

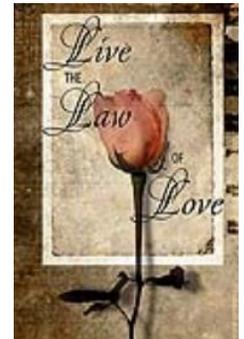
Offertory: June 13, 2015 OLM \$489, OLV \$676, COS \$559 Total \$1,724
June 12, 2016 OLM \$612, OLV \$789, COS \$416 Total \$1,817 (incl. online giving)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 9, OLM 4:00 PM For the Soul of James Howard, requested by Lolita Palmer
Sunday, July 10, OLM 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, July 10, OLV 10:30 AM For Margaret and William A. Schaefer, requested by Eleanor C. Crombie
Sunday, July 10, COS 12:30 PM For Nancy Delio, requested by her family
Saturday, July 16, OLM 4:00 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, July 17, OLM 8:30 AM For Alex Charles Raymond, requested by Heather and Normand and His brothers and sisters
Sunday, July 17, OLV 10:30 AM For Adele McKeever, requested by Kathleen H. Gunther
Sunday, July 17, COS 12:30 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 15: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, OLV 3-4 PM
July 16: **PARISH PICNIC, 10 AM - 2 PM, Townshend Dam**
July 17: Jubilee Celebration For Families, St. Anne’s Shrine, St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte, 12:15 PM
July 20: Cursillo Ultreya, 7 PM, OLV
July 21: Finance Council Meeting, 4PM, Rectory
July 22: **COFFEE SERVICE @ THE WELCOME CENTER, I-91~8AM-8PM!**



 **Weekly Intention:**
For the grace this week to bear the burdens of our neighbors.

 **Please come to the West River Missions Picnic at the Townshend Dam, Davis Shelter, Townshend, VT**
Saturday, July 16th 10a.m.—2p.m.
Please come any time and stay as long as you wish.

The Muise's will begin setting up at 10:00 a.m. The grill will be started at 11:20 a.m. and food will be served beginning at noon. We will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, ice tea and lemonade.. If you would like to bring a dish to share, feel free to contact Jon and Alice Muise so that they can let you know what others are bringing: (802) 365-7769 or muise@sover.net

 **BISHOP'S FUND**
ANNUAL APPEAL 2016
Thank you for all of your support of the 2016 Bishop's Fund Annual Appeal. Our Parish is now at 28.13% of total dollars **pledged** toward our goal. We are answering Pope Francis' call in this Jubilee Year of Mercy to go out to every family and to bring them the goodness and mercy of God. Your generous gifts help to strengthen our collective mission of mercy, charity, hope, and love. Please visit bishopsfund.org to see why your contributions matter

You are all invited to attend the **Jubilee Year of Mercy Celebration for Families** at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte on July 17. Bishop Coyne will celebrate Mass at 12:15. A procession to the statue of St. Anne will follow, and then there will be free time for lunch and recreation. Please fill out the registration form if you are planning to attend, especially if you would like to purchase the BBQ meal the Shrine is preparing. This will be an extraordinary day of grace at the oldest religious site in Vermont. Please join us! For more information go to the Diocesan website: www.vermontcatholic.org/yearofmercy

"The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little." ~Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 1937

From Fr. Fred:

Proud of Being Catholic (Excerpts of an article written by Sam Miller, prominent Cleveland Jewish businessman-NOT Catholic) Submitted by Dee Lynd

Why would newspapers carry on a vendetta on one of the most important institutions that we have today in the United States, namely the Catholic Church?

Do you know—the Catholic Church educates 2.6 million students everyday at the cost to your Church of 10 billion dollars, and a savings on the other hand to the American taxpayer of 18 billion dollars. Your graduates go on to graduate studies at the rate of 92%, all at a cost to you. To the rest of the Americans it's free.

The Church has 230 colleges and universities in the U. S. with an enrollment of 700,000 students.

The Catholic Church has a non-profit hospital system of 637 hospitals, which account for hospital treatment of 1 out of every 5 people— not just Catholics—in the United States today.

But the press is vindictive and trying to totally denigrate in every way the Catholic Church in this country. They have blamed the disease of pedophilia on the Catholic Church, which is as irresponsible as blaming adultery on the institution of marriage.

Let me give you some figures that you as Catholics should know and remember. For

example, 12% of the 300 Protestant clergy surveyed admitted to sexual intercourse with a parishioner; 38% acknowledged other inappropriate sexual contact in a study by the United Methodist Church, 41.8% of clergy women reported unwanted sexual behavior; 17% of laywomen have been sexually harassed. Meanwhile, 1.7% of the Catholic clergy has been found guilty of pedophilia. 10% of the Protestant ministers have been found guilty of pedophilia. This is not a Catholic problem.

A study of American priests showed that most are happy in the priesthood and find it even better than they had expected, and that most, if given the choice, would choose to be priests again in face of all this obnoxious PR the church has been receiving.

The Catholic Church is bleeding from self-inflicted wounds. The agony that Catholics have felt and suffered is not necessarily the fault of the Church. You have been hurt by a small number of wayward priests that have probably been totally weeded out by now.

Walk with your shoulders high and your head higher. Be a proud member of the most important non-governmental agency in the United States. Then remember what Jeremiah said: "Stand by the roads, and look and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is and walk in it, and find rest for your souls." Be proud to speak up for your faith with pride and reverence and learn what your Church does for all other religions.

Be proud that you're a Catholic.

Just for Fun: The Bathtub Test

During a visit to my doctor, I asked him, "How do you determine whether or not an older person should be put in an old age home?"

"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said, "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No," he said, "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"



Quote of the week:

"Do you want to speak the praise of God? Then be yourselves what you speak. If you lead good lives, you are God's praises." St. Augustine of Hippo