

April 18, 2021

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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 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

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Attendance Last Week:
4:30 p.m.: 27 9:30 a.m.: 33

Offertory Last Week: \$747.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$645.00

Second Collection Next Week for Catholic Home Missions

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday April 17

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

Sunday April 18

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.

Monday April 19 8:00 a.m. (SJ)

Tuesday April 20 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)

Wednesday April 21 8:00 a.m. (OLMC)

Thursday April 22 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)

Friday April 23 8:00 a.m. (SJ)

Saturday April 24

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For Michael Miner requested by his mother, Jean Miner.

Sunday April 25

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the deceased Pastors of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For the deceased Pastors of St. Jude Parish.

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.
- 5/07 May Crowning at the 4:30 p.m. Mass
- 5/13 Red Cross Blood Drive at 12:30 p.m.

Question of the Week: How can I give witness to the forgiveness I have experienced in Jesus?

JULY 1st THRU DECEMBER 31st
(1st 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. Timothy Sullivan
Monday:	Rev. David Theroux, SSE
Tuesday:	Rev. Richard Tinney
Wednesday:	Rev. John Tokaz, OFM CAP
Thursday:	Rev. Eric Ugochukwu, SDV
Friday:	Rev. Avelino Vale
Saturday:	Rev. Richard VanderWeel, SSE

Schedules for April 24 and 25, 2021

Lector: 4:30 p.m. Dawn Griswold
9:30 a.m. Tom Giroux

EM: 9:30 a.m. Stephanie Buzzell

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 if you want her to register you. **PLEASE NOTE: MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE MANDATORY AT ALL TIMES IN THE CHURCH.**

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 20** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

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.

May Crowning at St. Jude and OLMC: We will be doing a May Crowning at **St. Jude's on May 7 at the 4:30 p.m. Mass and at Our Lady of Mount Carmel on May 8 at the 8:00 a.m. Mass**. This is in honor of Mary, the Mother of Our Lord. May is the month of Mary.



Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.
And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ
would suffer and rise from the dead on the
third day." — Lk 24:45-46

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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.

Catholic Home Missions: Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Thank you for giving.

Safe Environment: Did you know? The Diocese of Burlington is committed to protecting the youth in our care. The Diocese of Burlington hosts a variety of programs and events in which there is regular contact with children and young people. With many children and young people entrusted to our care, it is our sacred and ethical responsibility to protect the rights of children and be alert to the possibility of child abuse. 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.

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.