

Offertory: Mar. 30, 2014 OLM \$433, OLV \$461, COS \$ 828, Total \$1,722.
Mar. 29, 2015 OLM \$531, OLV \$838, COS \$1,077, Total \$2,446 (incl. online giving).

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Apr 18 OLM 4:00 PM For Joan Johnson, requested by the Johnson Sons
Sunday Apr 19 OLM 8:30 AM For Shelley Lickwar, requested by Ron Lickwar
Sunday Apr 19 OLV 10:30 AM For Rose Franco, requested by Carol Bemis
Sunday Apr 19 COS 12:30 PM For Matteo Aquilino, requested by Scotty Aquilino
Saturday Apr 25 OLM 4:00 PM For Elisabeth Schneider, requested by Marie Lee
Sunday Apr 26 OLM 8:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday Apr 26 OLV 10:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday Apr 26 COS 12:30 PM **OPEN FOR YOUR REQUEST**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 24: Adoration, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary, 3 PM, OLM
April 26: **SECOND COLLECTION: Catholic Home Missions/Black and Indian Missions**
May 1: First Friday Mass, 5:30 PM, Church of St. Edmund, Saxtons River
May 1: Adoration, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary, 3 PM, OLM
May 3: CCD Class, 9:30 AM, OLV
May 3: DESSERT AUCTION, after Mass (~ 11:30), OLV
May 6: CONFIRMATION, 7:00 PM, St. Charles in Bellows Falls
May 8: Adoration, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary, 3 PM, OLM
May 10: **MOTHER'S DAY**, Crowning of Mary, 8:30 AM, OLM
May 10: **SPECIAL COLLECTION: Church in Eastern Europe**

TOTUS TUUS
Totus Tuus is a fun and energetic **parish-based summer catechetical program** dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting Catholicism through catechesis, evangelization, Sacraments, and Eucharistic worship. The week-long Program has tracts designed for grade school (1-8) and high school age children, and includes learning about the faith! **St. Michael Parish** at 47 Walnut St. in Brattleboro, VT, will be hosting **Totus Tuus** from **Monday, July 13th through Friday, July 17th.**
For more information, please contact **Peter and Judith Nero** at **802-254-4818.**

Bring your appetites and wallets to our first ever
DESSERT AUCTION!
5/3/15
after Mass
at **Our Lady of the Valley**
We are also looking for donated homemade baked goods, which will be auctioned off. **Bragging rights** go to the **Dessert** that receives the **highest bid!**

* * Come and indulge! * *

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
One more space available for the **Marriage Encounter weekend** on **May 1– May 3** at **St. Anne’s Shrine in Isle La Motte, VT.** Weekend begins on Friday evening and ends on Sunday afternoon. Meals are included beginning with breakfast on Saturday through lunch on Sunday. You can register on line at www.wmvevt.org/#registration and pay the **non-refundable \$50 application fee** on-line with Paypal. For a brochure or a hard copy of the application form, please call the rectory, 387-5861.



Weekly Intention

For the grace this week to recognize Jesus in the ordinary circumstances of our daily life.





Annual Appeal Goal: \$ 30,000.00
Annual appeal Collection to date: \$ 35,759.00
We reached our goal! Thank you and God bless you.



From Fr. Fred

GOD

Stills you
 Reassures you
 Leads you
 Enlightens you
 Forgives you
 Calms you
 Encourages you
 Comforts you

SATAN

Rushes you
 Frightens you
 Pushes you
 Confuses you
 Condemns you
 Stresses you
 Discourages you
 Worries you

Quote of the week:

*“What we have once enjoyed and deeply loved,
 we can never lose, for all that we love deeply
 becomes a part of us.”*

- Helen Keller

Just for Fun:

One night at 11 PM, the phone rang in Gino’s Pizza Parlor. He picked up. “Gino’s.” “Yes, this is Pope Francis. I would like a large pizza with everything on it.” “Right away, your holiness!”

So Gino whipped up his best pizza, and went racing in his Fiat through the streets of Rome to the Vatican. As he was running up the stairs of St. Peter’s Basilica, carrying the pizza, he was suddenly stopped by the Captain of the Swiss Guard. “Where do you think you’re going?” “It’s the Pope! He ordered a pizza.” “Well, that’s a first! Okay, I’ll tell you what. I’ll let you go on one condition, that you give me half of the tip that he gives you.” “Okay. Okay. But I’ve got to go while it’s still hot.”

So he let him go and Gino continued running up the stairs. When he came down about 15 minutes later the Captain stopped him again. “Don’t forget. I get half of what he gave you.” Gino said: “Okay.” Then, in the air, he made the first half of the Sign of the Cross!



Cancelled Stamps for the Missions

Please save your cancelled postage stamps, trim them to 1/4 inch on all sides and put them in a basket provided for at the table by the front door. Someone will collect them and send them out to support the Catholic Missions. You may also send them to the rectory through the purple bag. Thank you.



BULLETS FOR THE BULLETIN

Here is a snippet of what your Parish Council and Finance Council has been busy doing over the last month:

- Leaky roofs at the Rectory, St. Edmund’s and OLV have been addressed and the damage has been kept to a minimum due to Fr. Fred’s diligence. It is hopeful that insurance will pay for the damages.
- We have a new hand railing at OLV. Time, materials and labor were donated by an anonymous parishioner.
- The Dessert Auction will be held on May 3, after Mass, at OLV. Bring your appetites and your wallets! If you would like to donate a baked item or have any questions, please contact Lisa Litchfield (874-7104 or litchfield.lisa@gmail.com).
- Divine Mercy Novena cards are still available. Pick one up today!
- Confirmation will be on May 6, 2015, at St. Charles in Bellows Falls at 7:00 PM.
- The container we sent to Tanzania months ago is making progress through customs.
- We are working on getting a permanent no parking zone for the front of OLV.
- The Fr. Simon Fund: As of 4/8/15, \$13,782 has been collected to help offset his college expenses. Our goal is \$15,000.
- The Annual Appeal is now over \$35,000, which surpassed our goal of \$30,000.
- We will have cushions for the seats at OLV paid through the Coombs Fund. There is an option for people to pay for their seats (\$300 per bench). Please talk to Fr. Fred.



WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Spring cleanup this year may be quite arduous at the four churches and the rectory. If you can help, even with an hour or two, please contact Deacon Richard.
- Bake for the Dessert Auction on May 3, 2015, after Mass at OLV. Bring your appetites and bid on the luscious treats!
- Buy a seat cushion for OLV or part of one; each is \$300.
- Help Fr. Simon. We still need to raise \$1,000 +.
- Join us! Parish Council meets the first Wednesday of every month (EXCEPT FOR MAY; DUE TO CONFIRMATION, THE COUNCIL WILL MEET ON 5/13/15) at 7:00 PM in the basement of OLV and the Finance Council meets every third Thursday of the month at the Rectory at 4:30 PM.

**WE ALWAYS WELCOME NEW MEMBERS;
if interested, please talk to a council member,
 Deacon Richard or Jerry, or Fr. Fred.**