

September 5, 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 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are “supposed” to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, “be opened!” Be healed and allow your stories to change.

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Attendance Last Week:
8:00 a.m.: 42 11:00 a.m.: 36

Offertory Last Week: \$972.00
Haiti: \$1,293.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$790.00

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance
Second Collection Next Week for Catholic University
Of America

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday September 4

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

Sunday September 5

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Raymond and Marie Laberge requested by Judy Laberge.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Eunice and Julius Fappiano requested by the Family.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Joseph and Catherine Nolan requested by Kathy Nolan and Family.

Monday September 6 8:00 a.m. (SJ)

Tuesday September 7 8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the Intentions of Toni Clements

Wednesday September 8 11:00 a.m. (OLMC)

Thursday September 9 5:15 p.m. (OLMC) For the Intentions of Toni Clements

Friday September 10 8:00 a.m. (SJ)

Saturday September 11

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For Elaine Place requested by the Parish Community.

Sunday September 12

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Gabriella Broglio requested By Edward and Carol Zuccaro.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Roger Strong Jr. requested by the family.

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

Calendar of OLMC Events:

-9/14 Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions at 5:45 p.m.
-9/16 Parish Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
-9/20 Faith In Action Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

Sunday: Rev. William Beaudin
Monday: Rev. Andrzej Bednarowicz
Tuesday: Rev. Richard Berube, SSE
Wednesday: Rev. Leopold Bilodeau
Thursday: Rev. Msgr. Bernard Bourgeois
Friday: Rev. Lawrence Brown, OSB
Saturday: Rev. Richard Calapan

Schedules for September 12, 2021

Lector: 8:00 a.m. Bob Danyow
11:00 a.m. Ray Curtis

EM: 8:00 a.m. Judy Laberge
11:00 a.m. Eileen Curtis

Question of the Week: Am I open to hearing God's word, even from unexpected sources? How do I live out my baptismal call to proclaim God's word?

Daily Mass: Daily Mass on **Tuesday, September 7** will be held at **8:00 a.m.** instead of 5:15 p.m. There will be **NO** Mass on **Wednesday, September 8**. This is due to Fr. Zuccaro being away for Presbyteral Days.

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, September 14** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass due to Father Zuccaro being away on September 7.

Faith Formation: Our Faith Formation Classes (Religious Ed) will begin in September. We will be meeting in person once a month. These classes include Mass, catechesis for students and for adults. The expectation is that parents attend these monthly classes if their children are enrolled in the program. If you have a child or grandchild who has not been part of our program in the past and you would like to enroll them, please contact Marie Cookson at marietcookson@aol.com so that you can be added to our mailing list. **Classes start on Sunday, September 19 at St. Jude's with the 9:30 a.m. Mass.**

Confirmation Program: As we implement the Diocesan Confirmation Plan, 6th and 7th grade candidates will be preparing for confirmation in the 2021-2022 school year. This preparation is designed to help candidates learn more about their faith, our Catholic Church and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. The process is intended to help the candidate become more receptive to the Holy Spirit and actively live out the mission of the Church in their lives.

Sacramental Prep: The preparation process for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion involves participating in the parish's first and second grade religious education classes. Both sacraments are celebrated during the second grade year.

Men's Discussion Group: Join men from St. Jude's and OLMC from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for a Men's Discussion Group. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, September 7** in the St. Jude Parish Hall. **SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASKS ARE REQUIRED!!** If interested or would like more information, please contact Mike Bullock at mtn6@gmavt.net.



And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" — Mk 7:32-34

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Musician Wanted: We are looking for a musician to help provide music for the 11:00 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. The knowledge of the Catholic liturgy is expected. If you or someone you know is interested or would like more info, please contact Fr. Zuccaro at 425-2253, email at carmel@gmavt.net or see him after Mass.

Senior Bingo: Seniors, you are invited to a morning of free bingo at St. Jude's from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. The next Bingo is **Tuesday, September 14**. Reservations are required by **Wednesday, September 8**. **Masks are welcome if you wish to wear one but are no longer required for the fully vaccinated.** You will be given a packaged complete meal to take home, provided no charge by Age Well. Bingo prizes will be provided by St. Jude's. Contact Kathy and Ted Barrett at 453-3087 (leave a message) or email to tedbarrett79@gmail.com for reservations.

Tootsie Roll Drive: The Knights of Columbus Council 7525, which serves this area, will take free will donations after Masses on **September 18-19**, for the annual Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities, commonly nicknamed "The Tootsie Roll Drive." The tootsie roll drive is a national Knights of Columbus project. The money collected in Vermont is directed to local charities that serve mentally challenged people. The money collected in this drive will go to the Howard Center, Special Olympics and Camp OHagin as it has in recent years.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish is 63% (\$13,869) to our Bishop's Appeal goal of \$21,942. If you have not yet made a gift to the appeal or would like to make an additional gift online, visit vermontcatholic.org/giveonline. Thank you.

Praying the Rosary: The Diocese is looking for volunteers to lend their voice for a recording of the Rosary for Life. These recordings will be aired on Facebook throughout the months of October and January to pray for all lives from conception until natural death. Each slide has a specific meditation prior to each Hail Mary. Each prayer has a separate slide so all you need to do is read what is in front of you! All people will see when it is aired are the slides that have been created especially for this Rosary and they will hear us praying. If you would like to record a Rosary please sign up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D48ACA92EA2F58-lenten1>

Salvation Army Dinner: Thank you to everyone who provided food for the Salvation Army Dinner on Wednesday, August 25. We received so much food so thank you everyone. The folks at the Salvation Army were very appreciative. The next Salvation Army Dinner is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 27.**

RCIA: Have you or someone you know been pondering what it means to be Catholic? Been yearning to know more about our faith? Been desiring to be welcomed into the sacraments of initiation? Very soon, we will begin preparing for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at St John Vianney, and you are invited to join. They will begin with an introduction to the faith during the month of September, meeting on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM in the church hall, viewing videos from the Augustine Institute called "The Search." All are welcome to join during these sessions. They will then transition to a period of more focused instruction during the month of October, with meetings at the same time and place. Do you feel called to help make Christ's message to the world known and communicate his grace to others? They are also looking for people who are ready to give the candidates evidence of the spirit of the Christian community and welcome them into personal conversation and community gatherings. If you would like to journey either as a Catechumen or as a team member, please contact Connie St. John Vianney Parish at x 204 or at SVJGoodNews@gmail.com, or speak with your local pastor.

St. Nicholas Project: The St. Nicholas Project is conducting its fall fundraiser, "Shoes for St. Nicholas." They are inviting Catholics throughout the diocese to make a donation to the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children to help the staff purchase new shoes and winter boots for the boys and girls. Kurn Hattin is a non-profit residential care facility for boys and girls ages 5-15 located in Westminster, VT. Fr. Lance W. Harlow founded The St. Nicholas Project as an association of Catholics who help support the children's home with material and financial donations. You can make an on-line donation by visiting: www.thestnicholasproject.com and go to the Donate icon. Or, mail a check directly to: Kurn Hattin Homes for Children P.O. Box 127 Westminster, VT 05158. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Harlow at: lwharlow@sover.net. Thank you for remembering the boys and girls at the children's home and for being their special guardian angels.

Women's Retreat in Randolph: There will be a Women's Retreat in Randolph on **Saturday, September 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Angels Church.** The theme of the retreat is "Spending Time with Jesus' Family". Registration deadline is September 17. If interested in attending please email Debbie at dgbrown264@gmail.com. The retreat is open to all women 18 years and older. The event is free and includes coffee and muffins during registration, and lunch. Donations will be gratefully accepted to support the Knights of Columbus fundraiser for Aspire Together.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Peter & Sheila Oprysko at 201-651-9367 or visit them at <https://wwwmevtw.org/>. Let Jesus the healer, heal any disappointments in your marriage. Strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman Presentation: You are cordially invited to celebrate the life and teachings of Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman **on Sunday, October 10, at Holy Family Church Hall in Essex Junction, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.** The evening will include Solemn Vespers, dinner and dessert, and two presentations on the life and thought of Cardinal Newman, featuring a guest speaker from St. Thomas Aquinas College, as well as Fr. Kevin Chalifoux. \$10 per person/\$15 for two/\$5 for each additional guest. For more information or to RSVP by October 3 at VermontNewman@gmail.com

Host Families Needed: Rice Memorial High School's boys' Prep Hockey team is in immediate need of host families. Students are currently living in short-term housing while awaiting long-term placement. Host families are required to provide the necessities for our student-athletes; a room, bed, access to the internet, 3 meals a day, and transportation to and from school (as needed). To help offset expenses, host families are given \$600/month for approximately 10 months. Players are fully vaccinated and hail from all over the world, although the students currently in need of housing are from Canada. To learn more, contact Coach Dennis Vickers at vickers@rmhsvt.org or 862-6521 ext. 219.