

October 25, 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 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For some reason, it is easier to genuflect in reverence to the presence of Christ in the tabernacle of a church, than to genuflect in reverence to the same presence of Christ in another person's soul. We wrongly believe that God divides himself, placing himself in one place in preference to another. It doesn't work that way. Love of God and love of neighbor are intimately and inseparably connected because the essence and spark of God's very presence is in all creation. God's presence is just as real in the one who is good, as in the one who is bad, and the one who is just, and the one who is unjust.

Our brains get in the way of truly contemplating the awesomeness of this truth. We like to separate things into boxes, the sheep from the goats and the deserving from the undeserving. But, with God there are no distinctions such as this. Our human classifications, subdivisions, and definitions hold no power or have any weight in God's eyes. Sadly, we relate to God and to each other as if they do.

We cannot be deaf to the world's pain. It is not about having, hoarding, accumulating, acquiring, securing, storing, protecting, owning, claiming, or any of the other human terms we use to distinguish mine from yours. We put so much power in these words and that power, even though we may not always realize it, can cause those words and the distinctions they carry to wound and hurt others. We have the whole order of things wrong, but we are so set on preserving this order that we are absolutely afraid to do it any other way. We go through hoops trying to convince ourselves why the perils of the person seeking a new place to call home are not our perils that we turn our back and justify closing our doors. It makes perfect sense to us. Yet, it makes no sense in terms of our faith. It doesn't square with any of the words found in Sacred Scripture or in any time-tested teaching of the church.

We have it all reversed. We know that we do because when Jesus speaks about such things and the words of the Old Testament prophets ring out again, we start to feel uncomfortable and anxious. What we do, directly or by omission, to one of the least of these little ones we do to God. It is quite possible that some of what we are doing personally, economically, politically, globally, and even religiously is doing more harm than good. Let's ponder that a bit.

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Offertory Last Week: \$1,000.00
World Mission Sunday: \$58.00
Fuel: \$100.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$350.00

Second Collection This Week for Priest Benefit Fund
Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance

Attendance Last Sunday:
8:00 a.m.: 13 11:00 a.m.: 24

ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun. Oct. 25 8:00 a.m. For all the Intentions included on the Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Prayer Lists.

Sun. Oct. 25 11:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

Sun. Nov. 1 8:00 a.m. For Anne Pidgeon requested by her mother, Irene Pierce.

Sun. Nov. 1 11:00 a.m. For All Souls

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

Sunday:	Rev. Joseph Ikegbunam
Monday:	Rev. Rijo Johnson, SDV
Tuesday:	Rev. Daniel Jordan
Wednesday:	Priests Who Are Having Difficulty
Thursday:	Priestly and Religious Vocations
Friday:	All Our Seminarians
Saturday:	All Deceased Priests

A Prayer for Priests: Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen.

Counters for Monday, October 26, 2020

George Gardner
Karen Fox
Marie Cookson

Lectors for Sunday, November 1, 2020

8:00 a.m. Bob Danyow
11:00 a.m. Bill Geiger

Calendar of Events at OLMC:

-11/01 Remembrance Weekend at all Masses
-11/01 Family Faith Formation Parent Meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Question of the Week: In what ways am I a model for other believers, as the Thessalonians were? What can I do to model the greatest commandment to others?

OLMC Financial Summary for the Three Months

Ended 9/30/20:

- Offertory Income for the three months ended 9/30/20 was \$19,897 compared to \$25,640 for the prior year comparable period, a decrease of (\$5,743) or -22%.
- Net Income for the 1st Quarter of FY 2021 was \$670 compared to a Net Income of \$1,951 for the 1st Quarter of FY 2020.
- Total Cash at 9/30/20 was \$161,331 versus \$171,118 at 9/30/19.

God bless you for your continued support to our parish during this pandemic.

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.

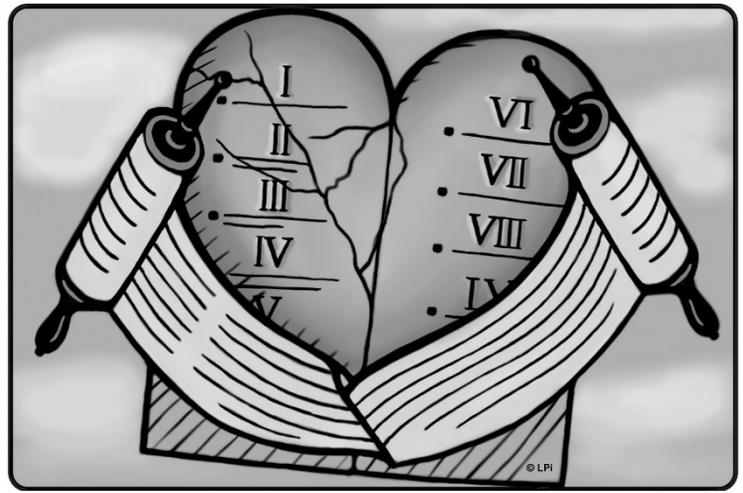
Faith In Action Prayer List: OLMC Faith In Action Committee has a prayer list used by the members to pray for those who request prayers to be said for them. Please contact Eileen Curtis at 425-4432 or Rosemarie Cartularo at 877-1529 to add a name to the list.

Confessions: Fr. Zuccaro will now be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Friday following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Jude's. This is in addition to the Saturday 4:00 p.m. Confession time at St. Jude's and confessions by appointment.

Christ Our Hope Capital Campaign: *"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."* Remember 60% of your donation will help us address our need to fund the new Parish Maintenance Account for high ticket items, to increase the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, supplement the offertory loss during the COVID-19 shut down and create a Cemetery Perpetual Fund. The success of this campaign does not rest on the backs of a few, but it's our responsibility. Working together as one, we will reach our goal. To stay current with all campaign news, please visit <https://www.christourhopevt.org/>.

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 Our Lady of Mount Carmel is \$23,097 of which \$15,025 (65%) has been pledged. Thank you to everyone who has given thus far.

Senior Bingo: Seniors, you're invited to a morning of free bingo at St. Jude's from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. Next Bingo is **Tuesday, October 27**. Reservations are required. Masks are required and social distancing will be practiced. You will be given a pre-packaged meal to take home, provided at no charge by Age Well. Bingo prizes will be provided by St. Jude's. Contact Kathy & Ted Barrett at 453-3087 or tedbarrett79@gmail.com



He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

— Mt 22:37-39

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Box of Joy: The **Box of Joy** program is an annual Christmas gift ministry organized by local Catholic schools, parishes and groups across the US and facilitated by *Cross Catholic Outreach*. **Box of Joy** provides a unique opportunity for everyone to participate in a simple and tangible service experience that has both a material and spiritual impact on the poorest of the poor in developing countries. Together, Catholics in the US are able to join Our Lord Jesus Christ in acts of mercy. The program also provides a unique opportunity for Catholics to engage in service with others in their communities who share the same desire to spread Christmas joy and the story of Christmas – the Good News of God's love – with children worldwide. The **Boxes of Love** are available in the lobby along with a list of suggestions for items to be placed in the boxes. PLEASE NO LIQUIDS, PERISHABLES OR FLAMMABLE ITEMS. Items don't need to cost a lot. A trip to the local dollar store can fill a box for very little cost. For more information, contact Marie at 425-2637 or marietcookson@aol.com or check out www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy. Boxes will be collected between November 7 through November 15. Please help a child in a third world country have a nice Christmas. Thank you.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment." Does your marriage honor God? Bring your marriage to its fullest on the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience via Zoom for seven sessions every Monday and Thursday evenings starting on November 2 - 23 from 7-9:30 PM. 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 us at <http://www.wvme.org/>

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