

Offertory: March 21, 2015 OLM \$463, OLV \$582, COS \$1,536 Total \$2,581
 March 20, 2016 OLM \$584, OLV \$509, COS \$1,063 Total \$2,156 (incl. online giving)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 16, OLM 4:00 PM For James Howard, requested by Lolita Palmer
 Sunday, April 17, OLM 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, April 17, OLV 10:30 AM For the Sorrentino and Shipman families, requested by Ray and Claire Sorrentino
 Sunday, April 17, COS 12:30 PM For Edward Anthony Sweeney, requested by Bill and Rosemary Warden
 Saturday, April 23, OLM 4:00 PM For Mary Nadeau, requested by Marie Goodrich
 Sunday, April 24, OLM 8:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, April 24, OLV 10:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday April 24, COS 12:30 PM For Matteo Aquilino, requested by Scotty Aquilino



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 17: **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**
 April 20: Cursillo Ultreya, Brattleboro, 7 PM
 April 21: Finance Council Meeting, 4:30 PM, Rectory
 April 21: Book Club, 7-8 PM OLV *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C. S. Lewis- Books 1-3 (*The Magician's Nephew, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, and The Horse and His Boy*)
April 24: Special Collection: Catholic Home Missions
 April 30: First Confessions, OLV, 10:00 AM

Evening Prayer of the Night Services to Remember April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month:
 Four Evening Prayer of the Night services for victims of abuse and neglect will be held in the month of April to commemorate April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Each service will take place in a different region of the state in order to afford everyone the opportunity to attend an accessible service.
All services will take place on the same date and at the same time: Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00pm.

The four locations are as follows:
1. Burlington, VT – St. Joseph Co-Cathedral Parish.
2. Newport, VT – St. Mary, Star of the Sea.
3. Bennington, VT – Sacred Heart/St. Francis de Sales Parish.
4. White River Junction, VT – St. Anthony Parish

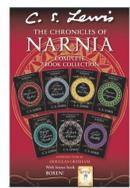
~**Married Couples**- It's time for that 5 year tune-up! We would never expect a car to run smoothly forever without a tune-up, so why do we expect our marriage relationship to keep running smoothly without a little maintenance? The Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend gives married couples the tools to keep their relationship in top running condition. The upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on 5/13 – 5/15 at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte. For info or to apply, contact Gary & Lynn Root @ vtroot@together.net or call 802-456-8114 or go on-line @ www.wmmevt.org

 **Parish Book Club Announcement:**
 Our April and June book club selection is *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C. S. Lewis. This classic 7-book series will be read over 2 club meetings. Books 1-3 (*The Magician's Nephew, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, and The Horse and His Boy*) will be discussed at our April 21st meeting and Books 4-7 will be discussed at our June 30th meeting.

C. S. Lewis (1898-1963) was one of the intellectual giants of the 20th century, a devout Christian, and one of the most influential writers of his time. *The Chronicles of Narnia* is a classic of the Children's Literature genre and takes its inspiration from Christianity, Greek and Roman mythology, and from traditional fairy tales of Britain and Ireland. The books are suitable for readers 3rd-grade and up, and the series has to date sold over 100 million copies in 47 languages. Crack the cover of *The Magician's Nephew* and find out why!

Book details: Available in hardcover, paperback, digital, and audible versions. Public (and many private) libraries will have these books available. Online and brick-and-mortar bookstores will also stock the series. Please consider reading Books 1-3. Then, join us for an hour of lively discussion on Thursday, April 21st from 7-8 pm, at Our Lady of the Valley in Townshend.

Contact Carol Bemis (802-779-6412) with any questions.



 **Weekly Intention:** 
 For the grace this week to live by the power of the name of Jesus.

“Anger is an acid that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured.” ~Mark Twain

Annual Appeal 2015-2016

Annual Appeal Goal \$30,000.00 ~ Contributions to Date \$28,085.00 ~ Balance Remaining \$1,915.00

Thank you to all who have made a contribution. There are envelopes in the back of the church if you did not receive one in the mail. Donations can be sent to: Our Lady of Mercy Rectory, PO Box 246, Putney, Vt. 05346



From Fr. Fred:

Years ago at a retreat in Rome Cardinal Sin Shared this story:

One day Jesus decided to make a very special entrance into Jerusalem. He found a donkey, sat upon it and headed for the city. His followers started singing “Hosannah to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosannah in the Highest!” The women were dancing. Everyone was singing. The men were laying their cloaks on the road to walk on. It was a huge celebration.

And do you know what? The donkey thought it was all for him!! Sometimes when good things happen, we can be like that donkey and think it is all about us, and forget about who it is that we are bringing to those in need.

Just for Fun:

One beautiful spring day a priest and a rabbi decided to take their day off together and go for a drive in the country. At a scenic spot they stopped and climbed a grassy hill to get a better view. They came upon a rabbit in distress in the grass. It was lying on its side panting. Its eyes were glazed and its fur matted.

The rabbi said: “Oh, that poor little creature! I wish there were something we could do to help it.”

The priest said: “Wait here. I’ll be right back.” He ran down to the car, and came back with a small plastic bottle of clear liquid, and sprinkled the rabbit with it. The rabbit’s eyes cleared up, it stopped panting and jumped up. It fluffed up its fur and hopped off towards the woods. Every ten feet it stopped, turned, and waved at them until it disappeared in the woods.

The rabbi said: “Wow! I’ve never seen such an amazing example of the power of holy water!”

“That’s not holy water.”, said the priest.

“It’s not?”, said the rabbi. “Then what is it?”

The priest said: “It’s hare (HAIR) restorer, with a little permanent wave!”



Quote of the week:

“God loves you, but even more, God longs for you. God misses you when you don’t come close. God thirsts for you. God loves you always, even when you don’t feel worthy.”

~St. Teresa of Calcutta