

Offertory: December 21, 2014 OLM \$549, OLV \$585, COS \$817, Total \$1,951  
December 20, 2015 OLM \$473, OLV \$628, COS \$899, Total \$2,000 ( does not incl. online giving)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, Jan 16, OLM 4:00 PM For Faye E. Kelleher, requested by Laura Kelleher  
Saturday, Jan 16, COS 4:30 PM For the Kopins Family, requested by Karen Shaw  
Saturday, Jan 16, COS 6:00 PM For the Dougherty Family, requested by Karen Shaw  
Sunday, Jan 17, OLM 8:30 AM For Anna Napolitano, requested by Steve and Michele Saft  
Sunday, Jan 17, OLV 10:30 AM For Dom Tagariello, requested by Ray and Claire Sorrentino  
Sunday, Jan 17, COS 12:30 PM For Shelly and Sophie Gibson, requested by Karen Shaw  
Saturday, Jan 23, OLM 4:00 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
Saturday, Jan 23, COS 4:30 PM For the Healy Family, requested by Karen Shaw  
Sunday, Jan 24, OLM 8:30 AM For Natalie Saft, requested by Steve and Michelle Saft  
Sunday, Jan 24, OLV 10:30 AM For Terese Heard, 3rd anniversary, requested by Eleanor Crombie  
Sunday, Jan 24, COS 12:30 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Jan 17: Jubilee Year of Mercy, 3:00 PM, recognizing Lay Ministries in the Diocese of Burlington, St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, Burlington  
Jan 20: Cursillo Ultreya, 7:00 PM, St. Michael’s, Brattleboro  
Jan 21: Finance Council Meeting, 4:30 PM, Rectory  
**Jan 30 & 31: Special Collection: Catholic Education**  
Feb 1: All VIRTUS and Shield the Vulnerable users should now have Safe and Sacred training. Please visit VermontCatholic.org  
Feb 3: Parish Council Meeting, 7 PM, OLV  
Feb 5: First Friday Mass, 5:30 PM, Saint Edmund of Canterbury, Saxtons River

~You are all invited to attend the Jubilee Year of Mercy celebration recognizing **Lay Ministries** in the Diocese of Burlington at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral on January 17th at 3:00 PM. This celebration will include Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Eucharistic Exposition. Confessions will be made available for those people desiring to receive the Holy Year indulgence. Light refreshments will be served after. The Holy Door is now blessed and is open for group and individual pilgrimages throughout the year. (Please note this is not a Mass).

**World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland**

You are invited to join the Diocese of Burlington for World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland July 19<sup>th</sup> – August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Diocese is sponsoring a pilgrimage that will be an amazing 2-week immersion into the Catholic Culture of Poland and the universal Church. Open to all teens and older and young adults. For more information, contact Bill Gavin in the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at 802-658-6110 ex.1240.

**World Marriage Day**

The celebration of World Marriage Day in the Diocese of Burlington will take place on Sunday, February 7, 2016 at the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass at St. Joseph’s Co-Cathedral in Burlington with recognition being given to those couples celebrating their Milestone Anniversaries in the year 2016 (5, 10, 15, etc.)



**Cursillo**  
Making a Friend,  
Being a Friend  
Bringing a Friend to Christ

**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 do  
whatever Jesus tells us.

"We are all meant to shine, as children do. And, as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our fear, our presence automatically liberates others." ~Nelson Mandela

## Annual Appeal 2015-2016

Annual Appeal Goal \$30,000.00 ~ Contributions to Date \$20,815.00 ~ Balance Remaining \$9,185.00

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

### From Fr. Fred:

# Angels

Angels are the guardians of hope and wonder, the keepers of magic and dreams ~ Angels watch over you wherever you go, keeping each day perfect and promising a bright new tomorrow ~ Wherever there is love, an angel is flying by ~ Angels help you carry the ball, carry a tune, carry your weight, and carry on! ~ Your guardian angel knows you inside and out and loves you just the way you are ~ Angels keep it simple and always travel light ~ Whenever you hear music, an angel is speaking to you ~ Remember to leave space in your relationships so that angels have room to play ~ Your guardian angel helps you find a place when you feel there's no place to go ~ Angels carry high-beam lights to help you through the darkest hours ~ Whenever you feel lonely, a special angel drops in for tea ~ Angels know that love is the only four-letter word ~ We are always "angels on call" for a friend ~ Angels are with you every step of the way and help you soar with amazing grace ~ After all, we are angels in training, all we have to do is spread our wings and fly



### Just for Fun:

A blind man walks into church, gently picks up his seeing-eye dog by the tummy and the hind legs and swings him around in a circle.

A startled usher says:

"Hey, mister, what are you doing?"

The blind man says,

"Don't mind me, I'm just looking around."



### Quote of the week:

"A simple prayer, like a soft sighing, like a child's prayer, keeps us alert. Has not God revealed to those who are little, to Christ's poor, what the powerful of this world have so much trouble understanding?"

~ Brother Roger of Taizé

