

Offertory: June 20, 2015 OLM \$474, OLV \$647, COS \$339 Total \$1,460
June 19, 2016 OLM \$514, OLV \$639, COS \$451 Total \$1,604 (incl. online giving)

MASS INTENTIONS

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.
Saturday, July 23, OLM 4:00 PM For Loretta Pastva, SND, requested by Marie Lee
Sunday, July 24, OLM 8:30 AM For Terry Tyler, requested by Mary Tyler
Sunday, July 24, OLV 10:30 AM For Kathleen Lataille, requested by Shirley Sherman
Sunday, July 24, COS 12:30 PM For Philip Macri, requested by Angela and Vincent Macri

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 17: Jubilee Celebration For Families, St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte, 12:15 PM
July 20: Cursillo Ultreya, 7 PM, OLV
July 22: **COFFEE SERVICE @ THE WELCOME CENTER, I-91~8AM-8PM!**
July 28: Finance Council Meeting, 4PM, Rectory
August 3: Parish Council Meeting, 7 PM, OLV
August 5: First Friday Mass, 5:30 PM, St. Edmund’s, Saxtons River
August 15: **ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY—MASS: OLM 5:30 PM OLV 7:30 PM**
August 17: Cursillo Ultreya, Brattleboro, 7 PM
August 18: Finance Council Meeting, Rectory, 4:30 PM
August 19: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, OLV 3-4 PM
August 20: Mass on the Mountain, Stratton Mountain, 12:00 PM



 Claudia, our wonderful cook, is retiring and moving to Florida in the near future. We will miss her! We welcome anyone interested in the position to please call the Rectory for more information. We can be reached at 802-387-5861 or olmercy@myfairpoint.net 

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

 Once again, the State of Vermont has given us the privilege of having a **Coffee Service** at the *Welcome Center* on **Friday, July 22, 2016 from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.** Please consider helping out by donating baked goods (must be NUT-FREE) and/or your time by joining us at the *Welcome Center*. Contact Mollie Muldaur at the OLM Rectory 387-5861. 

 **Weekly Intention:**
For the grace this week to live no longer for ourselves but for Christ.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead

From Fr. Fred:

Who you are does make a difference.

A teacher in New York decided to honor each of her seniors in high school by telling them the difference they each made.

She called each student to the front of the class, one at a time. First she told each of them how they had made a difference to her and the class. Then she presented each of them with a blue ribbon imprinted with gold letters which read, "Who I Am Makes a Difference." Afterwards the teacher decided to do a class project to see what kind of impact recognition would have on a community.

She gave each of the students three more ribbons and instructed them to go out and spread this acknowledgement ceremony. Then they were to follow up on the results, see who honored whom and report back to the class in about a week.

One of the boys in the class went to a junior executive in a nearby company and honored him for helping him with his career planning. He gave him a blue ribbon and put it on his shirt. Then he gave him two extra ribbons and said, "We're doing a class project on recognition, and we'd like you to go out, find somebody to honor, give them a blue ribbon, then give them the extra blue ribbon so they can acknowledge a third person to keep this acknowledgement ceremony going. Then please report back to me and tell me what happened."

Later that day the junior executive went in to see his boss, who had been noted, by the way, as being kind of a grouchy fellow. He sat his boss down and he told him that he deeply admired him for being a creative genius. The boss seemed very surprised. The junior executive asked him if he would accept the gift of the blue ribbon and would he give him permission to put in on him. His surprised boss said, "Well, sure." The junior executive took the blue ribbon and placed it on his boss's jacket above his heart.

As he gave him the last extra ribbon, he said, "Would you do me a favor? Would you take this extra ribbon and pass it on by honoring somebody else. The young boy who first gave me the ribbons is doing a project in school and we want to keep this recognition ceremony going and find out how it affects people."

That night the boss came home to his 14 year old son and sat him down. He said "The most incredible thing happened to me today. I was in my office and one of the junior executives came in and told me

he admired me and gave me a blue ribbon for being a creative genius. Imagine. He thinks I'm a creative genius. Then he put this blue ribbon that says "Who I Am Makes a Difference," on my jacket above my heart. He gave me an extra ribbon and asked me to find somebody else to honor. As I was driving home tonight, I started thinking about whom I would honor with this ribbon and I thought about you. I want to honor you. My days are really hectic and when I come home I don't pay a lot of attention to you. Sometimes I scream at you for not getting good enough grades in school and for your bedroom being a mess, but somehow tonight, I just wanted to sit here and, well, just let you know that you do make a difference to me. Besides your mother, you are the most important person in my life. You're a great kid and I love you!"

The startled boy started to sob and sob, and he couldn't stop crying. His whole body shook. He looked up at his father and said through his tears, "Dad, earlier tonight I sat in my room and wrote a letter to you and Mom explaining why I had killed myself and asking you to forgive me. I was going to commit suicide tonight after you were asleep. I just didn't think that you cared at all. The letter is upstairs. I don't think I need it after all."

His father walked upstairs and found a heartfelt letter full of anguish and pain. The envelope was addressed, "Mom and Dad." The boss went back to work a changed man. He was no longer a grouch but made sure to let all his employees know that they made a difference.

The junior executive helped several other young people with career planning and never forgot to let them know that they made a difference in his life... one being the boss's son. And the young boy and his classmates learned a valuable lesson.

Who you are DOES make a difference.



Quote of the week:

"It is to the humble-minded that Christ belongs, not to those who exalt themselves above his flock...The Lord Jesus Christ did not, for all his power, come clothed in boastful pomp and overwhelming pride, but in a humble frame of mind." Pope St. Clement I of Rome

Just for Fun:

A Scotsman visiting New York was arrested for using the women's rest room. He was flustered and confused and blurted out: "But the sign said LADDIES!"