

Offertory: February 1, 2015 OLM \$585, OLV \$689, COS \$1,001 Total \$2,275
January 17, 2016 OLM \$454, OLV \$577, COS \$1,212 Total \$2,243 (incl. online giving)

MASS INTENTIONS

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.
Saturday, Mar 5, OLM 4:00 PM For Victor Burdo, requested by Arlene Tarantino
Saturday, Mar 5, COS 4:30 PM For Billy Zimmerman, requested by the Zimmerman Family
Sunday, Mar 6, OLM 8:30 AM For the Sorrentino & Shipman families, requested by Ray and Claire Sorrentino
Sunday, Mar 6, OLV 10:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, Mar 6, COS 12:30 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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



 **Cursillo** The Joyful Proclamation
Of Being Christian
Men's Cursillo Weekend July 28-31st
Women's Cursillo Weekend August 4-7th
For information: Dan Daigler 257-7395, Carol Bemis 779-6412

Weekly Intention:
For the grace this week to renew and deepen
our efforts at genuine
repentance.

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 wel-
come.



"Don't write so that you can be
understood, write so that you
can't be misunderstood."
~William Taft



Annual Appeal 2015-2016
Annual Appeal Goal \$30,000.00 ~ Contributions to Date \$23,565.00 ~ Balance Remaining \$6,435.00
Thank you to all who have made a contribution. There are envelopes in the back of the church if you did not
receive one in the mail. Donations can be sent to: Our Lady of Mercy Rectory, PO Box 246, Putney, Vt. 05346

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parish website or from the app. To get the NEW online
Giving app, go to OLGApp.com. Register the app with our
organization ID#1345.

From Fr. Fred

Saint Joseph, whose feast day is March 19, is sometimes called The Forgotten Saint. Yet he is one of our most powerful intercessors. This quote is taken from a sermon given by Saint Bernadine of Sienna, priest.

The faithful foster-father and guardian

“There is a general rule concerning all special graces granted to any human being. Whenever the divine favor chooses someone to receive a special grace, or to accept a lofty vocation, God adorns the person chosen with all the gifts of the Spirit needed to fulfill the task at hand.

This general rule is especially verified in the case of Saint Joseph, the foster-father of our Lord and the husband of the Queen of our world, enthroned above the angels. He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph’s wife. He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying: *Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.*

What then is Joseph’s position in the whole Church of Christ? Is he not a man chosen and set apart? Through him and, yes, under him, Christ was fittingly and honorably introduced into the world. Holy Church in its entirety is indebted to the Virgin Mother because through her it was judged worthy to receive Christ. But after her we undoubtedly owe special gratitude and reverence to Saint Joseph.

In him the Old Testament finds its fitting close. He brought the noble line of patriarchs and prophets to its promised fulfillment. What the divine goodness had offered as a promise to them, he held in his arms.

Obviously, Christ does not now deny to Joseph that intimacy, reverence and very high honor which he gave him on earth, as a son to his father. Rather we must say that in heaven Christ completes and perfects all that he gave at Nazareth.

Now we can see how the last summoning words of the Lord appropriately apply to Saint Joseph: *Enter into the joy of your Lord.* In fact, although the joy of eternal happiness enters into the soul of a man, the Lord preferred to say to Joseph: *Enter into joy.* His intention was that the words should have hidden spiritual meaning for us. They convey not only that this holy man possesses an inward joy, but also that it surrounds him and engulfs him like an infinite abyss.

Remember us, Saint Joseph, and plead for us to your foster-child. Ask your most holy bride, the Virgin Mary, to look kindly upon us, since she is the mother of him who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns eternally. Amen.”

Just for Fun:

Two bumblebees met in New York city.

1st bee: “Wow. You look awful. So skinny. You look like you’re starving.”

2nd bee: “I am. I haven’t eaten in days!”

1st bee: “Tell you what. Go two blocks north, then one block east. You’ll find a bar mitzvah. Lots of flowers. You’ll love it.”

2nd bee: “Gee. Thanks for the tip.”

The following day they met again.

1st bee: “Wow. You look great. Did you find it?”

2nd bee: “Yeah. It was wonderful! I can’t thank you enough.”

1st bee: “I’m so glad for you. But what’s that on your head?”

2nd bee: “It’s a yarmulke. I didn’t want them to think I was a WASP!”



Quote of the week:

“The sacrament of the Body of the Lord defends us against the incentives to vice, cleanses the soul from sin, enlightens the understanding to know God, inflames the will with the love of God, frees us from internal death, leads us to our everlasting home, and reanimates the body to eternal life.”

~St. Thomas Aquinas

