

**Offertory:** Sept. 10, 2017 OLM \$584, OLV \$689, COS \$742, Total \$2,015  
 Sept. 11, 2016 OLM \$511, OLV \$624, COS \$659, Total \$1,794

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, Dec. 16, OLM 4:00 PM For Jane Engel, requested by Bill Engel  
 Saturday, Dec. 16, COS 4:30 PM For Joan Kopins, requested by Karen Shaw  
 Sunday, Dec. 17, OLM 8:30 AM For Jane Engel, requested by Bill Engel  
 Sunday, Dec. 17, OLV 10:30 AM For Magdalena Hryniewicz, requested by Carol Bemis  
 Sunday, Dec. 17, COS 12:30 PM For Matteo Aquilino, requested by Scotty Aquilino  
 Saturday, Dec. 23, OLM 4:00 PM **OPEN FOR YOUR REQUEST**  
 Saturday, Dec. 23, COS 4:30 PM **OPEN FOR YOUR REQUEST**  
 Sunday, Dec. 24, OLM 8:30 AM **OPEN FOR YOUR REQUEST**  
 Sunday, Dec. 24, OLV 10:30 AM For Irene Victoria, requested by Walter and Elaine Meyer  
 Sunday, Dec. 24, COS 12:30 PM **OPEN FOR YOUR REQUEST**

Sunday, Dec. 24, OLM 4:00 PM For All Parishioners  
 Sunday, Dec. 24, OLV 6:00 PM For All Parishioners  
 Sunday, Dec. 24, COS 6:00 PM For All Parishioners  
 Monday, Dec. 25, OLM 8:30 AM For All Parishioners  
 Monday, Dec. 25, OLV 10:30 AM For All Parishioners  
 Monday, Dec. 25, COS 12:30 PM For All Parishioners

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Dec. 20: Cursillo Ultreya, OLV, 7 PM *CANCELLED*  
 Dec. 21: Finance Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, *CANCELLED*  
**Dec. 24 & 25: Special Collection: Christmas Offering**  
**December 24: OLM-4:00 PM, OLV-6:00 PM, COS-6:00 PM**



# Christmas Mass Schedule



**OUR LADY OF MERCY**

Saturday	12/23	4:00 PM
Sunday	12/24	8:30 AM
Sunday Christmas Eve,	12/24	4:00 PM
Monday Christmas Day,	12/25	8:30 AM

***Mary Mother of God, New Year***

Sunday	12/31	8:30 AM
Monday New Year's Day	1/1/2018	6:00 PM

**OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY**

Sunday	12/24	10:30AM
Sunday Christmas Eve,	12/24	6:00 PM
Monday Christmas Day,	12/25	10:30 AM

***Mary Mother of God, New Year***


Sunday	12/31	10:30 AM
Monday New Year's Day	1/1/2018	6:00 PM

**CHAPEL OF THE SNOWS**

Saturday	12/23	4:30 PM
Sunday	12/24	12:30PM
Sunday Christmas Eve,	12/24	6:00 PM
Monday Christmas Day,	12/25	12:30 PM

***Mary Mother of God, New Year***

Sunday	12/31	12:30 PM
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**Weekly Intention:** For the grace this week to be free of anxiety and to be generous in showing kindness. 

**22nd ECUMENICAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

OUR LADY OF EPHEBUS  
 HOUSE OF PRAYER  
 35 FAWN LEDGE LANE  
 JAMAICA, VT

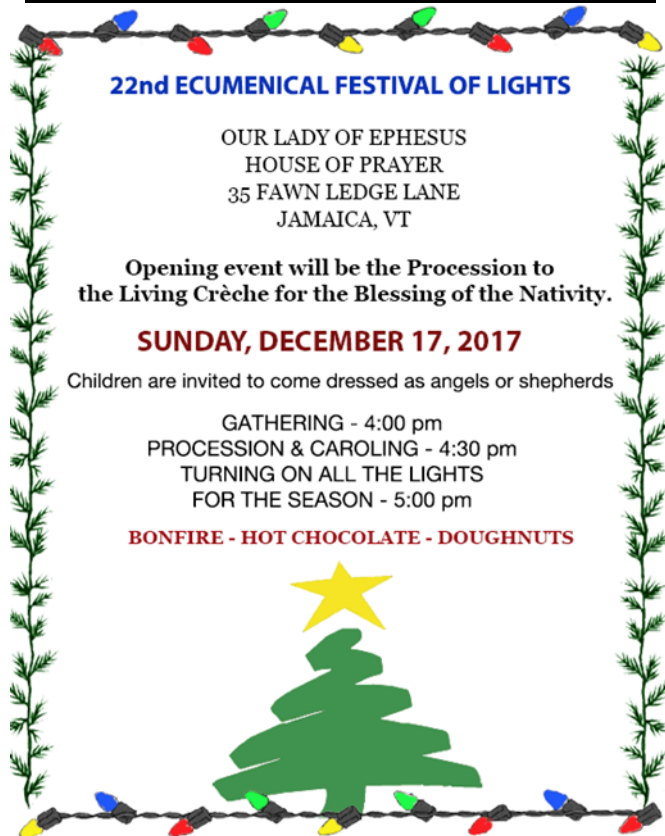
Opening event will be the Procession to the Living Crèche for the Blessing of the Nativity.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017**

Children are invited to come dressed as angels or shepherds

GATHERING - 4:00 pm  
 PROCESSION & CAROLING - 4:30 pm  
 TURNING ON ALL THE LIGHTS FOR THE SEASON - 5:00 pm

**BONFIRE - HOT CHOCOLATE - DOUGHNUTS**



## **From Fr. Fred:**

*In dealing with the world Jesus asked us to be as guileless as doves and as clever as serpents. An odd combination. This secular story takes place in New York city.*

One day a well dressed attractive young woman walked into one of the city's largest banks and asked to make a loan. She was directed to the loan manager's office. He welcomed her and asked how he could help her.

Woman: "I'd like to make a loan."

Loan Manager: "What kind of a loan?"

W: "I'd like to borrow ten dollars for a month."

LM: "What?"

W: "I'd like to borrow ten dollars for a month. Can I do that?"

LM: "Do you have an account here?"

W: "No."

LM: "Well, do you have any collateral, something of value to put up against the loan?"

W: "How about my Mercedes?"

LM: "You want to put your Mercedes as collateral against a ten dollar loan?"

W: "Can I do that?"

LM: "That's unheard of! But yes, you could, if that's what you want to do."

W: "Yes, that's what I'd like to do."



The loan manager took the keys, gave them to his assistant and told him to put that Mercedes outside into the garage down below. Then he turned back to the woman.

LM: "By the way, that will cost an extra two dollars for fees and interest."

W: "That's okay."

He filled in the paperwork, had her sign it, gave her the ten dollars and she left. A month went by. When she returned she gave him back the ten dollars and the two dollars extra. He completed the paperwork, had the car brought up, gave her back her keys, and she got up to leave.

LM: "Excuse me, miss, may I ask you a question?"

W: "Sure."

LM: "You came into our bank, you're wearing expensive clothes, you're driving a Mercedes. You're obviously doing very well. Could I ask why on earth you wanted to borrow ten dollars for a month?"

W: "Sure. I don't mind telling you. I went to Europe for the month and had a wonderful vacation. Where else, in New York city, could I park my Mercedes, in perfect safety, for an entire month, for just two dollars?"

She smiled and left the bank.

## **Just for Fun:**

"Need a new look? Have your faith lifted here."



## **Quote of the week:**

"Dear parents, teach your children to pray. Pray with them." Pope Francis

