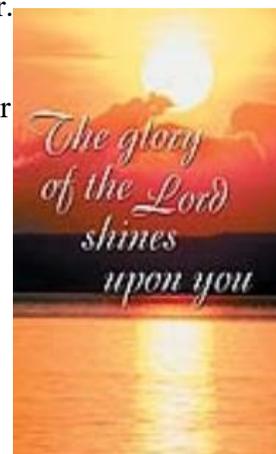


Offertory: November 28, 2015 OLM \$420, OLV \$478, COS \$973, Total \$1,871
November 27, 2016 OLM \$518, OLV \$554, COS \$598, Total \$1,670 (incl. online giving)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan. 7, OLM 4:00 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Saturday, Jan. 7, COS 4:30 PM For Chuck McMahon, second anniversary, requested by The Family
Sunday, Jan. 8, OLM 8:30 AM For Lauren Airoidi, requested by David Airoidi
Sunday, Jan. 8, OLV 10:30 AM For Fred Warren, requested by Deacon Richard and Daisy Anderberg
Sunday, Jan. 8, COS 12:30 PM For Janet Plantin, requested by the Jamaicans
Saturday, Jan. 14, OLM 4:00 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Saturday, Jan. 14, COS 4:30 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Saturday, Jan. 14, COS 6:00 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, Jan. 15, OLM 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, Jan. 15, OLV 10:30 AM For Milford and Jeanette Anderberg, requested by Deacon Richard and Daisy Anderberg
Sunday, Jan. 15, COS 12:30 PM In memory of Sepp Hundhammer requested by Guenter and Ingrid Lauk



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Jan. 7 & 8: Special Collection: Vermont Catholic Magazine

Jan. 18: Cursillo Ultreya, 7 PM, at OLV
Jan. 19: Finance Council Meeting, 6 PM, Rectory
Jan. 20: Adoration, 3:00 PM, OLV
Jan. 29: Special Collection: Catholic Education



Weekly Intention:
For the grace this week to deepen our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

“He who marvels at the beauty of the world in summer will find equal cause for wonder and admiration in winter.”
~ John Burroughs



****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 Switchback Brewing Company in Burlington starting at 7pm on January 19th. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION. This month’s speaker will be Fr. Dallas St. Peter. For more info on this and other events that our group hosts, search for Burlington Area Catholic Young Adults on Facebook or email burlingtonareayoungadults@gmail.com.

-6-Day Pilgrimage to Mexico including **Our Lady of Guadalupe** and other religious and cultural sites (**April 24-29, 2017**): Join Father Dwight Baker, UVM Chaplain and Vermont Cursillo Spiritual Advisor, departing from Boston. Daily Mass at all Holy Sites. Brochures available at the church entrance.

-The Diocese of Burlington will celebrate 2017 as a “Year of Creation,” with an intentional, heightened focus on ecological justice. Various events, initiatives, and resources will be made available to better educate on and encourage embracement of Pope Francis’ message in his 2015 encyclical, ‘Laudato Si’: On Care for Our Common Home. A Year of Creation Committee, comprised of scientists, activists, and people of faith has been formed to assist with this initiative.

Annual Appeal 2016-2017

Annual Appeal Goal \$30,000.00~
Contributions to Date \$24,441.00~
Balance Remaining \$5,559.00.



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:

This sermon is very deep. It bears reading again when we have time to really think about it.

From a sermon by Blessed Isaac of Stella, abbot
Mary and the Church

The Son of God is the firstborn of many brothers. Although by nature he is the only-begotten, by grace he has joined many to himself and made them one with him. For to those who receive him *he has given the power to become the sons of God.*



He became the Son of man and made many men sons of God, uniting them to himself by his love and power, so that they became as one. In themselves they are many by reason of their human descent, but in him they are one by divine rebirth.

The whole Christ and the unique Christ—the body and the head—are one: one because born of the same God in heaven, and of the same mother on earth. Head and members are one son, yet many sons; in the same way, Mary and the Church are one mother, yet more than one mother; one virgin, yet more than one virgin.

Both are mothers, both are virgins. Each conceives of the same Spirit, without concupiscence. Each gives birth to a child of God the Father, without sin. Without any sin, Mary gave birth to Christ the head for the sake of his body. By the forgiveness of the slightest taint of sin, the Church gave birth to the body, for the sake of its head. Each is Christ's mother, but neither gives birth to the whole Christ without the cooperation of the other.

In the inspired Scriptures, what is said in a universal sense of the virgin mother, the Church, is understood in an individual sense of the virgin Mary, and what is said in a particular sense of the virgin mother Mary is rightly understood in a general sense of the virgin mother, the Church. When either is spoken of, the meaning can be understood of both, almost without qualification.

In a way, every Christian is also believed to be a bride of God's Word, a mother of Christ, his daughter and sister, at once virginal and fruitful. These words are used in a universal sense of the Church, in a special sense of Mary, in a particular sense of the individual Christian. They are used by God's Wisdom in person, the Word of the Father.

This is why Scripture says: *I will dwell in the inheritance of the Lord.* The Lord's inheritance is, in a general sense, the Church; in a special sense, Mary; in an individual sense, the Christian. Christ dwelt for nine months in the tabernacle of Mary's womb. He dwells until the end of the ages in the tabernacle of the Church's faith. He will dwell for ever in the knowledge and love of each faithful soul.

Just for Fun: On his first day of work he was handed a broom by his new boss and told to sweep the floor. He looked at the boss with disgust and said: "Hey! I'm a college graduate, you know!" Taking the broom back the boss said: "Really? Sorry about that. Here, let me show you how it's done."



Quote of the week:

"Our labor here is brief, but the reward is eternal. Do not be disturbed by the clamor of the world, which passes like a shadow. Do not let the false delights of a deceptive world deceive you." St. Clare of Assisi



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