

# October 20, 2019

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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 – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time***

*“Render a just decision for me against my adversary.”* Today’s Gospel features a persistent widow who ekes out justice from a notoriously cold-hearted judge. Why does she win the day? *“Because the widow keeps bothering me.”* Jesus’ recommendation to the disciples is to be persistent in prayer, because surely God the Father is far more attuned to their needs than this judge. If only it were that easy, right? We’ve all experienced the unanswered prayer, the silence after our cries. When this continues, sometimes it can be difficult to have faith in God or believe He answers prayers. It can be easy to lapse into a sense of His distance. We want Him to do something “fair,” which — in our limited view — typically means that something works out in our favor.

There are, of course, many legitimate cries for justice. We live in a fallen world filled with flawed human beings. We hurt each other, sometimes grievously, and our efforts to remake the world in *our* image can result in unjust, inhumane systems. Faced with the problem of evil, we may wonder how God will *“secure the rights of his chosen ones.”* Sometimes, He may well seem *“slow to answer them.”*

In the face of these very real questions, it’s important to recall the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God’s thoughts *“are not [our] thoughts.”* His ways are not our ways. God respects the freedom He has given us. When we see what free will has wrought, perhaps we question God’s better judgment! Yet somehow, we hear that He mysteriously works all things for our good. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, we are always free to love. We are invited to be persistent in our prayer, to continue bringing our concerns before God in trusting surrender. We are invited to love well in the circumstances we find ourselves in, to be a light in the darkness. No matter when — or if — our prayers are answered the way we would like, we are nonetheless invited to witness to *“faith on earth.”*

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**Offertory Last Week: \$1,723.00**

**Fuel: \$549.00**

**Online Giving Last Week: \$300.00**

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

**JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> THRU SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**(First three months of the new fiscal year)**

**Offertory, Maintenance & Fuel Collections  
amounted to \$37,889 this year compared to  
\$42,053 last year, a decrease of \$4,164 or -9.9%**

**Total Donations including Gifts, etc., amounted  
to \$43,735 this year compared to \$46,817 last  
year, a decrease of \$3,082 or -6.6%**

**Attendance Last Week:**

4:30 p.m. 68      9:30 a.m. 88

### **ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:**

**Sat. Oct. 19 4:30 p.m.** For Michael and John Miner requested by Jean Miner.

**Sun. Oct. 20 9:30 a.m.** For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

**Mon. Oct. 21 8:00 a.m.** For Kay Hilliker requested by Peggy Cioffi.

**Sat. Oct. 26 4:30 p.m.** For the Intentions of Cecile Auger requested by Claire Auger.

**Sun. Oct. 27 9:30 a.m.** For Dan Giroux requested by his family.

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

<b>Sunday:</b>	Rev. Joseph Lively
<b>Monday:</b>	Rev. Steven Marchand
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Rev. Thomas Mattison
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Rev. Msgr. Reid Mayo
<b>Thursday:</b>	Rev. Msgr. John McDermott
<b>Friday:</b>	Rev. Frederick McLachlan, SSE
<b>Saturday:</b>	

### **Schedule of Counters: Monday, October 21, 2019**

Lee Cross  
Rick Dinkle  
Theresa Aube

### **Schedule of Ministries for October 26 and 27, 2019**

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	The Stewart Family
	Altar Server:	Annaliesa Fry
		Isabel Fry
	Lector:	David Pearson
	Extraordinary Min.:	Peter Dufault
		Erin Dufault
		Kim Fry

9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	Caitlin & Charlene Van Sleet
	Altar Server:	Anna Ulager
		Abigail Ulager
	Lector:	Mickey Wetzel
	Extraordinary Min:	Chris Destito
		Tim Clancy
		Emily Donegan

### **Calendar of St. Jude Events:**

-10/22 Senior Meal at Noon  
-10/30 Salvation Army Dinner

**Question of the Week:** What can I do to carry out God’s mission in my life? Will I make time to pray persistently for guidance and support?

**Daily Mass:** There will be **NO** daily Mass on **Thursday and Friday October 24 and 25** due to Fr. Cray being away for meetings on Edmundite business.

**All Saints Day:** All Saints Day is **Friday, November 1** and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are 7:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and 7:00 p.m. at St. Jude's.

**Bishop's Appeal:** We are **98% (\$24,190) to our parish goal of \$24,739.** (We are about \$550 from making our parish goal.) We are grateful to all of those who have been able to participate and encourage others to learn more about your gift at work. We hope you will consider making a gift. To learn more visit: [bishopsappealvt.org](http://bishopsappealvt.org)

**Senior Meals:** St. Jude Parish offers lunches to area seniors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> **Tuesday** of each month. The next senior meals are scheduled for **October 22 and November 12 and 26** from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. Serving begins at 12:00 noon. All Seniors and Caretakers welcome.

**October-Month of the Rosary:** October is the month of the Rosary. You will find rosaries and pamphlets on how to say the rosary in the pews. Please feel free to take home.

**Chicken and Biscuit Dinner:** **THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELED DUE TO A CONFLICT IN SCHEDULING. IT WILL BE RE-SCHEDULED AT A LATER DATE. THANK YOU.**

**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 482-2290 or [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com) or check out [www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy](http://www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy). Boxes will be collected between November 2 and November 10. Please help a child in a third world country have a nice Christmas. Thank you.

**Autumn Raking:** Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 9 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](mailto:carmel@gmavt.net) or at 425-2637 so we know who to contact in the event of bad weather. Inclement weather date will be **November 16**. Please bring rakes, tarps, and leaf blowers if available.

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Retreat:** Registration is now open for the Women's Retreat on **Saturday, November 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. John Vianney Parish in South Burlington.** Cost of the day long retreat is \$40 which includes a light breakfast and lunch. This year's keynote speaker is Donna Marie Cooper O'Boyle, author of more than 30 books, EWTN TV and Radio Host. To register go to <https://vermontcatholic.org/event/8th-annual-vermont-catholic-womens-retreat/>.



“*A widow in that town used to come to him and say, ‘Render a just decision for me against my adversary.’ For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, ‘because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.’*” — Lk 18:3-4b, 5

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**Salvation Army Dinner:** Our next Salvation Army Dinner is scheduled for **October 30**. We will be serving Shepherd's Pie, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Fruit Breads, Desserts and Milk. We are also looking for workers. **We need enough food to feed approximately 150 people.** Sign up sheets for food and workers are in the lobby. Food donations need to be at the church by **3:00 p.m. on October 30**. Workers meet at the Salvation Army by 4:15 p.m. and are usually finished by 7:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Marie at 482-2290 or [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com).

**Rosary:** The Rosary is being said each Saturday at St. Jude's beginning at 4:10 p.m.

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** We are looking for 1 or 2 people to take on this role of Red Cross Blood Drive Coordinator for St. Jude's. If anyone is interested or would like more info, please contact Marie at [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com).

**World Mission Sunday:** Today is World Mission Sunday! We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith ensures the work and service of the Mission Church, as it supports 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.

**Rides Needed:** Shawn Coyle, an OLMC parishioner, is in need of rides on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to dialysis on Joy Drive in Burlington. Pick up at his home in Charlotte at 10:15 a.m. and return home from Joy Drive at 4:00 p.m. If you can help out in any way, please contact Tricia and Shawn at 425-2980.

**Catholic Variety Show:** The Catholic Variety Show featuring our gifted diocesan priests will be held on **Friday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the MacCathy Arts Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester.** Tickets are \$15. All proceeds go to benefit our seminarians. For tickets go to [www.VTChallengers.org](http://www.VTChallengers.org).

**FORMED.org:** FORMED.org is a revolutionary online platform featuring the best Catholic videos, audio talks, eBooks and movies at **NO** cost to you. Visit **FORMED.org** to learn about these resources. To log in, go to FORMED.org, click on the tab "Enter Code", the code is **HYY6Z9** (cases sensitive). Register with your name, email, zip code and your own password to create an account. If you have any question, please feel free to contact Fr. Cray or Marie.

**Young Adult Catholics:** Adults 18-39! The Diocese of Burlington wants to connect with you and help you to connect with other Catholic young adults here in the Diocese of Burlington. There are Young Adult Information cards on the back table. Please take a few minutes to fill one out and drop in the collection basket. The Diocese can then contact you about young adult retreats, conferences and other offerings here in Vermont.

**Childcare Needed:** Local mom with a 4 year old child, is looking for help with child care on the weekends. Looking for Saturday or Sunday help, 5-7 hours mornings and/or afternoon. Prefers help on Saturdays, 1 to 3 times a month. If interested or would like more info, please contact Marie at 482-2290 (office) or [marietcookson@aol.com](mailto:marietcookson@aol.com).

**Rice Memorial High School Open House:** Could Rice be the right fit for you? Choosing a high school is one of the most important decisions your family will make. Join in the annual Open House at Rice Memorial High School on **Sunday, November 3 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** Meet teachers, current students and their parents, as well as coaches and club representatives. Registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. RSVP by November 1 at [www.rmhsvt.org/openhouse](http://www.rmhsvt.org/openhouse).

**Engaging the Enneagram as Wisdom Practice:** A practical engagement of the Wisdom lineage through the lens of the Enneagram. In collaboration with the Rock Point Wisdom Community with Jeanine Siler Jones as the guest speaker on **Thursday, March 12 through Sunday, March 15, 2020 at Rock Point Retreat Center in Burlington.** For more information, please see the flyer on the bulletin board. For questions and to register, please contact Craig at 863-3431 or [csmith@diovermont.org](mailto:csmith@diovermont.org).

**Envisioning and Acting for the World We Want:** Vermont Interfaith Power and Light's 2019 conference, *Envisioning and Acting for the World We Want*, will be on **Saturday, October 26** at Middlebury Congregational Church, 27 North Pleasant Street, Middlebury. The Keynote Speakers will be: Middlebury College Professor Molly Anderson whose focus is on sustainable food systems, and The Rev. Dr. Jim Antal who wrote *Climate Church, Climate World: How People of Faith Must Work for Change*. *For more information and to register, see [www.vtipl.org/Fall-Conference-2019/](http://www.vtipl.org/Fall-Conference-2019/) Questions? Contact: Betsy Hardy 802-434-3397 or email [info@vtipl.org](mailto:info@vtipl.org)*

**Joseph House Mission Outreach Center:** Joseph's House will once again be offering a Thanksgiving Program to serve those who need a little extra help to make Thanksgiving a special and joyous day for their family. This year Joseph's House would like to serve 55 families from around Chittenden County with their dinner needs. Each family receives a Hannaford Gift Card, for the "trimmings" and a frozen turkey. With great generosity Mater Christi School staff, students and their families have committed to donating the frozen turkeys, but we could use your help in providing the "trimmings"! Would you join in making 55 Thanksgiving Days extra special this year? Any amount that you can donate toward this program would be greatly appreciated. *"You will be enriched in every way for great generosity... for the rendering of this service not only supplies the wants of the saints but also overflows in many thanksgivings to God."* 2 *Corinthians 9:11-12*. Donations may be made anytime through October and November. Checks should be made out to: "Joseph House" with the notation "Thanksgiving Outreach" in the Memo line and mailed to:

**Joseph's House  
113 Elmwood Avenue  
Burlington, VT 05401**

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** Build faith through love in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is **November 15-17, 2019** in Isle La Motte, VT. For more information, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://wwmevtw.org/>.

**Qigong—Meditation in Movement:** There will be a 6-week session in Qigong (*chee gong*) held at St. Jude's beginning **Tuesday, October 1 through Tuesday, November 5 from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.** Cost is \$90 for six sessions. Karen Waters is the instructor. For more info about Qigong, please see flyer on the bulletin board or contact Karen at [karenwaters@gmavt.net](mailto:karenwaters@gmavt.net) or 497-7632.

**"Emma's Revolution" Benefit Concert for Social Justice:** You are invited to a concert by award-winning "Emma's Revolution" on **Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 7:30 pm** at the First UU Meeting House (152 Pearl St, Burlington). This event is sponsored by the First UU, Peace & Justice Center, and Front Porch Forum, and it will benefit Vermont Interfaith Action, Migrant Justice, Gun Sense VT, and Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism. "Emma's Revolution" writes and performs songs that fuel today's resistance movements, including "I Believe Her" in honor of Dr. Christine Blasey Ford and all survivors. Their music has been featured on NPR's All Things Considered, sung for the Dalai Lama, praised by Pete Seeger, and covered by Holly Near. Tickets are \$22 Advance / \$28 Door (no one turned away), available at [emmasrevolution.com](http://emmasrevolution.com) or at the Peace & Justice Center, 60 Lake St, Burlington.

**Corrections Reform Action:** *"For I was in prison and you visited me..."* We are called by Christ to show concern for those in prison, and from concern, to take action. Learn more about the recommendations that members of Vermont Interfaith Action are making to Vermont lawmakers concerning reforms of the VT correctional system. The forum takes place on **Tuesday, October 29, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm., at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul, 2 Cherry St., Burlington.** Your presence will help strengthen our resolve to urge lawmakers to make compassion and justice a reality for the incarcerated.

**Mentors Needed at Hinesburg Community School:** Mentoring is a unique way to make a difference in the life of a child. Mentors at the Hinesburg Community School volunteer one hour of their time on a weekly basis to establish lasting friendships with a Hinesburg youth. The Connecting Youth Mentor Program pairs fifth and sixth graders nominated by teachers and counselors with an adult volunteer from the community. The Mentor Program offers a friendship that can be a source of support as students navigate the sometimes difficult years of middle school. Mentors meet students at the school during an hour that works for the student, mentor and teacher. A Mentor Room offers a place to play games, do crafts, or anything else the mentee might be interested in exploring. The most important quality an adult must have is a commitment to mentor for one school year. The Mentor Program is currently looking for a few more adults for the program. Men are especially needed. If you are interested in becoming a mentor or have questions about the program, please call Ginny Roberts at the school at 482-6248. You can also email her at [groberts@cvsdvt.org](mailto:groberts@cvsdvt.org).