

October 17, 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 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“What do you wish me to do for you?” Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It’s an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today’s Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God’s attention. That’s not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It’s a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God’s kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God’s Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words “thy will be done” will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God’s eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God’s definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.

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Attendance Last Week:
8:00 a.m.: 20 11:00 a.m.: 23

Offertory Last Week: \$870.00
Maintenance: \$130.00 Fuel: \$398.00
Online Giving Last Week: \$175.00

Second Collection This Week for World Mission Sunday
Second Collection Next Week for Priest Benefit Fund

MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday October 16

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

Sunday October 17

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Albert Gebo requested by Irene Pierce.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For Norma Giroux requested by her husband, Gene.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Sandra Alexander requested by Edward and Carol Zuccaro.

Monday October 18 8:00 a.m. (SJ) For Cecile Auger requested by her daughter, Marie Cookson

Tuesday October 19 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)

Wednesday October 20 8:00 a.m. (OLMC)

Thursday October 21 5:15 p.m. (OLMC)

Friday October 22 8:00 a.m. (SJ)

Saturday October 23

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For Robert and Mary O’Brien requested by John and Cathy O’Brien.

Sunday October 24

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For Anne Pidgeon requested by her mother, 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 OLMC Events:

Question of the Week: What can I do this week to put myself selflessly at the service of others?

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

Sunday: Rev. Rijo Johnson, SDV
Monday: Rev. Daniel Jordan
Tuesday: Rev. Msgr. Richard Lavalley
Wednesday: Rev. James Lawrence
Thursday: Rev. Joseph Lively
Friday: Rev. Steven Marchand
Saturday: Rev. Thomas Mattison

Counter Schedule for October 18, 2021

Linda Savalli
Grace Link
Marie Cookson

Schedules for October 24, 2021

Lector: 8:00 a.m. Bob Danyow
11:00 a.m. Tricia Sulva

EM: 8:00 a.m. Mary Tierney
11:00 a.m. Ray Curtis

COVID Update: The voluntary use of face-coverings is encouraged with the renewed spread of COVID19 variants. Catholics parishes do not have any mandatory facemask policies at this time, although the practice is suggested for those with compromised health conditions, and/or who are unvaccinated. Decisions such as masking and precautions at individual parish events and programs will be made on a case-by-case basis.

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, October 19** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

Autumn Raking: Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 23 at 9:00 a.m.** for the annual raking of the cemetery and parish grounds at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Marie at carmel@gmavt.net or at 425-2637 so we know who to contact in the event of bad weather. Inclement weather date will be October 30. Please bring rakes, tarps, and leaf blowers if available.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish is 73% (\$16,089) 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.

Faith Formation: Our Faith Formation Classes (Religious Ed) have begun. Our next session will be **Sunday, November 7 beginning at 9:30 a.m.** If you have a student you would like to enroll in the program or would like more info, please contact Marie at 482-2290, 425-2637 or email at marietcookson@aol.com.

World Mission Sunday: This weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this weekend by remembering our baptismal call—to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith (World Mission) supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.



“But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” — Mk 10:43-45

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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, October 26**. Reservations are required by **Wednesday, October 20**. **Masks and social distancing are required.** 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.

Salvation Army Dinner: Our next Salvation Army Dinner is scheduled for **October 27**. We will be serving Shepherd's Pie, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Fruit Bread, Desserts and Bottled Water or individual juices. **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 October 27**. If you have any questions, please contact Marie at 482-2290, 425-2637 or marietcookson@aol.com.

Looking for Crafters: St. Jude's will be having a Craft Fair on **Saturday, December 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** We are looking for crafters. If you are a crafter and are interested in purchasing a space at this Craft Fair, please contact Marie at marietcookson@aol.com and an application form and info will be sent to you. 75% of items sold **must** be handmade.

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Priests' Benefit Fund Annual Collection: The Priests' Benefit Fund works to support our Diocesan priests throughout their ministry, but especially seeks to provide senior and disabled priests with sufficient financial means to lead a prayerful and dignified life. The Priests' Benefit Fund was established as a means to care for the ill and aged priests with healthcare needs, and support a pension program providing a modest pension and health insurance coverage. The Collection will be taken up the weekend on **October 23 and 24**. We appreciate your support and thank you.

Christ Our Hope: As you know, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish will receive 60% of the funds we raise during the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign. The other 40% of campaign funding will strengthen our faith formation programs (evangelization, education and youth ministry), as well as outreach through emergency assistance delivered by Vermont Catholic Charities. To watch the full campaign video and learn more about the goals visit: www.christourhopevt.org. We understand this is a difficult time for many who may not be able to financially contribute above their annual Bishop's Annual Appeal gift. We ask that you first consider an annual appeal gift and, if you are not able to contribute to the campaign, please pray for its success, and support our volunteers and leadership. With Christ at the center of this campaign, we know whatever we raise will be used for His glory.

St. Joseph's Home: St. Joseph Residential Care Home, located in Burlington, has part-time and full-time career opportunities available for individuals who enjoy working with a vibrant senior community. Positions available include personal care assistants, LPNs, transport aide, and housekeepers. Competitive wages and benefits are offered. If interested in learning more, please contact kdaigneault@vermontcatholic.org or call 802-864-0263.

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.

Vermont Catholic Women's Retreat: *The Heart of Prayer: Our living relationship with God* will be held on **Saturday, November 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:15p.m. at St. Catherine of Sienna in Shelburne, Vermont.** Key Note Speaker will be Sister Barbara Cline, Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. There is a limited number of attendees, deadline registration is November 6 with \$30 payment. There will be a waitlist in event of cancellations made prior to retreat. Contact Terri McCormack at tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org or (802) 658-6110, Ext. 1451

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/9040D4BACA92EA2F58-lenten1>

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/>.

The Vermont Knights of Columbus Prayer for Clergy: The Vermont Knights of Columbus state-wide day of prayer for clergy is scheduled for **November 13, 2021**. Councils across Vermont will pray for our clergy throughout the day. Council 7525 will cover 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. at Saint John Vianney Church. During our hour, we will have the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and lead the Scripture Rosary. Everyone is welcome to attend. This is a great way for individuals and families to support our priests and deacons. This year we also expect other states will be participating, as this Vermont initiative inspires others to join.

St. Peter's Public Fish Dinner: TAKE OUT on **Friday, October 22, 2021 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Parish Hall in Vergennes.** Cost is \$10/per person; \$5 children under 6. Menu includes Beer Battered Fish, Zesty Wedges, Coleslaw, Mixed Vegetables, Roll & Butter, Chocolate Chip Cookie. Please call 877-2367 to make reservations.