

Offertory: January 4, 2015 OLM \$243, OLV \$418, COS \$867 Total \$1,528
January 3, 2016 OLM \$553, OLV \$643, COS \$1,356 Total \$2,552 (incl. online giving)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan 30, OLM 4:00 PM For The Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Saturday, Jan 30, COS 4:30 PM For Christopher Skakel, requested by Karen Shaw
Sunday, Jan 31, OLM 8:30 AM For Anna Napolitano, requested by Steve and Michele Saft
Sunday, Jan 31, OLV 10:30 AM For The Shipman and Sorrentino families requested by Ray and Claire Sorrentino
Sunday, Jan 31, COS 12:30 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
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.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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
Feb 10: Ash Wednesday, Mass OLM 5:30 PM, OLV 7:30 PM, with distribution of Ashes



Cursillo

Bringing Christ to
Where you live, work and play

Men's Cursillo Weekend
Women's Cursillo Weekend

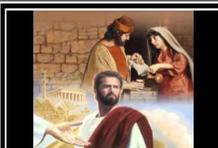
July 28-31st
August 4-7th

The Burlington Area Catholic Young Adults group invites 18-35 years olds to join us for public skating at the Highgate Sports Arena on January 31st from 2:30-4:15 followed by hot chocolate and sugar on snow at Jean-Charles and Céline Thouin's home in Highgate. The cost is \$3 per person and skate rentals are available. For more details find the Burlington Area Catholic Young Adults group on Facebook or call Céline at 868-6337.

If You Are A Current Employee or Volunteer: Employees and volunteers in the diocese who are currently utilizing VIRTUS and *Shield the Vulnerable* will be required to take the training in *Safe and Sacred* by **February 1, 2016**. Once you have switched over to *Safe and Sacred*, you no longer have to complete the VIRTUS monthly bulletins. Type in this link to take you directly to the Safe and Sacred website: <https://safeandsacred-vermontcatholic.org/login/index.php>

Theological commission: **Limbo reflects 'restrictive view of salvation'**

VATICAN CITY (CNS)— After several years of study, the Vatican's International Theological Commission said there are good reasons to hope that babies who die without being baptized go to heaven. In a new document, titled "The Hope of Salvation for Infants Who Die Without Being Baptized" and published April 20, the commission said the traditional concept of limbo — as a place where unbaptized infants spend eternity but without communion with God — seemed to reflect an "unduly restrictive view of salvation." The Church continues to teach that, because of original sin, baptism is the ordinary way of salvation for all people and urges parents to baptize infants, the document said. But there is greater theological awareness today that God is merciful and "wants all human beings to be saved," it said. Grace has priority over sin, and the exclusion of innocent babies from heaven does not seem to reflect Christ's special love for "the little ones," it said. "Our conclusion is that the many factors that we have considered ... give serious theological and liturgical grounds for hope that unbaptized infants who die will be saved and enjoy the beatific vision," the document said.



Weekly Intention:
For the grace this week to be doers
of God's Word and not hearers only.

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

Annual Appeal 2015-2016

Annual Appeal Goal \$30,000.00 ~ Contributions to Date \$22,115.00 ~ Balance Remaining \$7,885.00
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



I Said A Prayer for You Today

I said a prayer for you today
And know God must have heard ~
I felt the answer in my heart
Although He spoke no word.
I didn't ask for wealth or fame.
I knew you wouldn't mind.
I asked Him to send treasures
Of a far more lasting kind.
I asked that He'd be near you
At the start of each new day.
To grant you health and blessings
And friends to share your way.
I asked for happiness for you
In all things great and small
But it was for His loving care
I prayed the most of all.



Just for Fun:

Two kangaroos were talking to each other and one said: "I hope it doesn't rain today. I just hate it when the children play inside."



Quote of the week:

"God is present in moments of rest and can give us in a single instant exactly what we need. Then the rest of the day can take its course, under the same effort and strain, perhaps, but in peace."
~St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

