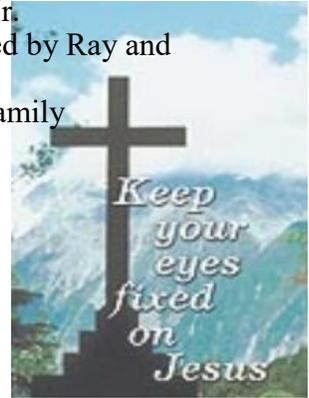


Offertory: July 18, 2015 OLM \$338, OLV \$639, COS \$419 Total \$1,396  
July 17, 2016 OLM \$517, OLV \$703, COS \$483 Total \$1,703 (incl. online giving)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, Aug. 13, OLM 4:00 PM For Frances Hickey, requested by Marie Lee  
Sunday, Aug. 14, OLM 8:30 AM For Stanley Rosinski and family members who have passed and in thanksgiving for answered prayers, requested by Marianne and Frank Sanders  
Sunday, Aug. 14, OLV 10:30 AM For the Shipman and Sorrentino families, requested by Ray and Claire Sorrentino  
Sunday, Aug. 14, COS 12:30 PM For Marc Maverick Shaw, requested by Karen Shaw  
Saturday, Aug. 20, OLM 4:00 PM For Steve Harrison, requested from the Children of Kurn Hattin Homes  
Sunday, Aug. 21, OLM 8:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
Sunday, Aug. 21, OLV 10:30 AM For the Shipman and Sorrentino families, requested by Ray and Claire Sorrentino  
Sunday, Aug. 21, COS 12:30 PM For Susan Van Horn, requested by the Van Horn family



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Aug. 15: ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**MASS: OLM 5:30 PM OLV 7:30 PM**

Aug. 17: Cursillo Ultreya, St. Michael Parish, Brattleboro, 7 PM **OPEN HOUSE**

Aug. 18: Finance Council Meeting, Rectory, 4:30 PM

Aug. 19: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, OLV 3-4 PM

**Aug. 20: Mass on the Mountain, Stratton Mountain, 12:00 PM**

**Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer**



Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer invites you to: **THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**

**1PM – Gathering time at the replica of the Blessed Mother’s last home.**

EWTN will be there filming a mini-series on Miracles and Saints. One of the programs in this series will be about Sr. Marie de Mandat-Grancey whose cause has been opened for sainthood. Sr. Marie is the one who encouraged the Lazarist priest to try and locate the Blessed Mother’s home in Ephesus in 1891.

**2PM – Guest speaker: Erin von Uffel**—Erin started the cause for Sr. Marie’s canonization. She will give us a special insight into Sr. Marie’s life.

**3PM – Songs & Reflections:** by the well-known singer and performer Grace Markay

**4:30PM – Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**—And a Pot Luck Supper following Mass

For more information go to: [ourladyofephesushouseofprayer.org](http://ourladyofephesushouseofprayer.org) or call 802-896-6000

**JUBILEE FOR MUSICIANS, SAINT JOSEPH CO-CATHEDRAL—3 PM**

You are all invited to attend the Jubilee for Musicians on Sunday, August 21 at 3:00 PM at the St. Joseph Co-Cathedral. The event will recognize the ministry of parish musicians. The celebration will feature congregational singing of selected musical pieces (with various accompaniment) culminating in a grand finale of the Hallelujah Chorus. Music will be provided (or you may bring your own score). Everybody is invited to attend. There will be a light reception to follow and Confessions will be available before and after to obtain the Jubilee indulgence~

~REGISTRATION is open for the 2016-2017 year of **Religious Education at Our Lady of the Valley** for grades K– 10. The first class is scheduled for September 18th. 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](mailto:tangotesoro03@yahoo.com).

**~Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Pilgrimage to Canadian Shrines**

5 days & 4 nights at \$550 per person double occupancy or \$750 single occupancy. We will be visiting the Shrines of Sanctuaire de Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupre and St. Joachim Church, Cathedral-Basilica of Notre-Dame de Québec, Parloir Marie of the L’Incarnation and more. The cost includes the coach with free parking and pick-up at the Thomas Charters parking lot at the Dillant-Hopkins Airport, 80 Airport Road, Keene, N.H., two full meals a day, and accommodations with private facilities, taxes, and all shrine tours. A valid Passport is required. The Spiritual Director for the pilgrimage is Fr. Charles DiMascola, former pastor of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Turners Falls, MA. To make a reservation or for information contact: Susan Zimmerman at [sue7mar@gmail.com](mailto:sue7mar@gmail.com) or (603) 352-2748 or Mark Zuchowski at (603) 499-8775 or [markzuchowski@hotmail.com](mailto:markzuchowski@hotmail.com).

 **Weekly Intention:**  
For the grace this week to persevere in running the race of faith with our eyes fixed on Jesus.

“Don’t let yesterday take up too much of today” ~ Will Rogers

 **WORN AGAIN THRIFT SHOP BAG SALE!**  
\$2.00-\$3.00  
(EXCLUDES JEWELRY)

**From Fr. Fred:**

**The Geese and the Snowstorm**

*(author unknown)*



There was once a man who did not believe in either the virgin birth of Christ or the spiritual meaning behind it, and was skeptical even about God. He and his family lived in a farm community. His wife was a devout believer and diligently raised her children in the faith. He sometimes gave her a hard time about her belief and mocked her religious observances.

“It’s all nonsense—why would God lower himself and become a human like us? It’s such a ridiculous story,” he said.

One snowy day, she and the children left for church while he stayed home. After they had departed, the winds grew stronger and the snow turned into a blinding snowstorm. He sat down to relax before the fire for the evening.

Then he heard a loud thump, something hitting against the window...And, still another thump. He looked outside but could not see anything. So he ventured outside for a better view. In the field near his house he saw, of all the strangest things, a flock of geese. They were apparently flying to look for a warmer area down south, but they had been caught in the snowstorm. The storm had become too blinding and violent for the geese to fly or see their way. They were stranded on his farm, with no food or shelter, unable to do more than flutter their wings and fly in aimless circles. He had compassion for them and wanted to help them. He thought to himself, the barn would be a great place for them to stay. It is warm and safe; surely they could spend the night and wait out the storm. So he opened the barn doors for them.

He waited, watching them, hoping they would notice the open barn and go inside. Nevertheless, they did not notice the barn or realize what it could mean for them. He moved closer toward them to get their attention, but they just moved away from him out of fear.

He went into the house and came back with some bread, broke it up, and made a bread trail to the barn. They still did not catch on.

Starting to get frustrated, he went over and tried to shoo them toward the barn. They panicked and scattered into every direction except toward the barn. Nothing he did could get them to go into the barn where there was warmth, safety, and shelter. Feeling totally frustrated, he exclaimed, “Why don’t they follow me? Can’t they see this is the only place where they can survive the storm? How can I possibly get them into the one place to save them?”

He thought for a moment and realized that they just would not follow a human. He said to himself, “How can I possibly save them? The only way would be for me to become like those geese. If only I could become like one of them. Then I could save them. They would follow me and I would lead them to safety.”

At that moment, he stopped and considered what he had said. The words reverberated in his mind: If only I could become like one of them, then I could save them. Then, at last, he understood God’s heart towards mankind...and he fell on his knees in the snow.

**Just for Fun:**

After 39 1/2 years of wandering in the desert

Mrs. Moses secretly asked for directions...



**Quote of the week:**

“In all your undertakings, rely wholly on God’s providence, through which alone they can succeed; but seek steadily on your part to cooperate with it, and then rest satisfied that if you are trusting all to God, whatever happens will be best for you, whether it seems to your own judgment good or bad.”

St. Francis de Sales

