

Offertory: November 9, 2014 OLM \$453, OLV \$404, COS \$131, Total \$988
November 1, 2015 OLM \$398, OLV \$630, COS \$374, Total \$1,402 (incl. online giving).

MASS INTENTIONS


Saturday, Dec 5, OLM 4:00 PM For Terry E. Tyler, requested by Lois Tyler
Saturday, Dec 5, COS 4:30 PM For Robert Barry, requested by Carol Barry
Sunday, Dec 6, OLM 8:30 AM For a Special Intention requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, Dec 6, OLV 10:30 AM For Mike and Kay Adrian, requested by Michael Adrian
Sunday, Dec 6, COS 12:30 PM For Juan Jose Yagurin, requested by Jose Bravo
Saturday, Dec 12, OLM 4:00 PM For Henry Wajdowicz, requested by Mathew and Theresa Wajdowicz
Saturday, Dec 12, COS 4:30 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, Dec 13, OLM 8:30 AM *Open for your request*
Sunday, Dec 13, OLV 10:30 AM For the Parish Community of Our Lady of the Valley, requested by Deacon Richard and Daisy Anderberg
Sunday, Dec 13, COS 12:30 PM For Isabella Gozzo, requested by the Flaherty Family

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Dec. 8: **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Masses: COS 4:30PM, OLM 5:30PM, OLV 7:30PM**
Dec 12 & 13: Special Collection, Retirement Fund for Religious
Dec 16: Cursillo Ultreya, 7 PM *cancelled*
Dec 17: Finance Council Meeting, 4:30PM, Rectory
Dec 18: Adoration, 3PM, OLV
Dec 24: Christmas Eve (OLM-4:00 PM; OLV-6:00 PM; COS-4:30 PM, 6:00 PM)
Dec 25: Christmas Day (OLM-8:30 AM; OLV-10:30 AM; COS-12:30 PM)



Mass Hours for Tuesday, Dec. 8th
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
COS - 4:30 PM
OLM - 5:30 PM
OLV - 7:30 PM

 **Mass Hours for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day:**
Christmas Eve: OLM-4:00 PM; COS-4:30 PM, 6:00 PM; OLV-6:00 PM
Christmas Day: OLM-8:30 AM; OLV-10:30 AM; COS- 12:30 PM


Weekly Intention:
For the grace this week to show Christ to others during our Advent preparation.

~Last year at Christmas time our parishes helped those incarcerated, at the Southern State Correctional Facility in Springfield, Vt., to get some of the basic necessities they need and would like. They are limited as to what they are allowed to have, things we take for granted in our everyday lives. Other Churches in our area pitch in also and choose items off a list of things they can have. Prisoners are asked to sign up if they want to take part and this year the number was 70. Our Parish Council has chosen to continue again this season. The items we picked off the list were: **WHITE SOCKS** - 70 pr. various sizes & white only; **BATH SOAP** - 70 bars large soap; **MICRO-WAVE POP CORN** - individually sealed packages. **We will have boxes at each Church to drop items into.** The closing date is SUNDAY DECEMBER 13. They will be delivered the following day. Please help us to fill the boxes. Remember, the Apostles Paul & Peter and the Prophet Jeremiah all went to prison because they knew God. May our prayers and actions help prisoners come to know God also! — Deacon Richard

Advent Appeal
Please join **Vermont Catholic Charities** in supporting their *Annual Advent Appeal*. Your generosity is essential in helping Vermont Families meet basic needs and to provide gifts for needy children. Last year, Vermont Catholic Charities provided assistance to over 260 families, including 503 children under the age of 16. Please know that every gift—whatever the size—makes a difference. To donate, please mail a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, Advent Appeal, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403 or give online at: www.vermontcatholic.org. **100% of the Advent Appeal donations stay in Vermont to help needy families in time for Christmas.**

“There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.”
— Albert Einstein



 ~St. Edmund of Canterbury ~
Worn Again Thrift Shop~ Volunteers and Large Paper Bags are needed. For questions, **Call Pauline, 802-732-8088**

From Fr. Fred:

O merciful God, fill our hearts, we pray, with the graces of your Holy Spirit; with love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self control. Teach us to love those who hate us, to pray for those who despitely use us; that we may be the children of your love, our Father, who makes the sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. In adversity grant us grace to be patient; in prosperity keep us humble; may we guard the door of our lips; may we lightly esteem the pleasures of this world, and thirst after heavenly things; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Prayer of St. Anselm, 1033-1109 AD)



Just for Fun:

The hill south of town was a place where the teenagers loved to drag-race their cars, to see who could get to the top of the hill first.

One summer day a teen drove there looking for action. No one was around except an old man on a bicycle beginning to struggle up the hill. The teen pulled alongside and called out:

“Like a ride up the hill?”

“That would be great, son. It is pretty steep.”

The man got in the passenger seat, and the teen tried to put the bicycle in the trunk, but it wouldn't fit. It was an old bike and the wheels didn't come off. It wouldn't fit into the back seat either.

“That's okay, son,” said the old man, “I'll walk.”

“No, wait. I've got some fishing line in the car. I can hitch it to the bumper and pull you up the hill.”

“Well, that might work, son, but what if you went too fast for me?”

“I see that you have a bell on the handlebar. If I go too fast just ring the bell and I'll slow down.”

“Well, okay, son. It really is a steep hill.”

They hooked up the bike and he began to slowly pull the old man up the hill. All went well for the first few minutes until another teen pulled alongside, gave him the race signal, and stepped on the gas.

In his excitement the teen forgot about the old man and floored it.

The old man began frantically ringing his bell, but they couldn't hear it over the roar of the engine.

Halfway up the long hill there was a cop hiding and waiting in the bushes. He called ahead on the radio to the intercept car at the top of the hill.

“Hey, Harry! This is Bill. There are two of them coming at you now. They're neck and neck and doing about 80mph. But Harry, you're not going to believe this! Right behind them is this really old man on a bicycle, and HE'S RINGING HIS BELL TRYING TO PASS!!!”



Quote of the week:

“O, Mary, be to us indeed a mother; pity the fears and sorrows of your children in our state of long uncertainty and danger; show yourself a mother to us in the hour of our death.”

~St. Elizabeth Ann Seton