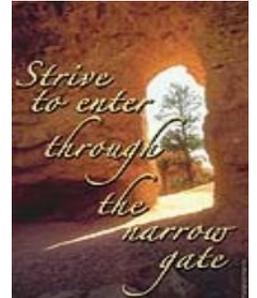


**Offertory:** July 25, 2015 OLM \$433, OLV \$711, COS \$682 Total \$1,826  
 July 24, 2016 OLM \$586, OLV \$730, COS \$474 Total \$1,790 (incl. online giving)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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  
 Saturday, Aug. 27, OLM 4:00 PM For James Howard, requested by Lolita  
 Sunday, Aug. 28, OLM 8:30 AM For Lauren Joanne Airoidi, requested by David Airoidi  
 Sunday, Aug. 28, OLV 10:30 AM For George E. Crombie (birthday), requested by Eleanor C. Crombie  
 Sunday, Aug. 28, COS 12:30 PM For Greg Gerwig, requested by Karen Shaw



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Aug. 31: Book Club, Henri Nouwen, *Reaching Out: Transforming the Three Movements of the Spiritual Life*, Rectory, 7PM  
 Sept. 2: First Friday Mass, 5:30 PM, St. Edmund's, Saxtons River  
 Sept. 7: Parish Council Meeting, 7 PM, OLV  
 Sept. 15: Finance Council Meeting, 4:30 PM, Rectory  
 Sept. 16: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, OLV 3-4 PM  
 Sept. 21: Cursillo Ultreya, OLV, 7 PM

Thank you Mollie Muldaur for your volunteer work in putting together the **Coffee Service** at the *Welcome Center!* It was a huge success! 

"It always seems impossible until it's done."  
 ~Nelson Mandela

**Weekly Intention:**  
 For the grace this week to be able to endure our trials with confidence in God. 

~**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)

~**Let's Talk about the New Evangelization: Starting the Conversation in Vermont**": Free Diocesan workshop being offered in 20 locations around the state, to provide history and insight into what this new evangelization is, and to equip the faithful with tools and ideas to enrich their parishes and communities. The nearest workshop to our parish is: St. Michel's Parish, Brattleboro, on Wednesday, August 24th @ 10:00 AM. More information, including the flier can be found at: <http://www.vermontcatholic.org/ne/>. The flier is also posted on the church bulletin board. The workshop will be facilitated by Phil Lawson, MTS, Director of Evangelization and Catechesis for the Diocese of Burlington. "With Christ joy is constantly born anew...I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy." –Pope Francis

~**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 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).

~**Married Couples**- The car needs a tune-up, the house needs a fresh coat of paint, the grass needs cutting and the garage desperately needs to be cleaned out. The list of things to do seems to never end. What about your marriage? Isn't it time to place your relationship at the top of the list of things that need tending to? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and give your marriage a tune-up. The upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is on 11/18 – 11/20 at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte. For info or to apply, contact Gary & Lynn Root @ [vtroot@together.net](mailto:vtroot@together.net) or call 802-456-8114 or go on-line @ [www.wmvevt.org](http://www.wmvevt.org). **Note that the application deadline is November 1, 2016.**

~**6-Day Pilgrimage to Mexico** including **Our Lady of Guadalupe** and other religious and cultural sites (**April 24-29, 2017**): Join Father Dwight Baker, UVM Chaplain and Vermont Cursillo Spiritual Advisor, departing from Boston. Daily Mass at all Holy Sites. Brochures available at the church entrance.

**From Fr. Fred:**

Priests are irreplaceable in the Church. Without priests there would be no sacrament of forgiveness, no sacrament of confirmation, no one to anoint the sick or the dying, no Mass and no Holy Communion. Today there is a serious shortage of priests. Please pray that the Lord will raise up more young men to answer His call to the priesthood.

***THE BEAUTIFUL HANDS OF A PRIEST***  
***(Anonymous)***

We need them in life's early morning, we need them again at its close;  
We feel their warm clasp of true friendship, we seek them when tasting life's woes.

At the altar each day we behold them and the hands of a king on his throne  
Are not equal to them in their greatness: their dignity stands all alone;

And when we are tempted and wander to pathways of shame and of sin,  
It's the hand of a priest will absolve us—not once, but again and again;

And when we are taking life's partner, other hands may prepare us a feast,  
But the hand that will bless and unite us is the beautiful hand of a priest.

God bless them and keep them all holy for the Host which their fingers caress;  
When can a poor sinner do better than to ask Him to guide thee and bless?

When the hour of death comes upon us may our courage and strength be increased  
By seeing raised over us in blessing the beautiful hands of a priest!

**Just for Fun:**

Two police officers, a male and a female, were on patrol with the female officer driving. Another car shot by them, way over the speed limit, with a woman driving. The officer put on the flashing lights and sped up. When the woman saw the lights, instead of stopping, she sped up and tried to get away. Now the officer turned on the siren and really gave chase. When she saw that she couldn't get away, the woman stopped, and the female officer went up to her car window.

**Officer:** "What you just did was really foolish! But I've had a long hard day, and I don't look forward to the paperwork on this one. If you could give me any kind of reasonable explanation for what you did, I'd be tempted to let you go."

**Lady:** "Well officer, just last week my husband left me! He ran away with a female cop. I thought you were trying to give him back!"



**Quote of the week:**

"The quality of holiness is shown not by what we say but by what we do in life." St. Gregory of Nyssa