

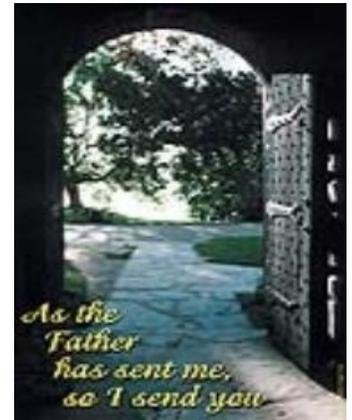
Offertory: March 6, 2016 OLM \$688, OLV \$741, COS \$1,422, Total \$2,851  
March 4, 2017 OLM \$407, OLV \$581, COS \$1,340, Total \$2,328 (incl. online giving)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, April 22, OLM 4:00 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
Sunday, April 23, OLM 8:30 AM For Lauren Joanne Airoidi, requested by David Airoidi  
Sunday, April 23, OLV 10:30 AM For Kathleen LaTaille, requested by Walter and Elaine Meyer  
Sunday, April 23, COS 12:30 PM For a Special Intention, requested by Bill and Rosemary Warden  
Saturday, April 29, OLM 4:00 PM For Eveline Jennings, requested by Marie Lee  
Sunday, April 30, OLM 8:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
Sunday, April 30, OLV 10:30 AM For Marie Goodrich, requested by Arlene Tarantino  
Sunday, April 30, COS 12:30 PM For Charlotte and Warren Warden, requested by Bill and Rosemary Warden

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**April 29 & 30: Special Collection, Catholic Home Missions/Black and Indian Mission**  
May 3: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM OLV  
May 5: First Friday Mass, 5:30 PM, St. Edmund's, Saxtons River  
**May 6 & 7: Special Collection, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**



**Did you know? The Diocese of Burlington is committed to protecting the youth in our care...**

**The Diocese of Burlington hosts a variety of programs and events in which there is regular contact with children and young people. With many children and young people entrusted to our care, it is our sacred and ethical responsibility to protect the rights of children and be alert to the possibility for child abuse.**

**If you suspect a minor (person under 18 years of age) has been abused or neglected, or if a minor has told you that they have been abused or neglected, make a report to local law enforcement or call the Vermont Department for Children and Families (DCF) at 1-800-649-5285. This number is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You may report anonymously. If a child is in immediate danger of harm, dial 911. Follow up by making a report to DCF.**

The Diocese of Burlington also provides a Victim Assistance Hotline for reporting the abuse of a minor (in the past or presently) by a member of the clergy or other church personnel: **1-866-485-2488**. The Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator will respond to calls to the Hotline. A report to the diocese does not relieve a mandated reporter of the duty to report child abuse to civil authorities as required by Vermont State Law.

 **Weekly Intention:**  
For the grace this week to face the trials and difficulties of life with the confidence and certainly that come from the Resurrection.

-The Burlington Catholic Young Adults are hosting a pasta dinner fundraiser on Saturday, April 29th from 5pm to 7pm in the St. Mark parish hall in Burlington to raise money for our group. These funds will be used to help with expenses like summer BBQs, dinners, and costs for advertising. Tickets are \$5 per person, or \$20 per family. We will be serving pasta with tomato sauce, salad, garlic bread, and brownies. Please RSVP to [burlingtonareayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:burlingtonareayoungadults@gmail.com) to reserve a seat and help us get a head count.

-Project Rachel is a healing ministry for individuals who have been affected by abortion, helping them to grieve, receive forgiveness, and find peace. If you or someone you know has been involved in abortion, reach out for the love, mercy and support offered by this important healing ministry. To speak confidentially to a trained Project Rachel professional, please contact: (802) 658-4118 or [projectrachel@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:projectrachel@vermontcatholic.org)

 Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer is proud to announce the Showing of "Miracle Hunter" on EWTN **April 27, 2017 at 6:30 pm**. "Miracle Hunter" is the program EWTN filmed at Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer last August 13, 14 and 15th. It is the story of Sr. Marie de Madat-Grancey who inspired the Lazarist Priests to find Mary's house in Ephesus in 1891. (Direct TV Channel is 370.)

**From Fr. Fred:**

Mother Teresa (1910-1997) was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxiu in today's Republic of Macedonia. She joined the Sisters of Loreto but in 1946 felt called to help and live among the poor of the Calcutta slums. She founded the Missionaries of Charity and never hesitated to do the most menial tasks in her humility and dedication to serving God. She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, and was beatified in 2003 by Pope John Paul II, and canonized on September 4, 2016.

Who better to speak about mercy on Mercy Sunday than Saint Mother Teresa?



“When I pick up hungry people from the streets, I give them rice and bread, and I have satisfied that hunger. But a person who is shut out, who feels unwanted by society, unloved and terrified— how much more difficult is it to remove that hunger?”

***Different kinds of poverty***

The spiritual poverty of the Western world is much greater than the physical poverty of our people. You, in the West, have millions of people who suffer such terrible loneliness and emptiness. They feel unloved and unwanted. These people are not hungry in the physical sense, but they are in another way. Often among the rich are very spiritually poor people. They know they need something more than money, yet they don't know what it is.

I find it easy to give a plate of rice to a hungry person, to furnish a bed to a person who has no bed, but to console or to remove the bitterness, anger, and loneliness that comes from being spiritually deprived—that takes a long time. What they are missing, really, is a living relationship with God.

***Start in your own community!***

It is too easy simply to talk about or concern ourselves with the poor who are far away. It is much harder and more challenging to turn our attention and concern toward the poor who live right next door to us. Be the good news to your own people. Strive to be the demonstration of God in the midst of your community. And find out about your next-door neighbors—do you know who they are?

***Love is the answer!***

I want you to find the poor here, right in your own home first. And begin loving there. Maybe in your own family you have somebody who is feeling lonely, who is feeling sick, who is feeling worried—these are difficult days for everybody. Are we there to receive them?

Let us love one another as God loves each one of us. And where does this love begin? In our own home. How does it begin? By praying together. Just get together, love one another, and we will be able to overcome all the evil that is in the world.”

**Just for Fun:** A man went to the doctor and complained that he couldn't remember things as well as he used to. “How long has this been going on?” asked the doctor. The man looked at the doctor blankly and said: “How long has WHAT been going on?”



**Quote of the week:**  
“I cannot imagine a Christian who does not know how to smile.” Pope Francis