

Offertory: Dec. 17, 2017 OLM \$476, OLV \$550, COS \$913, Total \$1,939
Dec. 18, 2016 OLM \$157, OLV \$502, COS \$816, Total \$1,475

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 7, OLM 4:00 PM For Tom Rowley, requested by Fr. Francis McMahon
Sunday, April 8, OLM 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, April 8, OLV 10:30 AM For Ann Chapman, in memory of her passing, requested by Mark Chapman
Sunday, April 8, COS 12:30 PM For Heinz Renato Wieser, requested by Anna Wieser
Saturday, April 14, OLM 4:00 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, April 15, OLM 8:30 AM For Tom Rowley, requested by Fr. Francis McMahon
Sunday, April 15, OLV 10:30 AM For Rose Franco, requested by Martin and Carol Bemis
Sunday, April 15, COS 12:30 PM For Elvira Candido Beccari, requested by Anna Wieser



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 7 & 8: Special Collection: Fuel #1

April 18: Cursillo Ultreya, 7:00 PM, at OLV, Townshend, **OPEN HOUSE**

April 19: Finance Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, OLV

April 20: Adoration, OLV, 3 PM

April 28 & 29: Special Collection: Catholic Home Missions, Black and Indian Missions

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

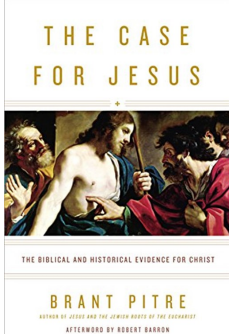


“Good, better, best. Never let it rest.
“Til your good is better and your better is best.” ~St. Jerome

Please join us in praying for individuals who suffer from abuse and neglect...

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. To commemorate the month, the Diocese of Burlington is hosting a Night of Healing Prayer on Wednesday, April 18 at 7:00PM in two separate locations: Christ the King/St. Anthony Parish in Burlington (at Christ the King) and Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Ludlow. We will pray for healing to those who have suffered, or are currently suffering, from abuse or neglect. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Diocese of Burlington is also offering an additional opportunity to come together and pray for those who suffer from abuse and neglect. On Monday, April 9, the diocese will broadcast a Rosary for Healing and Protection to Facebook Live beginning at 11:20am. Please be sure to tune into the live feed on the diocesan Facebook page.



Parish Book Club Announcement: Our May book club selection is *The Case for Jesus: The Biblical and Historical Evidence for Christ* by Brant Pitre. Father Fred presented each parish family with this book during Lent.

BRANT PITRE is a Professor of Sacred Scripture at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, Louisiana, and the bestselling author of *Jesus, the Tribulation, and the End of Exile* and *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*, among others.

We live in deeply challenging times. Spring is a time of sweeping off and greening up. Let’s sweep away the cobwebs of our minds about our Lord and our faith and take on Brant Pitre’s groundbreaking challenge that dispels the skeptics and makes an iron-clad case—through the Gospels—for Jesus Christ. Please consider reading this transformational book. Then, join us for an hour of sharing and discussion on Wednesday, May 23rd from 7-8pm at Our Lady of the Valley. Contact Carol Bemis (802-779-6412) with any questions. Hope to see many of you at our club meeting!!!

☀ Please return your Diocesan Synod Phase 2-sheet 4. Prioritized and with any thoughts or comments. We will send these to the Bishop. You may return them to the church or mail them to the Rectory at: P.O. Box 246, Putney, VT 05346

From Fr. Fred

A Mother's Love

There are times when only a Mother's love can understand our tears,
Can soothe our sadness and calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a Mother's love can share the joy we feel
When something we have dreamed about quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a Mother's faith can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence we need from day to day.

For a Mother's heart and a Mother's faith and a Mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the Angels and sent from God above.

A Father's Prayer

Lord, may we always follow your example of strong love and patience.
May we remember to pass on to our children, the wisdom you have given us.
Amen

Quote of the week:

“Dear young people, do not be satisfied with a mediocre life. Be amazed by what is true and beautiful, what is of God.” ~Pope Francis

Just for Fun: A father was having a little bit of trouble with his teenage son. His hair was long, his grades were low and he kept pestering his father for a car. Though he had a license, his father didn't think that he was mature enough yet to have his own car. But the son kept asking.

Finally one day the father said: “Okay son. I'll tell you what. If you cut your hair, improve your attitude and get your grades up, I'll let you have a car.” The boy was ecstatic. Several months later he had been on his best behavior and presented his father with a vastly improved report card. But he hadn't cut his hair.

Father: “Congratulations son! You have really gotten your grades up. I'm proud of you. But you haven't yet cut your hair.”

Son: “You know, dad. I've been thinking about that. Moses had long hair. The prophets had long hair. Even Jesus had long hair!”

Father: “That's right, son. They did. And they walked everywhere they went!”

