 compared to \$95,386 on 03/31/2016, an increase of \$17,053 or 17.9%.

Thank You: Sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make Palm Sunday and the Triduum Services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday such sacred and meaningful times of worship for our parish family and friends. So many gave of their time and talents including our Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Greeters, Musicians and Singers, Confirmation students, Ushers, Decorators, Liturgy Committees and most especially Father Cray.

Salvation Army: Thank you to everyone who donated food for the Salvation Army Dinner. We served 128 meals. A special thank you to Theresa Aube and Jasmine, Peggy Cioffi, Marie Cookson and Donna, Chloe and Hannah Shepardson for helping with the serving. Our next Salvation Army Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, June 22.

New Evangelization Summit! God is calling you and me. On May 12-13, Vermont will be hosting our VERY First Live-Streamed New Evangelization Summit out of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada joining thousands of others throughout North America. We will be gathering at Holy Cross Church in Colchester from 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. (May 12) and 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (May 13) to hear speakers like Bishop Robert Barron and Sr. Miriam James Heidland. The cost of \$35 per person will cover materials, snacks and lunch on Saturday. For more information and to register visit <https://www.newevangelization.ca/> Please contact Deacon Phil Lawson at (802) 658-6110 Ext 1453 or plawson@vermontcatholic.org with questions.

Bishop's Fund: To the faithful of our diocese: The 2016 Bishop's Fund was a great success, and we hope you are able to continue your generous support as we look toward the kickoff of the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. This year's theme will be **"Serving God in All Things"**. In Psalm 24:1, David says, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein." Let us not forget our responsibility to care for all God's creations, especially those most vulnerable in our communities. Additionally, there are many new outreach efforts being made by the diocese, and we encourage you to check bishopsappealvt.org for continuous updates of how diocesan departments offer support directly to your parish. **If you've ever wondered about who is in the Chancery, serving your parish community, well, we're going to share a lot with you this year!** The in-pew weekend will be May 6-7. Our parish goal this year is \$22,928.

Catholic Home Missions: Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Thank you.



"Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." — Jn 20:27b-29

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Thank You: Thank you to everyone who contributed candy and gum to our CCD Community Service Project. The students made up over 250 bags of goodies for our local police and fire departments.

Young Life Update: Young Life is growing by leaps and bounds! Thanks to your support, Young Life is a vibrant entity at CVU, serving our youth with joyful dedication to ensure each and every high school teen has an opportunity to form a relationship with Jesus. CVU has approved and is supporting a weekly Bible study group on campus. In addition, kids are now enjoying social and wholesome, engaging events like wiffleball golf. Support for this effort is ongoing and once again we will be fundraising to support Young Life at CVU and to help teens earn money for summer camp at Saranac Lake. You can continue to support us by:

~donating your Spring Cleaning items to the tag sale which will happen on May 13th at St. Jude's Church.

~offering kids opportunities to earn camp funds by hiring them to help with needed yard work and/or household chores.

~sponsoring and/or participating in the 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at Cedar Knoll on Saturday, June 24, 2017.

~PRAY: it is free and it is powerful. Please pray for the young leaders who work directly with teens, the committee members who are raising funds to support their efforts, and mostly for our youth to be able to fulfill God's purpose in their lives that can only happen by having a personal relationship with Jesus.

To donate items, sign up for the golf tournament and any questions, thoughts or insights, contact Tricia Sulva at majac@qmavt.net

Merchants of Doubt: On Sunday, April 30 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. the United Church of Hinesburg will offer a screening of *Merchants of Doubt* in the Osborne Parish Hall. *Merchants of Doubt* is a 2014 film that traces the use of public relations tactics developed by the tobacco industry to forestall appropriate governmental response to the risk of global climate change. The film will be facilitated by Betsy Hardy of Vermont Interfaith Power and Light. Dinner will be provided. A time for discussion will take place after the screening.

Mercy For Our Common Home: Holy Family-St. Lawrence parish will host a roundtable discussion on parish initiatives for creation sustainability. Topics will include renewable energy, energy efficiency, waste management, clean water, living simply, impacts on communities, and eco-spirituality. Evening prayer, focused on Pope Francis' inclusion of "care for our common home" as an act of mercy, will precede the discussion. For more on Mercy2Earth Weekend please check out <http://www.mercy2earth.org/>