

January 1, 2023

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We are a Welcoming Community of Believers, Hopers 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 – The Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God***

We hide ourselves and our secrets from God because we are afraid. Even Mary can seem too perfect to approach. The shepherds find the strength to speak to Mary and Joseph *at the moment they see the child in the manger*. They open their hearts and share what they've experienced. Saint Luke writes of the shepherds, **"When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child."**

When I was a college student, I visited Rome. Beggars often approached and said, "*Mangia? Mangia?*" I didn't speak Italian and thought, "Why are they speaking about the Christmas nativity scene?" My friend said, "*Mangia* means eat. They're hungry." That's when I realized more deeply than ever before that Mary puts her baby in a place designed for hungry animals to eat.

See that baby in the manger in your heart. Imagine Mary kneeling nearby looking at you with love. She doesn't cling to God for herself. In that cave, from the beginning, she quietly offers her son to hungry souls. The manger means vulnerable self-offering love. That's the sign. This week that same manger opens our hearts to tell Mary about our lives, too.

— *Father John Muir*

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Offertory Last Week: \$936.00
Christmas: \$667.00
Online Banking: \$60.00

Second Collection This Week for Maintenance
Second Collection Next Week for Fuel

Attendance Last Week:
4:00 p.m. ??? 10:00 p.m. 18



MASSES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday December 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

4:30 p.m. (SJ) For the repose of the souls of Celinda and Emmanuel Nadeau requested by Marie Cookson.

Sunday January 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the repose of the souls of Paul and Helen-Mary Danyow requested by Bob and Denise Danyow.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

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

Monday 8:30 a.m. January 2 (SJ)

Tuesday 5:15 p.m. January 3 (OLMC) For Alfred and Yvonne Gebo requested by Irene Pierce.

Wednesday 8:30 a.m. January 4 (OLMC)

Thursday 5:15 p.m. January 5 (OLMC) For William, Ethel and Shirley Bessette requested by Bill and Michelle Bessette.

Friday 8:30 a.m. January 6 (SJ) For David Bullock and all who suffer with cancer and other serious illness.

Saturday January 7

4:30 p.m. (SJ) for the repose of the soul of Rev. Walter Miller requested by Theresa and Steve Aube.

Sunday January 8

8:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the Parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Jude Parishes.

9:30 a.m. (SJ) For the soul of Marianna Rose Donegan requested by the Parish Communities.

11:00 a.m. (OLMC) For the repose of the soul of Janet Poitras requested by Rosemarie Cartularo and Larry Poitras.

Calendar of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Events

-1/03 Eucharistic Adoration and Confession at 5:45 p.m.

Daily Mass: Beginning Monday, November 28 the daily Masses on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays will begin at 8:30 a.m. instead of 8:00 a.m.

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

Sunday: Rev. Karl Hahr
Monday: Rev. John Hammond, OSB
Tuesday: Rev. Lance Harlow
Wednesday: Rev. Jay Haskin
Thursday: Rev. Paul Houde
Friday: Rev. Richard Iaquinto, OSB
Saturday: Rev. Romanus Igweonu

Schedules for January 8, 2022

Lector: 8:00 a.m. Mary Tierney
11:00 a.m. Tricia Sulva

EM: 8:00 a.m. Rose Bernier
11:00 a.m. Ray Curtis

Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession: There will be a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession at OLMC this Tuesday, **January 3** following the 5:15 p.m. Mass. --- St. Jude Parish will have a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament along with Confessions for First Friday on **Friday, January 6** following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Snow Shoveling Help Needed: We are in need of someone to shovel the walkways at OLMC. This includes the church, hall and rectory. Snow shoveling must be done before the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays, the 5:15 p.m. Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday and after significant storms. If interested, please contact Fr. Zuccaro at 802-425-2253 or email at jzuccaro@vermontcatholic.org.

Thank You: Sincere thanks to everyone who helped to make the Advent and Christmas season such meaningful and sacred times of worship for our parish family and friends. So many gave of their time and talents including our altar servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, greeters, musicians and singers, ushers, decorators and those who helped with the set up and clean up of the Old Lantern.

Red Cross Blood Drive: There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Jude's on **Thursday, January 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** To schedule an appointment please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter **HINESBURG**. We ask that appointments be made if possible as we may not be able to accommodate walk-ins due to the coronavirus.

Food Shelf Weekend: Food Shelf Sunday will be **January 8**. Items requested from the Charlotte Food Shelf are kid-friendly soup and crackers, creamed soups, baked beans, apple sauce, spaghetti sauce (cans or plastic jars are best), egg noodles, and hot chocolate mix. As always, financial donations are always welcome.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: We are at 76% (\$16,679) of our parish goal of \$21,942. Thank you to everyone who has donated thus far. Your generosity supports so many ministries that impact our parish, such as religious education programs. If you have not yet donated, won't you please consider doing so this week? Please visit bishopsappeal.org to learn more. Thank you.



When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. — Lk 2:17-19

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2023 Collection Envelopes: The collection envelopes for 2023 are available in the back of the church. Envelopes are in alphabetical order. If you have not used the collection envelopes in the past but would like to do so now, please take a box without a name of it. **Please be sure to write your name and address on the envelopes for the first few weeks you are using them. Also, please do not use leftover envelopes from previous years.** Thank you.

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, January 10**. Reservations are required by **Wednesday, January 4**. **Due to the increased numbers of COVID 19 in our area, we ask that everyone again wear a mask while at Senior Bingo. Free masks will be available if you need one. If you have symptoms, have been recently exposed and/or are feeling ill, please stay home. Thank you!!** If you are a newcomer to our event, please call the week before that you are attending, so that enough Grab and Go Meals can be ordered. 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.

Totus Tuus: Parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles, are you looking for a fun and exciting summer experience for those special children in your life that will enrich their faith AND serve as a stocking stuffer this Christmas? Consider giving "The Gift of Totus Tuus"! Our diocesan-wide summer program has special "Save-the-Date" cards on the table in the lobby. These sponsorship cards include the dates and locations of the Summer 2023 Totus Tuus sessions. They also include a "Gift tag" where you can write your name and the name of the child you would like to sponsor. They are designed to be placed in stockings or greeting cards so that you can let that special child in your life know that you will be registering them for Totus Tuus this coming summer.

Surviving Divorce Support Group: For the newly separated and divorced, as well as for those still struggling with issues many years later, you are invited to join in *Surviving Divorce*. Together you will help each other answer questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing from the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. The twelve-week program will begin **Thursday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Center at St. John Vianney, 160 Hinesburg Rd., So. Burlington.** A \$25 materials fee is requested to help with the cost. Accommodations are possible if the fee is a hardship at the time of pre-registration. For more information, contact Deacon Josh McDonald at jmcdonald@vermontcatholic.org.

Diocesan Marriage Day Mass: Married Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2023, who wish to be recognized at the Diocese Anniversary Mass, are invited to the Mass on **February 5, at the 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Burlington.** Recognition is given to those celebrating marriages 5, 10, 15, 20...50, 51, or more. Registrations will be accepted through **January 27, 2023**, by contacting Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org, or calling 802-6110, ext. 1131. Please provide the information of the Catholic parish married, parish presently attending, and the anniversary being celebrated.

Bingo at St. Peter's Church: Please join them for Bingo on **Saturday, January 7, at St. Peter's Parish Hall, 85 South Maple Street, Vergennes.** Bingo starts at 6:00 p.m. This is a family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. This event is sponsored by St. Ambrose and St. Peter's Youth Ministry to benefit the on-going program costs and the upcoming trip to Rome.

--Next Bingo will be **Saturday, January 14.** See above info. This event is sponsored by St. Peter's Cemetery Committee to benefit the on-going efforts for cemetery improvements.



“O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties. Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need. Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers” Life