

Offertory: May 14, 2017 OLM \$482, OLV \$544, COS \$206, Total \$1,232
 May 15, 2016 OLM \$497, OLV \$876, COS \$377, Total \$1,750 (incl. online giving)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 22, OLM 4:00 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, July 23, OLM 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, July 23, OLV 10:30 AM For Ronald May, requested by Patricia and Michael Adrian
 Sunday, July 23, COS 12:30 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Saturday, July 29, OLM 4:00 PM **OPEN FOR YOUR REQUEST**
 Sunday, July 30, OLM 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi Jr.
 Sunday, July 30, OLV 10:30 AM For Jane Kennedy, requested by Patricia and Michael Adrian
 Sunday, July 30, COS 12:30 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 29 & 30: Special Collection: Mission Co-op 2017-Fr. Maria Lazar of the Heralds of Good News
 Aug. 2: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM, OLV
 Aug. 4: First Friday Mass, 5:30 PM, St. Edmund's, Saxtons River
 Aug. 12: **Mass on the Mountain**, Stratton Mountain, **12:00 PM**

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

Project Rachel is a healing ministry for individuals who have been affected by abortion, helping them to grieve, receive forgiveness, and find peace. If you or someone you know has been involved in abortion, reach out for the love, mercy and support offered by this important healing ministry. To speak confidentially to a trained Project Rachel professional, please contact: (802) 658-4118 or projectrachel@vermontcatholic.org

Weekly Intention:

For the grace this week to be just and kind to all we meet.



“No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another.”
 — Charles Dickens



The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents, St. Anthony Shrine, Boston, MA *Serving the Spiritual Needs of Parents Whose Children of Any Age Have Died By Any Cause*

One-Hour, One-Day, and Weekend Retreats. In Cooperation with the Archdiocese of Boston. Call Diane, Mother of Paul, at (617) 542-8057, 100 Arch Street, Boston, MA 02110 www.emfgp.org · info@emfgp.org

God's healing love and mercy are *always* possible.

Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing:
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Quote of the week: “Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing make you afraid. All things are passing. God alone never changes. Patience attains all things. Whoever possesses God finds nothing lacking. God alone suffices.”
 St. Teresa of Avila

From Fr. Fred:

A True Story:

A little girl went to her bedroom and pulled a glass jelly jar from its hiding place in the closet. She poured the change out on the floor and counted it carefully. Three times, even. The total had to be exactly perfect. No chance here for mistakes. Carefully placing the coins back in the jar and twisting on the cap, she slipped out the back door and made her way 6 blocks to Rexall's Drug Store with the big red Indian Chief sign above the door. She waited patiently for the pharmacist to give her some attention but he was too busy at this moment. Tess twisted her feet to make a scuffing noise. Nothing. She cleared her throat with the most disgusting sound she could muster. No good. Finally she took a quarter from her jar and banged it on the glass counter. That did it!

"And what do you want?" the pharmacist asked in an annoyed tone of voice. "I'm talking to my brother from Chicago whom I haven't seen in ages," he said without waiting for a reply to his question.

"Well, I want to talk to you about my brother," Tess answered back in the same an-

noyed tone. "He's really, really sick...and I want to buy a miracle."

"I beg your pardon?" said the pharmacist.

"His name is Andrew and he has something bad growing inside his head and my Daddy says only a miracle can save him now. So how much does a miracle cost?"

"We don't sell miracles here, little girl. I'm sorry but I can't help you," the pharmacist said, softening a little.

"Listen, I have the money to pay for it. If it isn't enough, I will get the rest. Just tell me how much it costs."

The pharmacist's brother was a well dressed man. He stooped down and asked the little girl, "What kind of a miracle does your brother need?"

"I don't know," Tess replied with her eyes welling up. "I just know he's really sick and Mommy says he needs an operation. But my Daddy can't pay for it, so I want to use my money."

"How much do you have?" asked the man from Chicago.

"One dollar and eleven cents,"

Tess answered barely audibly. "And it's all the money I have, but I can get some more if I need to."

"Well, what a coincidence," smiled the man. "A dollar and eleven cents—the exact price of a miracle for little brothers."

"He took her money in one hand and with the other hand he grasped her mitten and said "Take me to where you live. I want to see your brother and meet your parents. Let's see if I have the miracle you need.."

That well dressed man was Dr. Carlton Armstrong, a surgeon, specializing in neuro-surgery. The operation was completed without charge and it wasn't long until Andrew was home again and doing well. Mom and Dad were happily talking about the chain of events that had let them to this place.

"That surgery," her Mom whispered, "was a real miracle. I wonder how much it would have cost?" Tess smiled. She knew exactly how much a miracle cost...one dollar and eleven cents... plus the faith of a little child. A miracle is not the suspension of natural law, but the operation of a higher law.....

Just for Fun: A priest, a minister and a guru sat discussing the best positions for prayer, while a telephone repairman worked nearby.

"Kneeling is definitely the best way to pray," the priest said.

"No," said the minister. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven."

"You're both wrong," the guru said. "The most effective prayer position is lying down on the floor."

The repairman could contain himself no longer. "Hey, fellas," he interrupted. "The best prayin' I ever did was when I was hangin' upside down from a telephone pole."

