


Offertory: Dec. 7, 2013 OLM \$457, OLV \$408, COS \$485, Total \$1,350.
 Dec. 8, 2014 OLM \$394, OLV \$540, COS \$965, Total \$1,899.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Dec. 20 OLM 4:00PM For Henry Wajdowicz, requested by Matthew and Theresa Wajdowicz
 Saturday Dec. 20 COS 4:30 PM For Jane Engel, requested by Bill Engel
 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.
 Saturday Dec. 27 OLM 4:00PM For Helena McAllister, requested by Marie Lee
 Saturday Dec. 27 COS 4:30 PM For Chuck McMahon, requested by the McMahon Family
 Sunday Dec. 28 OLM 8:30AM For Angeles Avila, requested by Yoli & Ted Gochenour
 Sunday Dec. 28 OLV 10:30AM For the Sorrentino and Shipman Families (living),
 requested by Ray and Claire Shipman Sorrentino
 Sunday Dec. 28 COS 12:30PM For Remy C. DiLorenzo, requested by Bill Schwann, John Vaughn,
 David Bohonnon, and all at the Stratton Mountain Safety

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Dec. 21 Festival of Lights, 4:00 PM, Our Lady of Ephesus, House of Prayer, Jamaica, VT
Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE (Wednesday)
Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY (Thursday)
Dec. 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE (Wednesday)
Jan. 1, 2015 NEW YEAR'S DAY (Thursday)



 <p>OUR LADY OF EPHEBUS HOUSE OF PRAYER</p> <p>35 Fawn Ledge Lane, Jamaica, VT 19th ECUMENICAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS <i>Sunday, December 21, 2014</i></p> <p>4:00 PM - Gathering Time 4:30 PM - Procession and Caroling <i>to the Live Creche</i></p> <p><i>(Children are invited to come as shepherds and angels)</i></p> <p>5:00 - Turning on All the Lights for the Season</p> <p>BONFIRE ***HOT CHOCOLATE***DOUGHNUTS <i>For directions and information,</i> <i>pls. call Mary Tarinelli, 802-896-6000 or check our web</i> <i>page: ourladyofephesushouseofprayer.org</i></p>	<p>MASS SCHEDULES:</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Merry Christmas</i></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>OLM: Christmas Eve, 12/24</td> <td>- 6:00 PM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Christmas Day, 12/25</td> <td>- 8:30 AM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Year's Eve, 12/31</td> <td>- 4:00 PM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Year's Day, 1/1</td> <td>- 8:30 AM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OLV: Christmas Eve, 12/24</td> <td>- 6:00 PM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Christmas Day, 12/25</td> <td>- 10:30 AM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Year's Eve, 12/31</td> <td>- none</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Year's Day, 1/1</td> <td>- 10:30 AM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>COS: Christmas Eve, 12/24</td> <td>- 4:30 PM</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>- 6:00 PM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Christmas Day, 12/25</td> <td>- 12:30 PM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Year's Eve, 12/31</td> <td>- 4:30 PM</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Year's Day, 1/1</td> <td>- 12:30 PM</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">HAPPY NEW YEAR</p>	OLM: Christmas Eve, 12/24	- 6:00 PM	Christmas Day, 12/25	- 8:30 AM	New Year's Eve, 12/31	- 4:00 PM	New Year's Day, 1/1	- 8:30 AM	OLV: Christmas Eve, 12/24	- 6:00 PM	Christmas Day, 12/25	- 10:30 AM	New Year's Eve, 12/31	- none	New Year's Day, 1/1	- 10:30 AM	COS: Christmas Eve, 12/24	- 4:30 PM		- 6:00 PM	Christmas Day, 12/25	- 12:30 PM	New Year's Eve, 12/31	- 4:30 PM	New Year's Day, 1/1	- 12:30 PM
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Thank you!
 "We can certainly call you friends because of the way you care for our retired members," writes a religious brother. Your gift to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious benefits some 35,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. My God bless you for your generosity!

Thank You

Weekly Intention

**For the grace this week to welcome the presence of Jesus
that comes to us through the Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

From Fr. Fred:

This is an excerpt from an article in the Vermont Catholic by Cori Fugere Urban. She is speaking about a talk given by Fr. Mitch Pacwa Nov. 1, 2014 at the Vermont Catholic Conference in Barre.

Fr. Mitch Pacwa, founder and president of Ignatius Productions, a scripture scholar, writer, lecturer, Holy Land pilgrimage leader, and EWTN host, delivered two keynote addresses related to the theme.

In the first, he said there are many people who are anti-religious, who see religion as their biggest enemy and do what they can to oppose it. "They just want to categorize it as a myth."

A serious anti-Catholic myth is that religion is the biggest cause of war: in fact, he said, about 2.5 million people died in wars of Christianity over the last 2,000 years, while 50 million were killed in the name of racism and nationalism in World War II alone.

"Atheists are the dangerous ones," Father Pacwa said, noting that atheists in the Soviet Union executed 69.1 million of their own citizens: China has killed at least 105 million people. "Atheists have wreaked havoc... . In the last 100 years, atheists and secularists [are responsible] for 305 million deaths by war and extermination. So who's dangerous?"

Father Pacwa also spoke about the importance of understanding life in the Holy Land to better understand the Bible, saying that getting a sense of the land gives one a better understanding of the Gospels.



**Prayer for the Selection
of a New Bishop**

O God, Eternal Shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for the Diocese of Burlington who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**March for Life
Washington, D.C.
2015**

Registration is now open!

Join us for a **pilgrimage** to **Washington, D.C.**, to attend the **Youth Rally, Mass**, and then the **March for Life** on the streets of our nation's capital!

Cost for participants is \$25.00

Bus departs Diocesan Offices:

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015 at 6:30 PM
(55 Joy Drive in South Burlington)

Bus returns to Diocesan Offices:

Friday, Jan. 23, 2015 approx. 5:00 AM
(55 Joy Drive in South Burlington)

To register, go to www.vermontcatholic.org or contact the Office of Catholic Formation at 802-658-6110, ext.

Quote of the week:

Woe to those who would hide their plans too deep for the Lord!

Who work in the dark, saying "Who sees us, or who knows us?"

Your perversity is as though the potter were taken to be the clay: as though what is made should say of its maker, "He made me not!" Or the vessel should say of the potter, "He does not understand."

- Isaiah 29, 15-16



Just for Fun:

This one comes from Msgr. Arthur Tonne.

Mother: "Marilyn, were you a good little girl at church today?"

Marilyn: "Yes, mother. A man offered me a big plate of money, and I said, 'No, thank you.'"



WORN AGAIN THRIFT SHOP, Saxton's River

CLOSED: Dec. 25, 2014, Thursday
Dec. 26, 2014, Friday

Jan. 1, 2015, Thursday
Jan. 2, 2015, Friday.



O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

