

October 11, 2020

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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 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

God gives us an invitation to have an abundant life. The banquet is ready, and the tables are set. Come! There is so much to attend to in the everydayness of our lives. We have plans, after all. There is never enough time and so much that needs to be done. There is work, children, and grandchildren, paying the bills, planning for retirement, figuring out the details of our next vacation, making sure we are on top of our game with work, planning social engagements, answering emails, texts, and getting our latest pictures on Facebook. There is always something. What is this about some banquet?

I need another party and commitment like a hole in the head. I can't manage what I already have, and someone is asking me to do more! Seriously? I saw the invitation; I think it came in the mail the other day. Did I leave it on the table? Oh wait, it may have gotten thrown away. I can't remember. In any case, I'm managing things pretty well on my own, I think. Thanks for thinking of me, but no thanks. My life is only as good as I make it and I have to be sure that all is in order! Oh, another invitation came today! This guy's being persistent. Now, I'm getting angry. I wish he would just leave me alone and stop with this invitation nonsense.

I woke up feeling a bit unsettled this morning. The kids have left the house, the grandchildren are busy with their lives, my retirement fund is losing ground, I'm worried about my health, folks have moved away, and I find myself alone. I am unhappy. I remember getting an invitation some time ago to a banquet promising new life and life in abundance. Did I miss something? I think I may have. I am finally discovering that life is not about me and my world. I think I've ignored the God who made me and the God who is the reason for my life, my hope, and my joy. It's always been about me. I have not really discovered Eternal Love.

Is the invitation still open? Can I come to the banquet? I think I'd like to come.

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Offertory Last Week: \$4,253.85 Maintenance: \$569.00
Initial Offering: \$20.00 Catholic University: \$28.00
Roof: \$500.00 Priest Benefit Fund: \$20.00
World Mission: \$10.00 Fuel: \$115.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$188.00

Second Collection This Week for Fuel
Second Collection Next Week for World Mission Sunday

Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m. 37 9:30 a.m. 46

JULY 1st THRU AUGUST 31st
(1st two months of the new fiscal year)

Offertory, Maintenance & Fuel Collections
amounted to \$22,312 this year compared to
\$24,901 last year, a decrease of \$2,589 or -
10.4%

Total Donations including Gifts, etc.,
amounted to \$28,996 this year compared to
\$28,759 last year. Gifts to the parish more
than doubled over the period.

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

- Sat. Oct. 10 4:30 p.m.** For Robert and Mary O'Brien
requested by John and Cathy O'Brien.
Sun. Oct. 11 9:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Jude and
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.
Mon. Oct. 12 8:00 a.m. For the Comfort and Healing of Dan
Smith.
Sat. Oct. 17 4:30 p.m. For Michael and John Miner
requested by Jean Miner.
Sun. Oct. 17 9:30 a.m. For Arnold and Janice Gratton
requested by Sue and Stan Haselton.

***Please pray for all priests in your daily prayers, especially
the following this week:***

Sunday:	Rev. John Feltz
Monday:	Rev. Patrick Forman
Tuesday:	Rev. Henry Furman
Wednesday:	Rev. Bernard Gaudreau
Thursday:	Rev. William Giroux
Friday:	Rev. Scott Gratton
Saturday:	Rev. Karl Hahr

Counters for Monday, October 12, 2020

Gail Blasius
Anne Donegan
Marie Cookson

Lector for Weekday Masses for Oct. 12 through Oct. 16

Marie Cookson

Lectors for October 17 and 18, 2020

4:30 p.m. Heidi St. Peter
9:30 a.m. Rodney Strong

Question of the Week: What can I do this week to put on Christ, to pass along God's generosity to others?

Calendar of St. Jude Events:

- 10/14 Salvation Army Dinner
- 10/26 Liturgy Committee Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Registering for Mass Attendance: Those attending the weekend masses at St. Jude's no longer need to register. However, those attending Our Lady of Mount Carmel Sunday masses must register. You can register online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054faca62eaaf49-stjude> or contact Marie at 482-2290 (St. Jude), 425-2637 (OLMC) or email at marietcookson@aol.com if you want her to register you.

PLEASE NOTE: MASKS ARE MANDATORY AT ALL TIMES IN THE CHURCH.

Family Faith Formation: This year due to the pandemic our Family Faith Formation will be done at home with periodic in-person sessions in small groups. Information has been sent out to families who have had students in our program. If you are new to the program or have a kindergarten or 1st Grade student, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com, 482-2290 or 425-2637 and info will be emailed to you.

Confessions: Fr. Zuccaro will now be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Friday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Jude's.

Salvation Army Meal: St. Jude Parish will be doing a Salvation Army Dinner on **Wednesday, October 14**. We will be serving Shepherd's Pie, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Fruit Breads, Dessert and Milk. Because of the coronavirus, we will NOT be serving as space is limited. We will bring the food down to the Salvation Army that day so all food needs to be at St. Jude's by 3:00 p.m. If you can help with preparing food, please contact Marie at 482-2290 or email at marietcookson@aol.com.

Eucharistic Adoration: Our Lady of Mount Carmel will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on **Sunday, October 18 at 3:00 p.m.** in honor of Respect Life month and the month of the Rosary. All are welcome.

Autumn Raking: Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 24 at 9:00 a.m.** for the annual raking of the cemetery and parish grounds at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Marie at carmel@gmavt.net or at 425-2637 so we know who to contact in the event of bad weather. Inclement weather date will be October 31. Please bring rakes, tarps, and leaf blowers if available.

Christ Our Hope Capital Campaign: Hebrews 10:34: *"For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one."* We wish to thank everyone who's made a commitment to the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign. Your support will help us address our need to fund the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, to fund a new Parish Maintenance Account for high ticket items, supplement the offertory loss during the COVID-19 shut down and create a Parish Investment Account. These will help strengthen St. Jude Parish in preparation for the next challenge that comes our way. Once you determine your gift, please complete your pledge card and return to St. Jude Parish or mail it to the Diocese. You may also take advantage of online giving by visiting the campaign website: <https://www.christourhopevt.org/donate>. Please don't forget you can join Bishop Coyne on **Wednesday, October 14 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.** for a virtual chat to learn more about the campaign and its importance. To register for the Zoom event please visit <https://www.christourhopevt.org/events>.



"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son... 'Tell those invited: 'Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast.'" — Mt 22:2, 4 b c

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The Bishop's Annual Appeal: Gifts to the Bishop's Appeal allowed the faith community to remain connected during the stay-at-home order. To make a gift visit: www.bishopsappealvt.org. The parish goal for St. Jude's is \$24,739 of which \$16,223 (66%) has been pledged. Thank you to everyone who has given thus far.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: "He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come." God invites your marriage to be filled with His graces. Accept His invitation by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience via Zoom for seven sessions every Monday and Thursday evenings starting **November 2 through November 23 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.** Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John and Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit <http://www.wvme.org/>

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