

Offertory: Dec. 20, 2013 OLM \$629, OLV \$684, COS \$574, Total \$1,887.
Dec. 21, 2014 OLM \$549, OLV \$585, COS \$597, Total \$1,731.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Jan. 3 OLM 4:00PM For Anthony Caputo, requested by Arlene Tarantino
Saturday Jan. 3 COS 4:30 PM For Chuck McMahon, requested by the McMahon Family
Sunday Jan. 4 OLM 8:30AM For Conchita P. Cabiluna, requested by Yoli and Ted Gochenour
Sunday Jan. 4 OLV 10:30AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday Jan. 4 COS 12:30 PM For Matteo Aquilino, requested by Scotty Aquilino
Saturday Jan. 10 OLM 4:00PM For Tom Abare, requested by Arlene Tarantino
Saturday Jan. 10 COS 4:30 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday Jan. 11 OLM 8:30AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday Jan. 11 OLV 10:30AM For Lois Dillistin, requested by Deacon Richard and Daisy Anderberg
Sunday Jan. 11 COS 12:30PM For Charles McMahon, requested by Shirley and Jack Meyer

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Jan. 7 Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM, Our Lady of the Valley
Jan. 9 Adoration, 3 PM, Our Lady of Mercy
Jan. 11 CCD Class, 9:30 AM, Our Lady of the Valley
Jan. 15 Finance Council Meeting, 4:30 PM, Rectory
Jan. 16 Adoration, 3 PM, Our Lady of Mercy, Our Lady of the Valley
Jan. 21 Cursillo Ultreya, 7 PM, Brattleboro
Jan. 23 Adoration, 3 PM, Our Lady of Mercy

STRUGGLING IN YOUR MARRIAGE? - YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help. You are NOT alone! Our peer ministry is led by couples who have lived through the honeymoon phase often followed by deep disillusionment before finally finding resurrection in their marriages using the tools taught in this program. Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vy) weekend.

The 2014/15 New England Retrouvaille marriage renewal weekends will be held on:

January 9-11, 2015
April 10-12, 2015
September 11-13, 2015

To register for the weekend or for more information, call 1-800-470-2230
or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



Project Rachel - A Spiritual and Psychological Journey for Healing After Abortion
Day of Hope and Healing - Saturday, January 31, 2015 (Burlington)
Saturday, March 14, 2015 (Bennington)
Rachel's Vineyard Retreat - Friday - Sunday, April 10 - April 12, 2015, (Northern Vermont)
(802) 658-4118; ProjectRachel@vermontcatholic.org; www.hopeafterabortion.org.



Weekly Intention

For the grace this week to surrender all our selfish ways and to follow the Way who is Christ



From Fr. Fred:

Pope Francis has designated 2015 the Year of Consecrated Life. It refers to priests, brothers and sisters who belong to Religious Orders like the Jesuits, the Franciscans and the Edmundites.

I share with you a letter about this from an Archbishop that I know.

Year of Consecrated life



On this First Sunday of Advent we not only begin a new liturgical year, but we also inaugurate a year dedicated to Consecrated Life as requested by Pope Francis last November.

This year will be a year of prayer, support, recognition and renewal of Consecrated Life in the whole Church and in our own Archdiocese. The Holy Father, in calling for this time of grace, challenged consecrated persons to make a difference in the world. He actually said that consecrated men and women "can wake up the world."

Throughout this year, our Archdiocese will take up this challenge and join with our consecrated women and men, in the effort to awaken from its deep slumber our culture and our social environment.

During the coming months, we will take time to pray for those consecrated to the Lord and we will remind ourselves and our world that Christ's abundant life goes beyond the pursuit of wealth and comfort - that meaningful life is about relationships of dedicated care and love expressed by a free response of service, particularly to the needy.

The values embodied in Consecrated Life are also the essential elements of our efforts to awaken our Church and prepare the way of the Lord through our New Evangelization efforts. Throughout the coming year, therefore, I call upon all our parishes and faithful to recognize the great work accomplished by the Consecrated women and men of our Archdiocese, and to pray and support their commitment and their many varied ministries, through which they continue to serve the Lord and our Church.

As we begin this Year of Consecrated Life, I extend my personal greetings and best wishes to all the women and men who have answered the call to serve the Lord and the Church through consecrated life. May God continue to bless each one of you.

Sincerely yours,

† Anthony Mancini
Archbishop of Halifax-Yarmouth

Just for Fun:

This one makes you stop and think for a minute.

TIME FLIES LIKE AN ARROW.

FRUIT FLIES LIKE A BANANA.



Quote of the week:

*“Learn this lesson well, once and for all:
God is the only master of our hearts;
God alone can give solid peace,
and our whole confidence must rest in God only.”*

- St. Claude de la Columbiere