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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 – Pentecost***

I hope you'll acknowledge with me a simple fact: it's not normal to have tongues of fire "part and come to rest" on people. It is actually pretty strange. Yet that is precisely what we celebrate in this feast of Pentecost. How can this mean something to us in our daily lives?

Jews had a tradition that heaven is a temple made of bricks of fire. So, through the apostles, the heavenly temple is coming to earth. But this fire looks like tongues, not bricks. That means that heavenly speech will be crucial to building a dwelling place for God on earth among men and women. So, it's no surprise when the apostles begin to speak in a miraculous way that is understood by all language groups. They are speaking of what God has done in and through Jesus: bringing heaven to earth and uniting all peoples to God and to each other.

How often our speech divides: gossip, slander, insults, and so on. How strange and rare it is when people speak in ways that truly unite instead of divide. Imagine how powerful it would be if you and I began to speak at home, at work, and in our community in a way that made people hear heavenly speech. Imagine if you spoke of the mighty deeds of God in a way that everyone could understand. That's precisely what the Holy Spirit descends upon us to do. Ask Him to come as a tongue of fire to you once again, and He will. Then speak!

— Father John Muir

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**Offertory Last Week: \$1,777.85    Maintenance: \$26.00**  
**Feast of the Ascension: \$101.00**  
**Catholic Communications: \$194.25**  
**Online Banking: \$513.00**

**Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance**

**Attendance Last Week:**  
**4:30 p.m. 33    9:30 a.m. 86**  
**Ascension: 12**



### **MASSES AND INTENTIONS**

**Saturday May 27 (SJ)**

**4:30 p.m.** For the repose of the soul of Mary Lou Lebouf requested by Helen Cote and Family.

**Sunday May 28**

**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 repose of the soul of Bonnie Barnes requested by Michelle and Bill Bessette.

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

**Monday May 29 (SJ) 8:00 a.m.** For the repose of the soul of Karen Fox.

**Tuesday May 30 NO MASS**

**Wednesday May 31 NO MASS**

**Thursday June 1 (OLMC) 5:15 p.m.** For the Intentions of David and Laura Clements requested by Toni Clements.

**Friday June 2 8:30 a.m. (SJ)** For the repose of the soul of David Bullock requested by Marie Cookson.

**Saturday June 3 (SJ)**

**4:30 p.m.** For the repose of the soul of Amanda Knight requested by Helen Cote and Family.

**Sunday June 4**

**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 repose of the soul of Helen Phillips requested by Janice Gratton.

**11:00 a.m. (OLMC)** For the repose of the soul of Sr. Germaine Richer requested by the Faith In Action Ministry.

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

-5/29 Memorial Day Service at 9:00 a.m.

-6/02 Eucharistic Adoration and Confession at 9:00 a.m.

-6/03 & 04 Food Shelf Weekend

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

<b>Sunday:</b>	Priests Who Are Having Difficulty
<b>Monday:</b>	Priestly and Religious Vocations
<b>Tuesday:</b>	All Our Seminarians
<b>Wednesday:</b>	All Deceased Priests
<b>Thursday:</b>	Pope Francis
<b>Friday:</b>	Bishop Christopher Coyne
<b>Saturday:</b>	Rev. Donald Roy

#### Schedules for June 3 and 4, 2023

**Greeters:** 4:30 p.m. Donna Shepardson  
9:30 a.m. Laurie Meyer

**Lector:** 4:30 p.m. Heidi St. Peter  
9:30 a.m. Tom Giroux

**EM:** 4:30 p.m. Steve Cooley  
9:30 a.m. Tom Buzzell

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Mass time for this **Monday, May 29** will be **8:00 a.m.** rather than 8:30 a.m. due to the Memorial Day Community Service at 9:00 a.m. Thank you.

**\*\*There will be NO Daily Mass at OLMC on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 30 and 31** due to Father Zuccaro being away.

**Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession:** There will be **NO** Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession at OLMC this Tuesday, **May 30** due to Father being away.

---- 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, June 2** following the 8:30 a.m. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month. The next Bingo is **Tuesday, June 13**. Reservations are required by **Wednesday, June 7**. **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 by Age Well. **A suggested donation of \$5.00 per meal due to pandemic funding coming to an end.** 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](mailto:tedbarrett79@gmail.com) for reservations.

**Memorial Day Community Service:** All are invited to attend a community Memorial Day Service on **Monday, May 29 at 9:00 a.m.** We will be meeting near the Veterans' Monuments on the village green on Rte. 116 next to the Good Times Café. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to gather as a community to show our gratitude to our service men and women, living and dead. We also wish to honor those in our community who risk their lives in service to the community. An open invitation is extended to members of our police force, volunteer fire department and first response unit to attend and be recognized for their faithful service to Hinesburg. Why not get into the true spirit of the Memorial Day weekend and join with friends and neighbors to honor all those who have contributed to our safety and welfare. We're hoping for a good turnout from a grateful and appreciative community.



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." — Jn 20:21-23

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**First Communion:** Congratulations to the 2 students who received their First Holy Communion this past Sunday. We ask you to please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Piper Bissonette  
Owen Welsch

**Confirmation:** Congratulations to the following St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel students who were confirmed this past Tuesday evening at St. Jude's.

Tegan Cooley (OLMC)  
Jillian Cousino (St. Jude)  
Franklin Donegan (St. Jude)  
Patrick Donegan (St. Jude)  
Andrew Houghton (OLMC)  
Matthew Sanders (St. Jude)  
Chloe Shepardson (St. Jude)

**2023 Bishop's Appeal:** In St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, he writes: "You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God." When you offer a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you are fulfilling the call of discipleship by sharing the blessings you have received from our Heavenly Father. When you give, you act in support of raising critical funds needed by our 20+ statewide ministries, services, and programs at the heart of the mission of our Diocese. You also support the dedicated workers within these ministries who compassionately respond to the material and spiritual needs of individuals and families through emergency aid, prison ministry, counseling, spiritual retreats, lay formation programs, and Catholic education. Together we will move forward in our mission to serve another 170 years as disciples of our Lord. Please, prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2023 appeal by responding to the mailing that you received, or by offering a sacrificial gift next week at church. The In-Pew Campaign will be next weekend, **June 3 and 4**.

#### FORMED

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**Thank You:** A big thank you to the following folks who helped make the Confirmation ceremony a wonderful event: Linda Park, altar decorating; Judy Clark, food for the dinner for Bishop Coyne, Josh Perry, the area priests and deacons'; Kathy and Ted Barrett for the setting up and decorating of the hall and serving the dinner; Judy Laberge for the lovely cake and cupcakes for the reception following the event; Cooper Desautels and Marie Cookson for the clean up of the hall; and Chris Poirier and Paige Larson for the beautiful music during the ceremony. It really does take a village. Thank you everyone.

**Food Shelf Weekend:** Food Shelf Weekend will be **June 3 and 4**. Items requested from the Hinesburg Food Shelf are shampoo, conditioner, bodywash, hand soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, cleaning supplies including laundry detergent, floor cleaner, scrubs for sink, toilet bowl cleaner, antibacterial cleaners, power bars, snack bars, cheese/peanut butter cracker pkgs, hardy soups, pancake or all purpose mixes, corn muffin mix, peanut butter, jelly/jams, cereal, cans of chicken and tuna, canned fruit, ketscup, mustard, mayo, 4 or 6 packs of fruit or applesauce, skillet meals you add meat to. As always, financial donations are always welcome.

**Diocesan Lay Formation Class:** Applications for the next Diocesan Lay Formation Class are due **June 1**. Information and application forms can be found at <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/ministries-programs/evangelization-catechesis/lay-formation/>



“Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”

USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis’ “Day for Life Greeting”  
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Heavenly Father, on this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace. In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen

## Why is May Mary’s month?

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of Mary to honor Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day *in* May, mind you, but the entire month.

The custom spans both centuries and cultures, with roots going back as far as the Ancient Greeks. In early Greece, May was dedicated to Artemis, the goddess of fecundity.

In Ancient Rome, May was dedicated to Flora, the goddess of blooms, or blossoms. They celebrated *ludi florals*, or floral games, at the end of April and asked the intercession of Flora for all that blooms.

In medieval times, similar customs abounded, all centering around the practice of expelling winter, as May 1 was considered the start of new growth. During this period, the tradition of *Tricesimum*, or “Thirty-Day Devotion to Mary,” came into being. Also called, “Lady Month,” the event was held from August 15-September 14 and is still observed in some areas.

The idea of a month dedicated specifically to Mary can be traced back to baroque times. Although it wasn’t always held during May, Mary Month included thirty daily spiritual exercises honoring Mary.

It was in this era that Mary’s Month and May were combined, making May the Month of Mary with special devotions organized on each day throughout the month. This custom became especially widespread during the nineteenth century and remains in practice until today.

The ways Mary is honored in May is as varied as the people who honor her.

It’s common for parishes have a daily recitation of the Rosary during May, and many erect a special May altar with a statue or picture of Mary as a reminder of Mary’s month.

Additionally, it’s a long-standing tradition to crown the statue of Mary during May – a custom known as May Crowning. Often, the crown is made of beautiful blossoms representing Mary’s beauty and virtue. It’s also a reminder to the faithful to strive to imitate our Blessed Mother’s virtue in our own lives. May Crowning, in some areas, is a huge celebration and is usually done outside of Mass, although Mass may be celebrated before or after the actual crowning.

But May altars and crownings aren’t just “church” things. We can and should be doing the same in our homes. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes – our domestic churches – we participate more fully in the life of the Church.

If you haven’t already, I encourage you to erect a prayer corner in your home. No matter how fancy or simple it is. The main point is that it’s a place designated for God, and more specifically, for spending time with him. Just as you need proper atmosphere to sleep, you also need proper atmosphere to pray.

