

Offertory: March 3, 2015 OLM \$404, OLV \$377, COS \$2,019 Total \$2,800  
March 6, 2016 OLM \$688, OLV \$666, COS \$1,322 Total \$2,676 (incl. online giving)


**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, April 2, OLM 4:00 PM For Linda Mariano, requested by Marie Lee  
Sunday, April 3, OLM 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
Sunday, April 3, OLV 10:30 AM For the Sorrentino and Shipman families, requested by Ray and Claire Sorrentino  
Sunday, April 3, COS 12:30 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
Saturday, April 9, OLM 4:00 PM For Patsy Hope, requested by Arlene Tarantino and Judy Morton  
Sunday, April 10, OLM 8:30 AM *Open for your request*  
Sunday, April 10, OLV 10:30 AM For Irene Victoria, requested by Elaine and Walter Meyer  
Sunday, April 10, COS 12:30 PM For Robert Rasp, requested by Carol Barry

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

April 6: Pastoral Council Meeting, 7PM OLV  
**April 9 & 10: Special Collection, Fuel #1**  
April 15: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 3-4PM OLV  
April 20: Cursillo Ultreya, Brattleboro, 7 PM  
April 21: Finance Council Meeting, 4:30 PM at the 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*)




 **Cursillo**  
Making a Friend, **Men's Cursillo Weekend July 28-31st**  
Being a Friend **Women's Cursillo Weekend August 4-7th**  
Bringing a Friend to Christ **For information:** Dan Daigler 257-7395, Carol Bemis 779-6412

**~Did you know?**  
**April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.** It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is during the Easter season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God—our children. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, visit the Child Safety section of [www.vermontcatholic.org](http://www.vermontcatholic.org) or contact your parish office.

**~Theology on Tap-Young Adult Group:** Young adults between the ages of 21 and 35 are invited to join us for Theology on Tap at Church Street Tavern in Burlington starting at 7pm on April 21st. This month's speaker will be Mr. Greg Clairmont, local business owner and Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Saint Stephen's Winooski Council #2284. Presenting—"Giving Back and How to Live and Keep the Faith in the Professional World" We also host a Bible study every Tuesday night at 8pm in the St. Anthony conference room at 305 Flynn Ave. Burlington. For more info, email [burlingtonareayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:burlingtonareayoungadults@gmail.com) or search for Burlington Area Catholic Young Adults on Facebook!

**~Steubenville Youth Conference**  
**Where:** Lowell, MA **When:** July 15th-17th; **Who:** High School Teens  
This conference is specialized to address the needs of today's Catholic youth, organized at a regional level. With an exciting lineup of speakers, musicians, and presenters, the High School Youth Conference will challenge Catholic youth to stand firm in their faith, rely upon the awesome power of Jesus Christ who is their guide, friend, and Savior, and to show that faith to the world. Tens of thousands of teens participate each summer across the country. Transportation & Cost: \$195 including a chartered bus through the Diocese of Burlington stopping for pickup at St. Michael Parish at 3:30PM on July 15th. Registration: Go to [www.vermontcatholic.org](http://www.vermontcatholic.org)

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



**Annual Appeal 2015-2016**

Annual Appeal Goal \$30,000.00 ~ Contributions to Date \$26,585.00 ~ Balance Remaining \$3,415.00

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:**

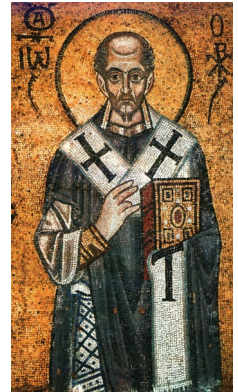
The Eucharist unites us amazingly with Jesus. It strengthens our spiritual life and helps protect us in time of temptation. We really need this. How important is receiving the Eucharist regularly? Listen to the great preacher St. John Chrysostom.

From the Catecheses by Saint John Chrysostom, bishop

***The power of Christ's blood***

If we wish to understand the power of Christ's blood, we should go back to the ancient account of its prefiguration in Egypt. *Sacrifice a lamb without blemish, commanded Moses, and sprinkle its blood on your doors.*

If we were to ask him what he meant, and how the blood of an irrational beast could possibly save men endowed with reason, his answer would be that the saving power lies not in the blood itself, but in the fact that it is a sign of the Lord's blood. In those days, when the destroying angel saw the blood on the doors he did not dare to enter, so how much less will the devil approach now when he sees, not that figurative blood on the doors, but the true blood on the lips of believers, the doors of the temple of Christ.



***Anima Christi***

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.  
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O Good Jesus, hear me.  
Within Thy wounds, hide me.  
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee.  
From the evil one, protect me.  
At the hour of my death, call me,  
And bid me come to Thee,  
That with Thy saints  
I may praise Thee,  
Forever and ever. Amen

**Just for Fun:**

Three men are in the maternity waiting room at the hospital. A nurse comes out and says to the first: "Congratulations, you are the father of twins." He says: "What a coincidence. I work for Twin City Federal."  
A little later the nurse comes out and tells the second one: "You are the proud father of triplets." He replies: "What a coincidence I work for AAA." At this the third man runs right out of the room in a panic. The nurse asks: "What happened to him?" The first man replies: "He told me earlier that he works for 10,000 Auto Parts!"

**Quote of the week:**

"The basis of our life is to welcome the love of God, of Christ, of the Holy Spirit. Doesn't everything spring from such trust?"  
~Brother Roger of Taizé

