

December 28, 2014 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Offertory: Dec. 15, 2013 OLM \$517, OLV \$408, COS \$998, Total \$1,923.
Dec. 14, 2014 OLM \$344, OLV \$507, COS \$793, Total \$1,644.

MASS INTENTIONS

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 Bohannon, and all at the Stratton Mountain Safety
Saturday Jan. 3 OLM 4:00PM For Anthony Caputo, requested by Arlene Tarantino
Saturday Jan. 3 COS 4:30 PM For Chuck McMahon, requested by the McMahon Family
Sunday Jan. 4 OLM 8:30AM For Conchita P. Cabiluna, requested by Yoli and Ted Gochenour
Sunday Jan. 4 OLV 10:30AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday Jan. 4 COS 12:30 PM For Matteo Aquilino, requested by Scotty Aquilino

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Dec. 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE (Wednesday)

Jan. 1, 2015 NEW YEAR'S DAY, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Jan. 2 First Friday Mass, 5:30 PM, St. Edmund of Canterbury, Saxtons River

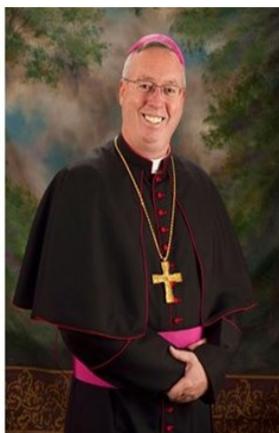
Jan. 7 Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM, Our Lady of the Valley

Jan. 9 Adoration, 3 PM, Our Lady of Mercy

Jan. 11 CCD Class, 9:30 AM, Our Lady of the Valley

Jan. 15 Finance Council Meeting, 4:30 PM, Rectory

Jan. 21 Cursillo Ultreya, 7 PM, Brattleboro



HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
APPOINTS

THE MOST REVEREND
CHRISTOPHER J. COYNE
10TH BISHOP OF BURLINGTON



TRUST IN THE LORD

Habemus Episcopum!

The Most Rev. Christopher Coyne, Auxiliary Bishop of Indianapolis, will be installed as the 10th Bishop of Burlington on January 29, 2015 at 2:00 PM at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral.



MASS SCHEDULES:

OLM: New Year's Eve, 12/31 - 4:00 PM
New Year's Day, 1/1 - 8:30 AM

COS: New Year's Eve, 12/31 - 4:30 PM
New Year's Day, 1/1/2015 - 12:30 PM

OLV: New Year's Eve, 12/31 - none
New Year's Day, 1/1 - 10:30 AM

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Weekly Intention

For the grace this week for reconciliation of those who are alienated or estranged from their families.



From Fr. Fred:

St. Augustine once gave a powerful sermon on yesterday's reading from 1John 1:1-3. I'd like to share it with you. The part in italics is a quote from the Bible.

"Our message is the Word of life. We announce what existed from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our own eyes, what we have touched with our own hands. Who could touch the Word with his hands unless the Word was made flesh and lived among us?"

Now this Word, whose flesh was so real that he could be touched by human hands, began to be flesh in the Virgin Mary's womb; but he did not begin to exist at that moment. We know this from what John says: *What existed from the beginning.* Notice how John's letter bears witness to his Gospel, which you just heard a moment ago: *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God.*

Someone might interpret the phrase *the Word of life* to mean a word about Christ, rather than Christ's body itself which was touched by human hands. But consider what comes next: *and life itself was revealed.* Christ therefore is himself the Word of life.

And how was this life revealed? It existed from the beginning, but was not revealed to men, only to angels, who looked upon it and feasted upon it as their own spiritual bread. But what does Scripture say? *Mankind ate the bread of angels.*

Life itself was therefore revealed in the flesh. In this way what was visible to the heart alone could become visible also to the eye, and so heal men's hearts. For the Word is visible to the heart alone, while flesh is visible to bodily eyes as well. We already possessed the means to see the flesh, but we had no means of seeing the Word. The Word was made flesh so that we could see it, to heal the part of us by which we could see the Word.

John continues: *And we are witnesses and we proclaim to you that eternal life which was with the Father and has been revealed among us*—one might say more simply, "revealed to us."

We proclaim to you what we have heard and seen. Make sure that you grasp the meaning of these words. The disciples saw our Lord in the flesh, face to face; they heard the words he spoke, and in turn they proclaimed the message to us. So we also have heard, although we have not seen.

Are we then less favored than those who both saw and heard? If that were so, why should John add: *so that you too may have fellowship with us?* They saw, and we have not seen; yet we have fellowship with them, because we and they share the faith.

And our fellowship is with God the Father and Jesus Christ his Son. And we write this to you to make your joy complete—complete in that fellowship, in that love and in that unity."

Just for Fun:

There was company for supper and the father was talking with the guest when little Johnny interrupted.

Johnny: "Dad?"

Father: "I'm talking, son."

Johnny: "Dad?"

Father: "Son, it's impolite to interrupt me when I'm talking with our guest. When I'm finished then you can speak."

After a while...

Father: "Okay, son. What is it that you wanted to say?"

Johnny: "Well, dad, I was going to tell you that there was a big bug in your salad, but it's too late now."

Quote of the week:

"You are good at excusing and justifying your own deeds, and yet you will not listen to the excuses of others. It would be more just to accuse yourself and to excuse your brother. If you wish others to put up with you, first put up with them."

- St. Francis de Sales

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 Mary, our Mother, help us.