

**April 11, 2021**

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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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Divine Mercy Sunday***

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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**Attendance Last Week:**  
**Holy Thursday: 48**  
**Good Friday—7:00 p.m.: 26**  
**Easter Vigil: 33**  
**Easter: 74**

**Offertory Last Week: \$1,900.00**  
**Easter: \$1,923.00    Maintenance: \$170.00**  
**Holy Land: \$184.50    Home Missions: \$10.00**  
**Online Giving Last Week: \$348.00**

**MASSES AND INTENTIONS**

**Saturday April 10**

**4:30 p.m. (SJ)** For Joseph Cioffi requested by his wife, Peggy.

**Sunday April 11**

**8:00 a.m. (OLMC)** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

**9:30 a.m. (SJ)** For Louella Clark and Edward Emmons requested by Helen Cote.

**11:00 a.m. (OLMC)** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

**Monday April 12 8:00 a.m. (SJ)** For Joseph Dennis requested by his daughter, Peggy Cioffi.

**Tuesday April 13 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)**

**Wednesday April 14 8:00 a.m. (OLMC)**

**Thursday April 15 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)**

**Friday April 16 8:00 a.m. (SJ)**

**Saturday April 10**

**4:30 p.m. (SJ)** For Sharon Therrien and Linda Wright requested by Theresa and Steve Aube.

**Sunday April 11**

**8:00 a.m. (OLMC)** For Yvonne Gebo and Anne Pidgeon requested by Irene Pierce.

**9:30 a.m. (SJ)** For Arnold Gratton requested by his wife, Janice, and family.

**11:00 a.m. (OLMC)** For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

**Calendar of St. Jude Events:**

-4/28 Salvation Army Dinner

-5/01 Hinesburg Food Shelf Food Drive at 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

**Question of the Week:** To whom do I need to offer mercy?

JULY 1<sup>st</sup> THRU DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>  
(1<sup>st</sup> six months of the fiscal year)

Offertory, Maintenance & Fuel Collections  
amounted to \$63,732 this year compared to  
\$77,344 last year, a decrease of \$13,613 or -17.6%

Total Donations including Gifts, etc., amounted to  
\$90,128 this year compared to \$92,540 last year,  
a decrease of \$2,412 or -2.6%.

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

**Sunday:** Rev. Agnel Samy, HGN  
**Monday:** Rev. Joseph Sanderson  
**Tuesday:** Rev. Steven Scarmozzino  
**Wednesday:** Rev. Jon-Daniel Schnobrich  
**Thursday:** Rev. Sahaya Paul Sebastian  
**Friday:** Rev. James Shea  
**Saturday:** Rev. Dallas St. Peter

#### Schedules for April 17 and 18, 2021

**Lector:** 4:30 p.m. Mike Bullock  
9:30 a.m. Sue McGuire  
**EM:** 9:30 a.m. Heidi St. Peter

#### Contract Tracing Protocols: Registering for Mass

**Attendance:** Until further notice we ask everyone to give us their names and contact info in the event there is a need for contact tracing. This includes weekend and daily masses and funerals. We will have folks helping at the weekend masses and we ask everyone to sign the sheet in the doorway if they come in for daily mass. This is a mandate from Gov. Scott and Bishop Coyne. Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe.

\*\*\*While at St. Jude's you no longer need to pre-register, you do need to leave your name and contact info with those checking you in. We are encouraging folks who attend mass at St. Jude's to pre-register if possible. Those attending Our Lady of Mount Carmel must pre-register. Registration online is at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054faca62eaaf49-stjude> or contact Marie at 482-2290 (St. Jude), 425-2637 (OLMC) or email at [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com) if you want her to register you. **PLEASE NOTE: MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE MANDATORY AT ALL TIMES IN THE CHURCH.**

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** Join us this **Sunday, April 11 at OLMC from 2:45 to 4:00 p.m.** This event includes the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction, Adoration and Confession.

**Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession:** Our Lady of Mount Carmel will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament along with Confessions every Tuesday following the 5:15 p.m. Mass. The next Adoration will be **Tuesday, April 13** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

**May Crowning at St. John Vianney:** All are welcome to join for an outdoor Mass and May crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary that will be held on the front lawn of St. John Vianney Parish in South Burlington on **Saturday, May 1 at 9:30 a.m.** They will also be dedicating their new outdoor statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The rosary will be prayed at 9:10 a.m. prior to Mass.



Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "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."

— Jn 20:26b-27

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**Rice Bowls:** Thank you for participating in the Lenten Rice Bowl Program. Seventy-five percent of your Lenten Rice Bowl offerings go to support the work of Catholic Relief Services worldwide, and 25% is used to alleviate poverty locally through Vermont Catholic Charities. **Make sure to bring your rice bowls back to Church this week!**

**Salvation Army Dinner:** We will be doing dinners at the Salvation Army again this year. Our next meal is scheduled for **April 28**. We will be serving Shepherd's Pie, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Fruit Bread, Desserts and Milk. **We need enough food to feed approximately 50 people.** Sign Up link is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094DA4A62FA7FC1-salvation> Food donations need to be at the church by **1:00 p.m. on April 28**. If you have any questions, please contact Marie at 482-2290 or [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com).

**Safe Environment:** Did you know? The Diocese of Burlington will pray for individuals who suffer from abuse and neglect... The Diocese of Burlington will be hosting a Night of Healing Prayer to remember those who have suffered, or are currently suffering, from abuse and neglect. The date and time will be posted on the Diocesan calendar of events available at: [VermontCatholic.org/events](http://VermontCatholic.org/events) If you suspect a child or minor is being abused or neglected, call the Vermont Department of Children and Families (DCF) at 1-800-649-5285 to make a report. This number is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can make an anonymous report, and you will not be penalized for any report made in good faith. If a minor or child is in immediate danger, dial 911. Follow up by making a report to DCF. The Diocese of Burlington also provides a Victim Assistance Coordinator. If you or anyone you know has been a victim of abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church, please call (802) 855-3016 for help.

**Hinesburg Food Shelf:** We will be holding a drop-off food drive at St. Jude Parish on **Saturday, May 1 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon**. We are looking for non-perishable food items, personal care items and monetary donations to help out the Hinesburg Food Shelf. You can drop off the items in the comfort of your vehicle in the St. Jude parking lot. Please consider helping your neighbor in need any way you can. Thank you.

**Online Giving:** Thank you to everyone who has continued to support our parish during the pandemic. It is because of your support that we are still open and functioning. If you are interested in online giving you can go to <https://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=1428>. If you need help with this or would like Marie to set it up for you, please contact her at 482-2290 or email to [stjude@gmavt.net](mailto:stjude@gmavt.net).