

Offertory: January 18, 2015 OLM \$311, OLV \$807, COS \$804 Total \$1,922
 January 17, 2016 OLM \$550, OLV \$920, COS \$1,262 Total \$2,732 (incl. online giving)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Feb 20, OLM 4:00 PM For Harris Coomes, requested by Arlene Tarantino and Judy Morton
 Saturday, Feb 20, COS 4:30 PM For Billy Zimmerman, requested by the Zimmerman family
 Sunday, Feb 21, OLM 8:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, Feb 21, OLV 10:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, Feb 21, COS 12:30 PM For Wiley Goodrich, requested by Karen Shaw
 Saturday, Feb 27, OLM 4:00 PM For Harris Coomes, requested by Betty Fedora
 Saturday, Feb 27, COS 4:30 PM For Victoriano and Pilar Monera, requested by Marilyn Monera
 Sunday, Feb 28, OLM 8:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, Feb 28, OLV 10:30 AM For a Special intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, Feb 28, COS 12:30 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Feb 26: Stations of the Cross, OLV 6:00 PM, Every Friday night through Lent
 March 2: Pastoral Council Meeting, 7PM OLV
 March 4: First Friday Mass, 5:30 PM, St. Edmund's, Saxtons River
 March 4: Stations of the Cross, OLV 6:00 PM, Every Friday night through Lent
March 5 & 6: Special Collection, Catholic Relief Services
 March 11: Stations of the Cross, OLV 6:00 PM, Every Friday night through Lent
March 12 & 13: Special Collection, Easter Flowers
 March 16: Cursillo Ultreya, 7PM, Our Lady of the Valley, Townshend, **OPEN HOUSE**
 March 18: Adoration, 3:00 PM OLV
 March 18: Stations of the Cross, OLV 6:00 PM, Every Friday night through Lent
 March 18: Penance Service, Our Lady of the Valley, Townshend, 7:00 PM



At Our Lady of the Valley in Townshend, for the season of Lent, the Stations of the Cross are made every Friday at 6:00 PM. All are welcome.





St. Therese Digital Academy is an online Catholic High School currently in development by the Diocese of Burlington. Dependent on our survey response, it is projected that the academy will be open for enrollment by September of 2016. Grounded in the firm foundation of our Catholic Faith, St. Therese Digital Academy will work with parents in their roles as primary educators by offering a full 4 year on-line Catholic High School with flexible options to assist in their child's education, while also providing weekly opportunities for social and spiritual formation at locations to be determined. To take the survey please go to:

<http://www.vermontcatholic.org/digitalacademy>

Project Rachel is a healing ministry for individuals who have been affected by abortion, helping them to grieve, receive forgiveness, and find peace. Two retreat opportunities are being planned:
 Saturday, March 5, 2016 Day of Hope and Healing (Burlington Area)
 Friday - Sunday, April 8-10, 2016 Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Weekend

For more information about these retreats and the Project Rachel ministry, or to speak to a trained Project Rachel professional, please contact: 802) 658-4118 or projectrachel@vermontcatholic.org



Weekly Intention:

For the grace this week to see the presence of Jesus in all circumstances and situations of life.

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.”
 ~John Quincy Adams



From Fr. Fred



Dear Friend,

How are you? I just had to send a note to tell you how much I care about you.

I saw you yesterday as you were talking with your friends. I waited all day hoping you would want to talk with me, too. I gave you a sunset to close your day and a cool breeze to rest you—and I waited. You never came. It hurt me—but I still love you because I am your friend.

I saw you sleeping last night and longed to touch your brow so I spilled moonlight upon your face. Again I waited, wanting to rush down so we could talk. I have so many gifts for you! You awoke and rushed off to work. My tears were in the rain.

If you would only listen to me! I love you! I try to tell you in blue skies and in the quiet green grass. I whisper it in leaves on the trees and breathe it in the colors of flowers, shout it to you in mountain streams, give the birds love songs to sing. I clothe you with warm sunshine and perfume the air with nature scents. My love for you is deeper than the ocean and bigger than the biggest need in your heart!

Ask me! Talk with me! Please don't forget me. I have so much to share with you!

I won't hassle you any further. It is your decision. I have chosen you and I will wait—because I love you.

Your friend,
JESUS

Margaret Fishback Powers

Just for Fun:

Back in the days when the quickest way to communicate over long distances was by telegram, two sisters ran a farm a long way from the city. They needed a bull and heard that one was for sale in the city. The older sister, who was better at business, decided to go check it out. They agreed that if she bought it she would send a telegram to her sister to come with the truck and the trailer to pick up the bull.

All went well and she bought it. So she went to send the telegram to her sister.

Woman: "How much for a telegram?"

Clerk: "A dollar per..."

She began dictating a long message with all the details.

Clerk: "I think you may have misunderstood Madam. It's not a dollar per telegram. It's a dollar per word."

Woman: "O, my gosh! I'll have to send a much shorter message. Okay. I'll still send the telegram, but just one word: 'Comfortable.'"

Clerk: "But Madam, your sister won't understand the message."

Woman: "Yes, she will. She doesn't read as well as I do, so she'll read the message VERY SLOWLY..."



Quote of the week:

"Being a Christian isn't just following the commandments; it means being in Christ, thinking like Him, acting like Him, loving like Him. It means letting Him take possession of our lives and change them, transform them, free them from the darkness of evil and sin."

~Pope Francis