

Offertory: January 11, 2015 OLM \$883, OLV \$600, COS \$1,638 Total \$3,121
 January 10, 2016 OLM \$517, OLV \$602, COS \$1,137 Total \$2,256 (incl. online giving)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Feb 6, OLM 4:00 PM For a Special Intention, requested by Marie Lee (Happy 90th Birthday!)
 Saturday, Feb 6, COS 4:30 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, Feb 7, OLM 8:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, Feb 7, OLV 10:30 AM For Anna Huntley, requested by Pat and Mike Adrian
 Sunday, Feb 7, COS 12:30 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Saturday, Feb 13, OLM 4:00 PM For Marybeth Gibson, requested by Karen Shaw
 Saturday, Feb 13, COS 4:30 PM For Billy Zimmerman, requested by the Zimmerman Family
 Saturday, Feb 13, COS 6:00 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, Feb 14, OLM 8:30 AM *open for your request*
 Sunday, Feb 14, OLV 10:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, Feb 14, COS 12:30 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Feb 10: Ash Wednesday, Mass OLM 5:30 PM, OLV 7:30 PM, with distribution of Ashes
 Feb 12: Stations of the Cross, OLV 6:00 PM, Every Friday through Lent
Feb 13 & 14: Special Collection: Church in Latin America
 Feb 17: Cursillo Ultreya, 7:00 PM, Our Lady of the Valley, Townshend, **OPEN HOUSE**
 Feb 18: Finance Council Mtg., 4:30 PM, Rectory
 Feb 18: Parish Book Club, *Rome Sweet Home: Our Journey to Catholicism* by Scott and Kimberly Hahn 7:00-8:00 PM, Our Lady of the Valley, Townshend



Weekly Intention:
 For the grace this week to be truly loving in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

“Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man’s character, give him power.”
 ~Abraham Lincoln



JUBILEE FOR CHILDREN (GRADE SCHOOL) - MARCH 20, 2016: On March 20 a Jubilee for Young Children (grade school) will take place at 3 p.m. at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, 20 Allen St., Burlington. Families with young children are invited to join in this celebration, and extended family members are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served after. All events are to be held at 3pm EST, at Saint Joseph Co-Cathedral in Burlington - the location of the Holy Door of Mercy.

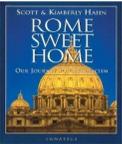
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**Summer Program at Northeast Catholic College**

Once again, Northeast Catholic College in Warner, NH is pleased to announce the dates for its Summer Program for high school students. The Collegiate Summer Program offers participants the opportunity to study theology, philosophy, literature and political science. During the summer program, students also attend daily Mass and enjoy sports, socials and day trips including hiking and canoeing. The program is for students who will be entering their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2016. It is also open to students who have just graduated high school. The Collegiate Summer Program is a two-week session that runs from Sunday, July 24 – Saturday, August 6, 2016. Register today at [www.NortheastCatholic.edu](http://www.NortheastCatholic.edu)! For more information, contact the admissions office at [admissions@northeastcatholic.edu](mailto:admissions@northeastcatholic.edu) or 603.456.2656.



**Parish Book Club**  
**Announcement:**  
 Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 7-8 pm, at Our Lady of the Valley in Townshend.



Our February book club selection is *Rome Sweet Home: Our Journey to Catholicism* by Scott and Kimberly Hahn. They have been traveling throughout North America in recent years speaking about their conversion to Catholicism.

ROME SWEET HOME, written with joy and verve, tells their story. **Book details:** Scott and Kimberly Hahn, ROME SWEET HOME (1993), 182 pages. Available in paperback and eBook. Peter Kreeft, author of BACK TO VIRTUE, has this to say about ROME SWEET HOME: “One of the beautiful and bright-shining stars in the firmament of hope for our desperate days is this couple, the Hahns, and this story of their life and conversion.” Please consider reading this story of a modern American couple and their faith journey. Then, join us for an hour of lively discussion on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 7-8 pm, at Our Lady of the Valley in Townshend. Contact Carol Bemis (802-779-6412) with any questions. Hope to see many of you at our club meeting!!

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Theology on Tap-Young Adult Group: Young adults between the ages of 21 and 35 are invited to join us for Theology on Tap at Church Street Tavern in Burlington starting at 7pm on February 18th. This month’s speaker will be Dr. Teresa Hawes, Director of Religious Programs and French at St. Francis Xavier School and consecrated lay member of Our Lady of Life Institute. Presenting-“Living the Call to Holiness” We also host a Bible study every Tuesday night at 8pm in the St. Anthony conference room at 305 Flynn Ave. Burlington. For more info, email burlingtonareayoungadults@gmail.com or search for Burlington Area Catholic Young Adults on Facebook

From Fr. Fred

The Catholic Church still sends out Missionaries to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ in some of the most difficult places on earth. It takes a very special young man or woman to answer this call. As Vatican Council II's document Ad Gentes says, it can even lead to martyrdom.

From the decree on the missionary activity of the Church of the Second Vatican Council
We must boldly proclaim the mystery of Christ

Every disciple of Christ is responsible in his own measure for the spread of the faith, but Christ the Lord is always calling from among his followers those whom he wills, so that they may be with him and be sent by him to preach to the nations.

Through the Holy Spirit, who distributes gifts as he wills for the good of all, Christ implants in the hearts of individuals the vocation to be a missionary, and at the same time he raises up in the Church institutes which make their own the task of spreading the Gospel that belongs to the whole Church.

A special vocation marks out those priests, religious and lay people who are prepared to undertake the missionary task in their own country or abroad, and have the right natural disposition for it, with suitable gifts and talents. Sent by lawful authority, they go out in obedience and faith to those who are far from Christ. They have been set apart for the task to which they have been called as ministers of the Gospel, *to make the Gentiles an acceptable offering, sanctified in the Holy Spirit.*

Those whom God calls must answer his call in such a way that, without regard for purely human counsel, they may devote themselves wholly to the work of the Gospel. This response cannot be given except with the inspiration and strength of the Holy Spirit.

The person who is sent enters into the life and mission of him who *emptied himself, taking the nature of a slave.* He must be ready therefore to be true to his vocation for life, to deny himself, renouncing all that he had before, and to become all things to all men.

In preaching the Gospel to the nations he must boldly proclaim the mystery of Christ, whose ambassador he is, so that in Christ he may have the courage to speak as he ought, and not be ashamed of the scandal of the cross. He must follow in the footsteps of his Master, who was gentle and humble of heart, and reveal to others that his yoke is easy and his burden light.

By a life that is truly according to the Gospel, by much endurance, by forbearance, by kindness and sincere love, he must bear witness to his Lord, even, if need be, by the shedding of his blood.

He will pray to God for strength and courage, so that he may come to see that for one who experiences great hardship and extreme poverty there can be abundant joy.

Just for Fun:

A Canadian was talking on the phone to a friend in Scotland. He was trying to describe just how big a country Canada was, but the Scotsman didn't seem to be catching on. The Canadian finally said: "Look Sandy, I could get into my car here in Montreal, and take the throughway heading west, and three days later I'd still be in Ontario! (the next province)" The Scotsman still didn't get it. He replied: "I used to have a car like that once."

Quote of the week:

"Our actions have a tongue of their own. They have an eloquence of their own, even when the tongue is silent. For deeds prove the lover more than words."
~St. Cyril of Jerusalem

