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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 – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

On the cusp of fame, power, or influence, would you turn it down? Today's Gospel again features John the Baptist. Controversial but popular, John has gathered quite a group of followers. He has disciples. People come from near and far to be baptized by him. Pharisees and government leaders are drawn to his preaching. If John was another man, a lesser man, he would have claimed his own greatness. Instead, John the Baptist is a witness to humility.

"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God ... he is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me.'... the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known.'" Rather than point to himself, John points to Christ. John could have grasped at what he had accumulated. He could have seen Jesus as a Messianic competitor. Instead, John knows who he is. He knows his place as forerunner. Because John knows who Jesus is. "I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

A life of humility, a life for others, can be challenging to live. So much of our culture is built around achievement and individualism. We can justify it, too, in pursuit of "greater goods" and higher ideals. In the process, however, we might miss our own participation in the kingdom of God. John, for all of his humility, was not an afterthought. In another Gospel passage, Jesus calls him "the greatest prophet," even the greatest of men. Why? Because he fulfills the mission given to him by God: to announce the coming of the Messiah. We too are prophets and forerunners. Our witness to the Gospel is meant to point people to Jesus. Consider your own mission this week. To whom are you called to announce the good news of the Son of God?

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ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. Jan. 19 8:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. Jan. 19 11:00 a.m. For Terry McCormick requested by Marie Cookson.

Sun. Jan. 26 8:00 a.m. (No Intention)

Sun. Jan. 26 11:00 a.m. (No Intention)

Offertory Last Week: \$1,551.00 Maintenance: \$465.00
Fuel: \$452.00 Christmas: \$215.00
Christmas Flowers: \$100.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$125.00

Second Collection This Week for Catholic Education
Second Collection Next Week for Latin America

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

Sunday:	Rev. Francis Connors
Monday:	Rev. Paul Couture, SSE
Tuesday:	Rev. John Crabb, SJ
Wednesday:	Rev. David Cray, SSE
Thursday:	Rev. Brian Cummings, SSE
Friday:	Rev. Charles Danielson
Saturday:	Rev. Charles Davignon

Schedule of Counters: Monday, January 20, 2020

Leo LaBerge
Cyndy Marshall
Marie Cookson

Schedule of Ministries: January 26, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Greeters:	
	Altar Server:	Hadley Stockwell
	Lector:	Patty Gowland
	Extraordinary Min.:	Tom Reilly Judy Laberge
11:00 a.m.	Greeters:	Rosemarie Cartularo
	Altar Server:	Henry Palmer
	Lector:	Ray Curtis
	Extraordinary Min.:	Jacqueline Jones Betsy Tegatz

Calendar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Events

-2/02 Faith In Action Meeting following the 11:00 a.m. Mass
-2/02 Family Faith Formation at St. Jude's at 9:30 a.m.

Question of the Week: Am I willing to serve those who are not of my own tribe, as did Jesus, as did Isaiah, Paul and John the Baptist?

Daily Mass: There will be **NO** daily Mass on **Tuesday, January 21 through Friday, February 7** due to Father Cray being away for meetings.

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 **January 28 and February 11 and 25** from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

Helping the Homeless: The warm images expressed in the carol "Let It Snow" have little meaning if you are homeless and out in the cold. The Chittenden County Homeless Alliance is in need of the following: men's/adult heavy duty wool socks, waterproof gloves and chocolate bars. Anything you can provide can be dropped off in the collection box at the Charlotte Library. Please help to spread the warmth of your home to those without a home. Thank you.

Online Giving: With the beginning of a new year why not sign up to have your monthly offering amount automatically transferred from your checking account to OLMC's account? If you are interested in online giving, please contact Marie at 425-2637. Thank you.

3rd Annual Catholic Men's Conference: The 3rd Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 28, 2020** at St. Anthony's Church in White River Jct. The Keynote speaker is retirend Air Force Captain, Guy Gruters. Guy is a decorated Vietnam War veteran who spent five and a half years as a POW in Vietnam, and a lifetime Catholic. Other speakers include Msgr. John McDermott and Paul Kendall. There will also be opportunities for confession, Eucharistic Adoration, lunch, fellowship, and Mass with Bishop Coyne. Registration and more info at www.vermontcatholic.org/men.

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 during Lent for all those interested in being confirmed. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the office at 425-2637 or email at carmel@gmavt.net and we will add you to our list and will notify you as we get closer to the start date. Adult Confirmation is held on Pentecost Sunday, May 31.

World Marriage Day Mass: Married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20...55, 57) who wish to be recognized at the Diocese Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington on **February 2, 2020**, at the 10:00 a.m. mass, please contact Valerie Parzyck at (802) 658-6110 ext.. 1131 or vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org to register. (include couples names, anniversary year being celebrated, date married, and where married -church w/ location) by Monday, January 27, 2020. Senior couples who are unable to attend can be recognized with a certificate. Requests need be submitted by parish staff, with the same information listed above and sent to Valerie Parzyck. The certificate will be mailed to the parish, to honor this couple locally. World Marriage Day on February 9, is traditionally celebrated within the parish with a special blessing for married couples.

Prayers for Peace: Inspired by a mother and daughter who recently laid roses at the feet of the Virgin Mary statue outside the Chancery Office, a social media post has been created inviting all Catholics and the larger community to lay a rose at the feet of the Virgin Mary at the Chancery Office or a local church and say a Hail Mary for the de-escalation of tensions between the U.S. and Iran and peace in the Middle East. All are welcome to participate.

Counters Needed: We are in need of more counters as many of our regulars have headed south or no longer wish to count. Counting is done on Monday mornings at 8:40 a.m. in the St. Jude Rectory. Folks work in teams of three. Counting is usually finished by 9:30 a.m. (usually earlier). It is a great way to meet some of your fellow parishioners and get to know those from St. Jude Parish also. If you are interested or would like more info, please contact Marie at 425-2637 or email at marietcookson@aol.com.

Meals on Wheels: Hinesburg needs Meals on Wheels drivers. This is usually a 2 hour commitment each week but it can be more or less, whatever you prefer. The meals are picked up at St. Jude's. For some folks this is the best food they get all week. Contact Jane Gage at jgcatchapaw@gmail.com or 482-6096 or Ted Barrett at tedbarrett79@gmail.com or 453-3087 for more info. It is easy and you'll be glad you did it.



John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." — Jn 1:32-34

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Cold and Flu Season: The Sign of Peace has been an integral and valued part of the worship of the church for centuries in the form of a kiss of peace or handshake. As we enter this cold and flu season, it is important to recognize that some people are especially susceptible to the viruses that can be spread by contact and some immune systems are very sensitive. Please understand that some people may choose not to shake hands during the Sign of Peace but might simply greet you with a smile. Also, please use common sense and good judgment concerning Mass attendance if you are ill. If you do decide to come to church for Mass, please remember that frequent and thorough hand-washing, refraining from physical contact during the Sign of Peace, and refraining from receiving communion from the chalice can help prevent the spread of germs.

Vermont Catholic Professionals The Vermont Catholic Professionals will meet on **January 22 at the Pomerleau Alumni Center at St. Michael's College** from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. Join professionals from throughout the state for a networking breakfast. Speaker will be Mike Smith, Secretary-Vermont Agency of Human Services. Please register to reserve your personalized name tag and refreshments as space is limited. To register go to: <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/about/vermont-catholic-professionals/>. All are welcome.

Church in Latin America: Next week, the second collection will be for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

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