

Offertory: July 27, 2014 OLM \$529, OLV \$540, COS \$391, Total \$1,460
July 26, 2015 OLM \$433, OLV \$711, COS \$682, Total \$1,826 (incl. online giving).

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Aug 22, OLM 4:00PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, Aug 23, OLM 8:30AM For Deacon Frank Rose, requested by Steve and Michele Saft
Sunday, Aug 23, OLV 10:30AM For Harry & Luella Conklin, requested by Kate Conklin
Sunday, Aug 23, COS 12:30PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Saturday, Aug 29, OLM 4:00PM For Deacon Frank Rose, requested by Steve and Michele Saft
Sunday, Aug 30, OLM 8:30AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, Aug 30, OLV 10:30AM For George E. Crombie (birthday), requested by Eleanor C. Crombie
Sunday, Aug 30 COS 12:30PM For a Special Intention~Thanksgiving for Blessings, requested by Bill and Rosemary Warden

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 2: Parish Council Meeting, 7:00PM OLV
September 4: First Friday Mass, 5:30PM, St. Edmund's, Saxtons River
September 20: First day of CCD classes
September 27: Special Collection for Catholic University of America



~REGISTRATION is open for the 2015-2016 year of Religious Education at Our Lady of the Valley for grades K- 8. The first class is scheduled for September 20th. We will meet two times each month from 9:15 to 10:20 until May. Forms and a schedule are available at the church, or please call Ann Marie Scott at 874-7095 or email her at tangotesoro03@yahoo.com

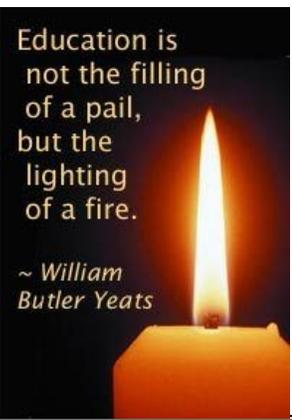
RCIA 2015-2016-(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) The RCIA Program will begin this Fall. You may be interested in this program if you wish to join the Catholic Church or return after many years. RCIA is a spiritual journey through Catholicism. The Program revolves around instruction on basic tenets of the Catholic faith. This will be held at St. Michael's parish in Brattleboro. To sign up, or for more information, call St. Michael's at 257-5101

~GIFTS FOR THE KINGDOM
The annual Gifts for the Kingdom Adult Catechetical and Enrichment Conference will take place on Saturday, September 19, 2015, at the Hilton Hotel in Burlington. Registration will be open online on **August 1, 2015** at www.vermontcatholic.org

~Bus to World Meeting of Families Closing Mass
A bus to the closing Papal Mass for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia is scheduled to leave St. Thomas Church in Underhill Center, Sunday, September 27 at 3:00 AM arriving in Philadelphia about 11:15 AM. The closing Mass is 4:00 PM. The returning bus will leave Philadelphia at 8:00 PM, arriving at St. Thomas Church about 4:15 AM, Monday morning. The cost is \$120. Register on line at <http://rallybus.net/burlington-papal-pilgrimage/#city>

~The pain and sorrow of past abortion need not endure for a lifetime. Call or email **Project Rachel** for a confidential referral to those who can help: **1-802-658-4118** or projectrachel@vermontcatholic.org

A note from Fr. Simon:
"Dear Fr. Fred and all parishioners of West River Mission,"
Thanks for going the extra mile!
"I am very happy to express my thanks to you Fr. Fred first for initiating an idea to raise funds for my education and making a follow up. I am also grateful to all people of good will who have contributed their money for that course. I pray to God that He may reward all of your efforts.
Thanks so much,
Fr. Simon Taaby"



Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.
~ William Butler Yeats

Weekly Intention:
For the grace this week to stay close to Jesus in all life's trials, we pray to the Lord

From Fr. Fred:

Tuesday of this week, the 25th, is the feast day of a wonderful saint that you may not know much about, St Louis (Louis IX of France). He was born in 1214 and became the father of eleven children who received from him careful instruction for a Christian life. He excelled in Penance and Prayer and in his love for the poor, especially lepers. While ruling his kingdom he had regard not only for peace among peoples and for the temporal good of his subjects, but also for their spiritual welfare. He undertook the Crusades to recover the tomb of Christ and died of the plague in 1270. He is the patron saint of masons and sculptors.

This is a wonderful letter, a spiritual testament, that he wrote to his son:

“My dearest son, my first instruction is that you should love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your strength. Without this there is no salvation. Keep yourself, my son, from everything that you know displeases God, that is to say, from every mortal sin. You should permit yourself to be tormented by every kind of martyrdom before you would allow yourself to commit a mortal sin.

If the Lord has permitted you to have some trial, bear it willingly and with gratitude, considering that it has happened for your good and that perhaps you well deserved it. If the Lord bestows upon you any kind of prosperity, thank him humbly and see that you become no worse for it, either through vain pride or anything else, because you ought not to oppose God or offend him in the matter of his gifts.

Listen to the divine office with pleasure and devotion. As long as you are in church, be careful not to let your eyes wander and not to speak empty words, but pray to the Lord devoutly, either aloud or with the interior prayer of the heart.

Be kindhearted to the poor, the unfortunate and the afflicted. Give them as much help and consolation as you can. Thank God for all the benefits he has bestowed upon you, that you may be worthy to receive greater. Be just to your subjects, swaying neither to right nor left, but holding the line of justice. Always side with the poor rather than with the rich, until you are certain of the truth. See that all your subjects live in justice and peace, but especially those who have ecclesiastical rank and who belong to religious orders.

Be devout and obedient to our mother the Church of Rome and the Supreme Pontiff as your spiritual father. Work to remove all sin from your land, particularly blasphemies and heresies.

In conclusion, dearest son, I give you every blessing that a loving father can give a son. May the three Persons of the Holy Trinity and all the saints protect you from every evil. And may the Lord give you the grace to do his will so that he may be served and honored through you, that in the next life we may together come to see him, love him and praise him unceasingly. Amen”

Just for Fun:

The marriage of a late middle-aged couple was in trouble, so they went to see a marriage counselor. He sat them down and said: “Okay. Tell me about it.”

The wife immediately stood up and started criticizing the husband non-stop. “He’s totally selfish. The world revolves around him.. He doesn’t care about anyone except himself.” She went on and on. “He doesn’t know that I exist. I don’t think he loves me. He never shows me any affection. I feel like I’m living alone...”

As she went on the counselor stood up, went over to her, and said: “That’s a lovely dress you have on. You really have a big heart. You’re a wonderful warm woman.” He wrapped her in a big hug.

Immediately she stopped talking. She closed her eyes and just soaked it up. The counselor said to the husband: “Can you see? This is what she needs! And she should get it at the very least three times a week.” The husband replied: “Well, I can bring her in on Mondays and Wednesdays, But Friday I play golf!”



Quote of the week:

“Choose now what you wish to have chosen at life’s end!”:

~St. Anthony Mary Claret