

Offertory: Nov. 29, 2013 OLM \$457, OLV \$480, COS \$485, Total \$1,422.
 Nov. 30, 2014 OLM \$394, OLV \$540, COS \$459, Total \$1,393.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Dec 13 OLM 4:00PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Saturday Dec 13 COS 4:30 PM For Billy Zimmermann, requested by the Zimmermann family
 Sunday Dec 14 OLM 8:30AM For Pency Cabiluna, requested by Yoli and Ted Gochenour
 Sunday Dec 14 OLV 10:30AM For Margaret and William Schaefer, requested by Eleanor C. Crombie
 Sunday Dec 14 COS 12:30PM For Matteo Aquilino, requested by Scotty Aquilino
 Saturday Dec. 20 OLM 4:00PM For Henry Wajdowicz, requested by Matthew and Theresa Wajdowicz
 Saturday Dec. 20 COS 4:30 PM **OPEN FOR YOUR REQUEST**
 Sunday Dec. 21 OLM 8:30AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday Dec. 21 OLV 10:30AM For Adrien Oud, requested by Jack and Gill Winner
 Sunday Dec. 21 COS 12:30PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Dec. 14 SPECIAL COLLECTION, Retirement Fund for Religious
 Dec. 17 Cursillo Ultreya, 7 PM, the Anderbergs' Residence
Dec. 18 Communal Penance Service, 7 PM, OLV
Dec. 21 Festival of Lights, 4:00 PM, Our Lady of Ephesus, House of Prayer, Jamaica, VT
Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
Dec. 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

7 PM, Thursday, December 18, 2014
Our Lady of the Valley, Townshend
 Priests available for confession:
 Fr. Fred McLachlan, SSE
 Fr. Jim Holden
 Fr. Maria Lazar




OUR LADY OF EPHEBUS
HOUSE OF PRAYER
 35 Fawn Ledge Lane, Jamaica, VT
19th ECUMENICAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
Sunday, December 21, 2014
4:00 PM - Gathering Time
4:30 PM - Procession and Caroling to the Living Creche
 (Children are invited to come as shepherds and angels)
5:00 - Turning on All the Lights for the Season
 BONFIRE ***HOT CHOCOLATE***DOUGHNUTS
 For questions, pls. call Mary Tarinelli, 802-896-6000



MASS SCHEDULES: *Merry Christmas*

OLM:	Christmas Eve, 12/24	- 6:00 PM
	Christmas Day, 12/25	- 8:30 AM
	New Year's Eve, 12/31	- 4:00 PM
OLV:	Christmas Eve, 12/24	- 6:00 PM
	Christmas Day, 12/24	- 10:30 AM
	New Year's Eve, 12/31	- none
COS:	Christmas Eve, 12/24	- 4:30 PM
		- 6:00 PM
	Christmas Day, 12/24	- 12:30 PM
	New Year's Eve, 12/31	- 4:30 PM

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Support Religious Communities.
 "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital support for the retirement needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure that younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

Weekly Intention

For the grace this week to be free of anxiety and to be generous in showing kindness




From Fr. Fred:

We learn once again from one of our great saints.

From a homily on Matthew by Saint John Chrysostom, bishop

Do not adorn the church and ignore your afflicted brother

Do you want to honor Christ's body? Then do not scorn him in his nakedness, nor honor him here in the church with silken garments while neglecting him outside where he is cold and naked. For he who said: *This is my body*, and made it so by his words, also said: *You saw me hungry and did not feed me*, and *inasmuch as you did not do it for one of these, the least of my brothers, you did not do it for me*. What we do here in the church requires a pure heart, not special garments; what we do outside requires great dedication.

Let us learn, therefore, to be men of wisdom and to honor Christ as he desires. For a person being honored finds greatest pleasure in the honor he desires, not in the honor we think best. Peter thought he was honoring Christ when he refused to let him wash his feet; but what Peter wanted was not truly an honor, quite the opposite! Give him the honor prescribed in his law by giving your riches to the poor. For God does not want golden vessels but golden hearts.

Now, in saying this I am not forbidding you to make such gifts; I am only demanding that along with such gifts and before them you give alms. He accepts the former, but he is much more pleased with the latter. In the former, only the giver profits; in the latter, the recipient does too. A gift to the church may be taken as a form of ostentation, but an alms is pure kindness.

Of what use is it to weigh down Christ's table with golden cups, when he himself is dying of hunger? First, fill him when he is hungry; then use the means you have left to adorn his table. Will you have a golden cup made but not give a cup of water? What is the use of providing the table with cloths woven of gold thread, and not providing Christ himself with the clothes he needs: What profit is there in that? Tell me: If you were to see him lacking the necessary food but were to leave him in that state and merely surround his table with gold, would he be grateful to you or rather would he not be angry? What if you were to see him clad in worn-out rags and stiff from the cold, and were to forget about clothing him and instead were to set up golden columns for him, saying that you were doing it in his honor? Would he not think he was being mocked and greatly insulted?

Apply this also to Christ when he comes along the roads as a pilgrim, looking for shelter. You do not take him in as your guest, but you decorate floor and walls and the capitals of the pillars. You provide silver chains for the lamps, but you cannot bear even to look at him as he lies chained in prison. Once again, I am not forbidding you to supply these adornments; I am urging you to provide these other things as well, and indeed to provide them first. No one has ever been accused for not providing ornaments, but for those who neglect their neighbor a hell awaits with an inextinguishable fire and torment in the company of the demons. Do not, therefore, adorn the church and ignore your afflicted brother, for he is the most precious temple of all.

When we can't let go of anger and resentments from the past, it eats us up from inside. One of our great saints put it much more clearly in our

Quote of the week:

***"Hate is like drinking poison
and
hoping the other guy dies."***

- St. Augustine

Just for Fun: Three men were stranded on a desert island, a Frenchman, an Englishman and a "redneck." One day they retrieved a bottle from the sea, and when they pulled the cork a genie appeared.

Genie: "I'll grant each of you one wish."

Frenchman: "Oh, I'd love to be in Paris."

The genie snapped his fingers and it was done.

Englishman: "Wow. I want to be I London."

The genie snapped his fingers and it was done.

Redneck: "It's really lonely here alone. I wish my two friends were back."

The genie snapped his fingers and it was done.

