

# September 3, 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—22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

"You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Peter had expressed horror at the prophetic words announcing that Jesus' suffering and death were imminent. Peter didn't want his friend and teacher to undergo this terrible ordeal. He wanted "no such thing" ever to happen to his Lord. But Jesus sharply rebuked Peter's response, comparing it to that of the tempter, Satan. Just as temptation becomes an obstacle to our doing what is right, so Peter was presenting an obstacle to Christ's mission. Suffering was part of it, like it or not. To deny this difficult element of Christ's work would be to deny the bigger plan of God. And so Jesus rightly told Peter that he wasn't thinking like God thinks.

Of course, since we are human, it's only natural that we should think as human beings do. We, like Peter, tend to recoil at the idea of facing unpleasant or painful circumstances. But clearly God sometimes allows such situations to take place for a greater good. Jesus understood this; even as he prophesied about his death, he also mentioned his resurrection.

Today's Gospel challenges us to think "as God does" by holding both of these elements together. Unlike Peter who only focused on the sad part of the story, we are called to recognize the Resurrection on the other side of the cross, and to be willing to do whatever is necessary to get there. In fact, Jesus tells us later in this Gospel to take up our cross and follow him. That is not the "human" way of thinking. It's the Godly way. Our natural response is to reject and scorn the trials and tribulations that we face, but Jesus wants us to embrace them patiently and "come after" him on the (sometimes rough) road to eternal life.

Liturgical Publications

**Offertory Last Week: \$1,887.32**  
**Online Giving Last Week: \$150.00**

### **FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 – JUNE 30**

**Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: \$20,907.85**  
**Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$21,216.32**

**Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$1,612.35**  
**Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$1,984.00**

**Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$2,506.00**  
**Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: \$4,006.00**

**Attendance Last Week:**  
**4:30 p.m.: 72    9:30 a.m.: 138**

### **ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sat. Sept. 2 4:30 p.m.** For Victor Giroux requested by his wife, Mona.  
**Sun. Sept. 3 9:30 a.m.** In Thanksgiving requested by Bernie Sage.  
**Sat. Sept. 9 4:30 p.m.** For Angie Palmer requested by Sue and Stan Haselton.  
**Sun. Sept. 10 9:30 a.m.** For Roger Strong Jr. requested by the Family.

### **Pray for Vocations**

#### **Schedule of Counters: Tuesday, September 5, 2017**

Anne Donegan  
Stan Haselton  
Marie Cookson

#### **Schedule of Ministries: September 9 and 10, 2017**

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Dawn Griswold
	Altar Server:	Becca Syverson
		Kaitlin Murphy
	Lector:	Heidi St. Peter
	Extraordinary Min.:	Dawn Griswold
		Heidi St. Peter
		Peggy Cioffi
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	The Cook Family
	Altar Server:	Ethan Cook
	Lector:	Mary Louise Collins
	Extraordinary Min.:	Stephanie Buzzell
		Tom Buzzell
		Ted Barrett

#### **Calendar of St. Jude Events:**

-9/05 Men's Discussion Group at 7:00 p.m.  
-9/10 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation Class at 10:30 a.m.  
-9/11 Parish Potluck Dinner at 6:00 p.m.  
-9/14 Parish Council Meeting  
-9/17 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation Class at 10:30 a.m.

**Question of the Week:** Jesus bids me "deny myself" before "taking up the cross" and "following." What radical shift of values, reordering of priorities, refocusing of vision must take place in my heart as discipleship's non-negotiable Step Number 1?

**Presbyteral Days:** Father Cray will be away for the annual Diocesan meeting of priests beginning Tuesday, September 5 through Thursday, September 7. There will be **no** daily mass on Tuesday.

**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.

**Men's Discussion Group:** The Men's Discussion Group will be meeting this Tuesday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall. All men are welcome.

**Special Collection for Victims of Hurricane Harvey:** The second collection next **Sunday, September 10**, is to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey and to assist in the relief efforts. There are "Special Collection" envelopes in the lobby of the church. Please be sure to write your name on the envelope. Please continue to pray for those who have been affected by this disaster.

**Confirmation Classes:** Confirmation Classes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Year students begins on **Sunday, September 10** following the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Jude's. The 1<sup>st</sup> Year students will begin on **Sunday, September 17** following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Information and registration forms for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Year students have been sent out. If you did not receive the info and have a child who should be in this program, please call 425-2637, 482-2290 or email [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com) and info will be sent to you. **PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IS A TWO-YEAR PROGRAM.**

**Senior Meals:** St. Jude Parish offers lunches to area seniors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **Tuesday** of each month. The next senior meals are scheduled for **September 12 and 26 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.** Serving begins at 12:00 noon.

**Helping with CCD:** We are looking for teachers and aides for this coming school year. We are in need of help in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade (teacher and aide). If you are interested in helping out or learning more, please contact Marie at [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com). This is a very rewarding experience.

**Religious Ed Classes:** Religious Ed information and registration forms were mailed out. If you did not receive the mailing, please contact Marie. If you are new to the parish and haven't yet registered and have children who are school age, please contact Marie at the email address above and she will be sure that you get the information. Religious Ed Classes for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grades begins on **Monday, September 11**, with the Parish Potluck Dinner.

**St. Jude Parish Potluck Dinner:** The St. Jude Parish Potluck Dinner is scheduled for **Monday, September 11** beginning at **6:00 p.m.** This is a great opportunity to come, visit with fellow parishioners and not worry about having to make a complete meal. We are asking everyone to bring something based on the first letter of your last name: **A-F: Main Dish; G-K: Drinks; L-R: Side Dish, Salad, Hor'dourves, or Chips & Dip; S-Z: Desserts** Hope to see you there!!

**St. Jude Raffle:** St. Jude's is having a raffle for a Jay Peak Water Park Family Fun Package valued at \$725.00. Tickets were mailed out to all registered parishioners. **The drawing will be Labor Day Weekend.** Tickets are \$1 each or a book of 6 for \$5. If anyone would like more tickets, please contact Marie at 482-2290 or at [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com). We will also be selling tickets after the weekend masses, and at Lantman's in the near future. If you want to return your tickets and money, please put in an envelope, mark "Raffle" on the envelope and drop in the collection basket. Thank you for your support.

**RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults:** The RCIA program educates and forms adults in the Catholic faith. If you or someone you know wants to become a Catholic, or simply wants a better understanding of the Catholic Faith, please consider joining us. Do you know someone who does not belong to a faith community and who could use a boost in their spiritual life? — please invite them! **Classes will begin on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall of St. John Vianney, South Burlington, and are free of charge.** Please contact Father Cray so he can get you registered through our parish.



*"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?"*

— Mt 16:24b-26  
Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1993, 1970 CCC.

**Adult Confirmation:** Are you an adult who has been baptized and received your First Communion in the Catholic Church but were never confirmed? We will be holding a 7 session preparation class in the fall for all those interested in being confirmed. If you are interested or would like more info, please contact the office at 425-2637 or [carmel@gmavt.net](mailto:carmel@gmavt.net) and we will add you to our list and will notify you as we get closer to the start date.

**Bishop's Fund:** Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Bishop's Fund thus far. **To date, we are 108.34% (\$24,840.50) of our annual goal of \$22,928. Thank you very much!!** If you haven't yet made a donation, won't you please do so this week? Thank you.

**Action For Ecological Justice:** Join Bishop Coyne on **Saturday, September 30 at St. Michael's College**, for this one day conference hosted by the Catholic Church of Vermont as part of the Year of Creation. Consider our call to be global disciples who care for all of God's creation by discussing the connections between environmental degradation and human suffering and what each of us can do to aid our neighbors in need. Cost is \$35/person. Space is limited!! Go to [vermontcatholic.org](http://vermontcatholic.org) to register.

**Catholic Variety Show:** The Challengers will be hosting our first ever Catholic Variety Show on **October 13 at 7:00 p.m.** at the McCarthy Arts Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester. This event will feature nationally renowned Catholic Comedian Judy McDonald—a very funny lady that shares stories about Catholic Dating, Family, Life and just being Catholic. Throughout the evening there will be a medley of very gifted priests sharing their many talents. The whole evening will be a benefit show to help support our Diocesan Seminarians. More information and tickets available for \$15/each at [www.VTChallengers.org](http://www.VTChallengers.org).

**VT Christian Rock-toberfest:** YOU ARE LOVED! Truest words ever spoken – **STARS GO DIM** with hit song "You Are Loved" will perform with a variety of other artists including **MALLARY HOPE** with hit song "NOW" and Catholic Comedian **JUDY MCDONALD** – at this year's Christian Rock-toberfest on **October 14 at 7:00 p.m.** at North Avenue Alliance Church, Burlington. Tickets ranging from \$20-\$30/each are available online at [www.VTChristianMusic.com](http://www.VTChristianMusic.com).