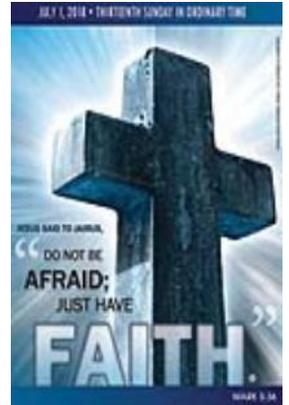


Offertory: April 8, 2018 OLM \$595, OLV \$587, COS \$649, Total \$1,712
April 9, 2017 OLM \$484, OLV \$740, COS \$797, Total \$2,257

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 30, OLM 4:00 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, July 1, OLM 8:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, July 1, OLV 10:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, July 1, COS 12:30 PM For Peace for the world, requested by Karen Shaw
Saturday, July 7, OLM 4:00 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, July 8, OLM 8:30 AM *Open for your intention*
Sunday, July 8, OLV 10:30 AM For Margaret and William A. Schaefer, requested by Eleanor Crombie
Sunday, July 8, COS 12:30 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 30 & July 1: Special Collection, Holy Father-Peter's Pence

July 5: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM, OLV
July 6: First Friday Mass, 5:30 PM, St. Edmund's, Saxtons River
July 18: Cursillo Ultreya, at the Cagney's, 7 PM

Weekly Intention:

For the grace this week to live free of envy.



The 5 second rule for food dropped on the floor doesn't work if you have a 2 second dog.



Teachers needed:

We are looking for a couple of people to teach in our Religious Education Program at Our Lady of the Valley. No degrees or previous experience are required though these would be greatly appreciated. Talk with Deacon Richard Anderberg at anderbergdr092571@gmail.com or 802-365-4012. We pray regularly for our teachers.

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

St. Michael Parish in Brattleboro, VT will be hosting *Totus Tuus* this summer! *Totus Tuus* is a fun and energetic parish-based summer catechetical program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through catechesis, evangelization, Sacraments, and Eucharistic worship. We invite children entering 1st through 8th grades to attend our day program from 9-3 on July 16-20 and high school students to attend our evening program from 7:30-9:30PM from July 15-19. The week is led by a team of seminarians and college students. For more information, contact Tina Crocker at 413-896-8576 or email her at jtcrocker@crocker.com. Registration forms are found online at <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/resource/brattleboro-totus-tuus-registration-form/>. Please send completed forms to St. Michael Parish 47 Walnut Street Brattleboro, VT 05301 or to parish@stmichaelvt.com. <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/totus-tuus-bristol-and-brattleboro/>

“Every good and perfect gift is from above” (James, 1:17). You likely have received at least one request from Bishop Christopher Coyne requesting your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. We are getting closer to our goal and ask that you prayerfully consider the request and respond generously. In addition to monies distributed for charitable works, such as Vermont Catholic Charities' Emergency Aid, the Diocese is a valuable resource to all parishes, both large and small. Our parish is now at 49.12% of our pledge goal. Thank you to all who have participated so far.

Do you work or volunteer with youth in the Church? Please read the following: As part of the Diocese of Burlington's continuing commitment to protect children and young people, all adults who work with children and youth are required to participate in child abuse prevention training, submit background check paperwork, read the Diocesan Policies on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry, and sign a Code of Conduct. The training program for adults currently used within the Diocese of Burlington is Safe and Sacred by Proud to Protect, Inc. To learn more, or to participate in the program, visit the "Child Safety" section of www.vermontcatholic.org.

From Fr. Fred

Wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to take some courses in the Bible, Spirituality, the Sacraments and Worship, Theology, and Church History with some of the very best teachers and professors in the world? How about courses about the Saints and the Mystics, and the top Religious Women? Wouldn't it be wonderful to make a retreat taught by the best Jesuits or Franciscans or even one given by Pope John Paul II or Thomas Merton?

Totally impossible for you, right? You can't go to where they are, you don't have the time, and you surely don't have the money for that kind of learning!

Well, miracles do happen! All of this and more is available to you, without the need to travel, right in your own home. Wow! But what about the cost? Would you believe free? No, I'm not kidding. Our very own Deacon, Jerry Driscoll, has bought these courses and is making them available to our parishioners free of charge.

Each course, on CD's, has between 12 and 24 talks. The talks are each 25 minutes in length. It's like attending 12 to 24 classes making up each course. You can listen to them at home, in your car, wherever and whenever you choose. It can't get any better than that! And remember, Now You Know Media, from whom these CD's were bought, has searched the whole world for the very best teachers in each course, and now they are available to you.

How can you get in on this? Just contact Deacon Jerry by E-mail (jsdmtnse@gmail.com) or by phone (802-297-2373) and tell him which course you are interested in. He can deliver it to your church and you can return it the same way. Then you can ask for a second course, etc.

How can you know what courses are available and how many there are? Believe it or not Deacon Jerry now has about 150 of these amazing courses, right up to date. He has made a list of all the courses (CD's and DVD's) and these lists will be available at the entrance of the Church. You can take home one of the lists and make your choices.

Deacon Jerry, thank you. You have made available to us the best courses and teachers in the world, right in our own home and car, and free of charge! God bless you. May we take advantage of this unique opportunity.



Quote of the week: "Our Lord does not look at the greatness or the difficulty of an action, but at the love with which you do it. What then have you to fear?" ~ St. Theresa of Lisieux

Just for Fun:

The Bishop had gotten several calls about one of his priests, Fr. Smith, who had to be one of the worst preachers ever. So the Bishop called him in to try to help him. "I try my best," said Fr. Smith, "but nothing seems to work." The Bishop tried to help, suggested the use of stories, and an opening that would get people's attention. "For example," the Bishop said, "when I preached on the feast of the Immaculate Conception I began this way: "I'm in love! I'm in love with a beautiful woman! And her name is Mary!"

Fr Smith thanked the Bishop for the advice, and the following Sunday began his sermon this way: "The Bishop is in love! He's in love with a beautiful woman! But for the life of me I can't remember her name!"

