

**Offertory:** July 7, 2013 OLM \$615, OLV \$766, COS \$511, Total \$1,892.  
 July 6, 2014 OLM \$633, OLV \$656, COS \$569, Total \$1,858.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday July 19 OLM 4:00PM For Maurice Sabin (5th death anniversary), requested by Margie Sabin  
 Sunday July 20 OLM 8:30AM For Kris & Mike Scarletta, requested by Mary Tyler  
 Sunday July 20 OLV 10:30AM For Dorothy Ransom, requested by Deacon Richard & Daisy Anderberg  
 Sunday July 20 COS 12:30PM For Renato Wieser, requested by Anna Wieser  
 Saturday July 26 OLM 4:00PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
 Sunday July 27 OLM 8:30AM For Bill Toomey, requested by Dan and Linda Kerr  
 Sunday July 27 OLV 10:30AM For the living members of the DiCesare Family,  
 requested by Anne and Dom Tagariello  
 Sunday July 27 COS 12:30PM For All our Parishioners

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

July 25 Adoration, OLM, 3PM  
**July 26 CHURCH PICNIC AT TOWNSHEND DAM, 10 AM—3PM**  
 Aug. 1 Adoration, OLM, 3PM  
 Aug. 1 First Friday Mass, Saxtons River, 5:30 PM  
 Aug. 6 Pastoral Council Meeting, OLV, 7PM  
 Aug. 8 Adoration, OLM, 3 PM  
**Aug. 15 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY INTO HEAVEN**

**Online Giving Announcement:**

Online Giving is getting an update! On Wednesday morning, **July 23, 2014**, our Online Giving account will receive an update with improvements for our donors including an easier-to-use interface, reminders about expired credit cards, and a quicker way to donate to specific funds. Online Giving is a great way to help your administrative staff while supporting our church. Signing up is easy—you can use a computer, tablet, or smartphone. Just go to our church website [www.OurLadyofMercyandtheWestRiverMissions.com](http://www.OurLadyofMercyandtheWestRiverMissions.com) or our virtual terminal (<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=1345>) and click the Online Giving logo to get started.



The next Spanish Mass at St. Joseph in Chester will be on Sunday, August 10 at 12:20 PM.

**Seeking Volunteers**

*If you have some time to spare and are interested to help, you are the person we need = counters for the collections at all three churches. The present counters have already done it for a year and they need to take a break. Please see Fr. Fred or call the office at 387-5861 for more particulars.*



*What is important is invisible to the eye. It is only felt with the heart.*  
 -The Little Prince, Antoine de St. Exupery

**Weekly Intention**

**For the grace this week to be a leaven to the world, bringing Christ's goodness and truth to places where he is not loved.**



## From Fr. Fred:

Tuesday, July 22nd, is the feast of St. Mary Magdalene. This wonderful saint has been sadly misunderstood. She was never a prostitute. Nor does the Bible say anything about her being a sexual sinner. In Jesus' day sickness was thought to be caused by the devil. So when Jesus drove a devil out of someone it meant that they had been cured of a physical sickness. Luke tells us (Lk. 8,2) that Mary had seven devils driven out of her. So she had obviously been very sick and then was healed by Jesus.

Mary was not the woman who came to the home of the Pharisee where Jesus was eating (Lk. 7,36-50). That woman cried on his feet, wiped them with her hair and put perfume on his feet. She was an unnamed public sinner whom Jesus forgave. Nor was she the unnamed woman caught in adultery whom Jesus refused to stone (Jn. 8,1-11). Nor was she the lady in Jn. 12, 1-7 who poured a whole pint of very expensive perfume, pure nard, on Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair. That lady was explicitly identified as Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, who all lived in Bethany. Mary Magdalene became Jesus' follower (Lk. 8, 1-3, one of the many women including Joanna and Suzanna who travelled with him and his Apostles (this was very unusual and even somewhat scandalous in those days). These women also paid the expenses of Jesus and his disciples out of their own pockets.

Mary Magdalene was at the foot of Jesus' cross (Jn. 19, 25) and she was the one who went to his tomb on Sunday morning to anoint his body (Jn. 20, 1-9). She was accompanied by Joanna, Mary, the mother of James, and several others (Lk. 24, 10). They found the tomb empty. Then two angels appeared to them

telling them that Jesus had arisen. They ran back to the Apostles and told them all about it but the Apostles didn't believe them. Peter and John ran to the tomb and found it empty as the women had said.

Mary Magdalene then returned to the tomb looking for Him. Jesus then appeared to Mary and convinced her that He had truly risen from the dead. She embraced him and was overjoyed. Jesus must have held her in high esteem. She had been faithful to Him all those years and she apparently was the first one He appeared to after His resurrection. Jesus then sent her back to witness to His Apostles. Apostle means someone who is sent. Some have called her the first Apostle, since she was the first one sent to tell the good news. Others have called her the Apostle to the Apostles. She did go back to them and told them everything Jesus had told her. That Sunday night Jesus himself appeared to His Apostles in the upper room.

I think Mary Magdalene would be a wonderful patroness for anyone sincerely trying to follow Jesus. Her feast day is July 22nd.

## Prayer for the Selection of a New Bishop for Vermont



*O God, Eternal Shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love, a pastor for the Diocese of Burlington who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.*

## Quote of the Week:

*"The Sacred Heart of Christ is an inexhaustible fountain and its sole desire is to pour itself out into the hearts of the humble so as to free them and prepare them to lead lives according to his good pleasure."*



- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

## Just for Fun:

Mother was really busy when the phone rang and little Johnny answered it first. Mother rushed into the room just in time to see Johnny hang up the phone.

Mother: "Who was that on the phone, Johnny?"

Johnny: "I don't know."

Mother: "You don't know? You answered the phone, didn't you?"

Johnny: "Somebody just said: 'LONG DISTANCE FROM CALIFORNIA' and I said 'Yes, it certainly is!' and I hung up."

