

Offertory: May 13, 2018 OLM \$422, OLV \$799, COS \$119, Total \$1,340  
May 14, 2017 OLM \$482, OLV \$594, COS \$206, Total \$1,232

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, Aug. 4, OLM 4:00 PM For Tom Lee, 5th anniversary, requested by Marie Lee  
Sunday, Aug. 5, OLM 8:30 AM For Teresa Blood, 2nd anniversary, requested by Marie Lee  
Sunday, Aug. 5, OLV 10:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
Sunday, Aug. 5, COS 12:30 PM For a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Thailand Cave Rescue, requested by Marie Lee  
Saturday, Aug. 11, OLM 4:00 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
Sunday, Aug. 12, OLM 8:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
Sunday, Aug. 12, OLV 10:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by Anne Duzinski  
Sunday, Aug. 12, COS 12:30 PM For Anthony Sweeny, requested by Bill and Rosemary Warden

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Aug. 15: ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY-Holy Day of Obligation**  
**MASS: OLM 5:30 PM OLV 7:30 PM**  
Aug. 16: Finance Council Meeting, 6:30PM, OLV  
Aug. 17: Adoration, 3 PM, OLV  
Aug. 18: **Mass on the Mountain**, Stratton Mountain, **12:00 PM**-Gondola ride is free for those going to Mass

 **Weekly Intention:**  
For the grace this week to work for the food that endures-eternal life.

“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched—they must be felt with the heart.”—Helen Keller



August 15, 2018  
THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION  
A DAY TO HONOR OUR LADY OF EPHEBUS

**1:00 pm ~ Gathering Time**  
**2:00 pm ~ Guest Speaker**  
**Fr. Joseph Buttigieg OFMCap**

Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer is pleased to welcome Fr. Joe as our guest speaker this year. Fr. Joe was the director of Mary’s home in Ephesus Turkey for many years and is a leading expert on the Blessed Mother’s last years in Ephesus. His knowledge and great sense of humor is a gift for all of us. You may remember him as the guide in the DVD “Mary’s House All Are Welcome”.

**3:00 pm ~ Songs & Reflections~**  
Presented by our dear friend, well known singer and performer

*Grace Markay*

**4:30 pm ~ Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**

**Pot Luck Supper Following Mass**  
For more information go to:  
ourladyofephesushouseofprayer.org  
Or call 802-896-6000

May Our Lady of Ephesus Keep You in Her Care

**Mass on the Mountain:**  
**Date:** Saturday, August 18th  
**Where:** Stratton Mountain  
**Time:** 12:00pm  
You are invited to join Kristina Wright and Michael Adrian for their annual hike up the mountain before mass. They will meet at **9:30am** in front of the gondola. Families welcome! Children are invited to hike with Kristina and Michael while their parents ride the gondola and meet back up at the top of the mountain.



**Teachers needed:**

We are looking for a couple of people to teach in our Religious Education Program at Our Lady of the Valley. No degrees or previous experience are required though these would be greatly appreciated. Talk with Deacon Richard Anderberg at [anderbergdr092571@gmail.com](mailto:anderbergdr092571@gmail.com) or 802-365-4012. We pray regularly for our teachers.



**REGISTRATION** is open for the 2018-2019 year of Religious Education at Our Lady of the Valley for grades K- 8. We will meet two times each month, September- May. Forms are available at the church. For more information contact Deacon Richard Anderberg at 802-365-4012 or email at: [anderbergdr092571@gmail.com](mailto:anderbergdr092571@gmail.com).

## **From Fr. Fred**

### *Parachute*

Charles Plumb was a US Navy jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience!

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, “You’re Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!”

“How in the world did you know that?” asked Plumb.

“I packed your parachute,” the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, “I guess it worked!” Plumb assured him, “It sure did. If your chute hadn’t worked, I wouldn’t be here today.”

Plumb couldn’t sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, “I kept wondering what he had looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat; a bib in the back; and bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said:

‘Good morning, how are you?’ or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor.” Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent at a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn’t know.

Now, Plumb asks his audience, “Who’s packing your parachute?” Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. He also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory—he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on these supports before reaching safety.

Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please, or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason. As you go through this week, this month, this year, recognize people who pack your parachutes.

### **Just for Fun:**

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, “I know what the Bible means!”

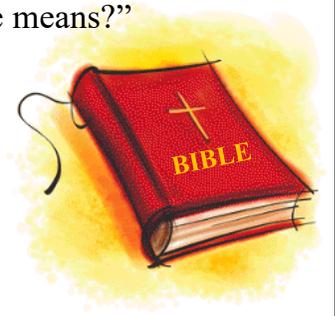
The father smiled and replied, “What do you mean you ‘know’ what the Bible means?”

The son replied, “I do know!”

“Okay,” said his father. “What does the Bible mean?”

“That’s easy, Daddy,” the young boy replied excitedly.

“It stands for ‘Basic Information Before Leaving Earth!’”



### **Quote of the week:**

“There is nothing so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength.” ~ St. Francis de Sales