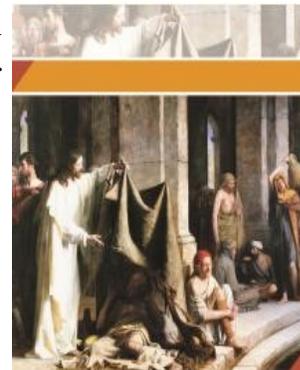


Offertory: Oct. 22, 2017 OLM \$542, OLV \$641, COS \$451, Total \$1,634  
Oct. 23, 2016 OLM \$387, OLV \$720, COS \$444, Total \$1,551

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, Feb. 3, OLM 4:00 PM For Kevin P. Tyler and James K. Evans, requested by Lois Tyler  
Saturday, Feb. 3, COS 4:30 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
Sunday, Feb. 4, OLM 8:30 AM For Ralph and Connie Lucia, requested by Ken Cevoli  
Sunday, Feb. 4, OLV 10:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
Sunday, Feb. 4, COS 12:30 PM For Edward Anthony Sweeny, requested by Bill and Rosemary Warden  
Saturday, Feb. 10, OLM 4:00 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
Saturday, Feb. 10, COS 4:30 PM For Peter, Anna May and Maureen Herron, requested by the Zimmermann family  
Sunday, Feb. 11, OLM 8:30 AM For Ronald Trahan, requested by Fr. Francis McMahon  
Sunday, Feb. 11, OLV 10:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
Sunday, Feb. 11, COS 12:30 PM For Edward Francis and Elizabeth Sweeny, requested by Bill and Rosemary Warden



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Feb. 7: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM, OLV  
**Feb. 10 & 11: Special Collection: Church in Latin America**  
**Feb. 14: Holy Day of Obligation: Ash Wednesday, Mass OLM 5:30PM, OLV 7:30 PM, with distribution of Ashes**  
Feb. 15: Finance Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, OLV

 **Weekly Intention:** For the grace this week to grasp the hand of those in need and raise them up.

“Do the best you can until you know better. Then, when you know better, do better.” ~Maya Angelou

☀ Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, rural terrain and lack of ministers are obstacles to practicing their faith. Your support in the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs to help share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

☀ Do you work or volunteer with youth in the Church? Please read the following: As part of the Diocese of Burlington’s continuing commitment to protect children and young people, all adults who work with children and youth are required to participate in child abuse prevention training, submit background check paperwork, read the Diocesan Policies on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry, and sign a Code of Conduct. The training program for adults currently used within the Diocese of Burlington is Safe and Sacred by Proud to Protect, Inc. To learn more, or to participate in the program, visit the "Child Safety" section of [www.vermontcatholic.org](http://www.vermontcatholic.org).



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**Annual Appeal 2017-2018** Annual Appeal Goal \$30,000.00. Contributions to Date: \$26,095.00. Balance Remaining \$3,905. 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

**From Fr. Fred:** *This one was passed along to me by a parishioner. I think you will like it too.*



### **It's Strange**

\*It's strange how twenty dollars seems like such a large amount when you donate it to a church, but such a small amount when you go shopping.

\*It's strange how 2 hours seem so long when you're at church, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie.

\*It's strange that you can't find words to say when you're praying, but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend.

\*It's strange how difficult it is to read one chapter of the Bible, but how easy it is to read a popular novel.

\*It's strange how everyone wants front-row-tickets to concerts, but they want to sit in the last row at Church.

\*It's strange how we need to know about an event at Church 2 or 3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust our plans for other events at the last minute.

\*It's strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God and share it with others, but it's so easy to repeat gossip.

\*It's strange how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say, but we question the words in the Bible.

### **Just for Fun:**

A very smart police dog decided to respond to an ad for work with the FBI.

The personnel director was surprised to see the dog but said. "Well, we're an equal opportunity employer. However, you will have to meet some strict requirements. First, you must type at least 60 words per minute."

Sitting down at the computer the dog types out 80 words per minute.

"Also", says the director, you must pass a physical and complete the obstacle course."

The very healthy dog finished the course in record time.

"There's one last requirement," the director continued. "You must also be bilingual." With confidence the dog looked up at him and said. "Meow!"



### **Quote of the week:**

"The more we are united, the more Jesus Christ will be in our midst as a father and good shepherd. Loving one another and living in harmony together are a sure sign that we are walking the path right and pleasing to God."  
~St. Angela Merici

