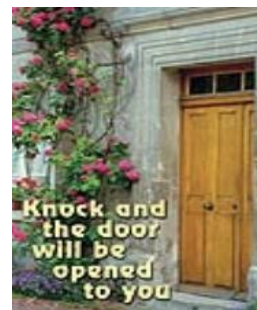


Offertory: June 27, 2015 OLM \$486, OLV \$647, COS \$651 Total \$1,784  
June 26, 2016 OLM \$477, OLV \$594, COS \$253 Total \$1,324 (incl. online giving)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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  
Saturday, July 30, OLM 4:00 PM For Elizabeth Schneider, requested by Marie Lee  
Sunday, July 31, OLM 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
Sunday, July 31, OLV 10:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
Sunday, July 31 COS 12:30 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

July 28: Finance Council Meeting, 4PM, Rectory  
August 3: Parish Pastoral 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, St. Michael Parish, Brattleboro, 7 PM **OPEN HOUSE**  
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**

*From Fr. Fred:* Plans have changed for our wonderful cook, Claudia: They will not be moving to Florida. I am glad that she will be able to continue cooking for me.

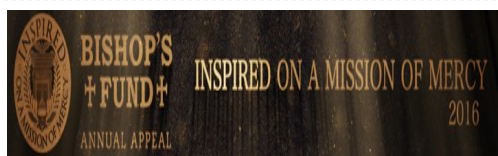


~Please pray for the women of our parish who will be making a Cursillo August 4-7.

~Patsy Hope—There will be a graveside service to bury the ashes of Patsy Hope on July 30th at 11:00 AM at the Athens Cemetery. (Call the Rectory for directions. 802-387-5861)

~6-Day Pilgrimage to Mexico including Our Lady of Guadalupe and other religious and cultural sites (April 24-29, 2017): Join Father Dwight Baker, UVM Chaplain and Vermont Cursillo Spiritual Advisor, departing from Boston. Daily Mass at all Holy Sites. Brochures available at the church entrance.

~All parishioners are invited to join the World Apostolate of Fatima Annual Prayer Day and Picnic on Sunday, Aug. 7th, at the St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte, VT- with the special intention for our Country and for the World. Starting Rosary at 10 AM/ Mass 10:30/ Living-Rosary procession 11:40 right after the mass/ Picnic 12:30 PM/ Station of the Cross 2 PM/ Divine Mercy 3PM/ closing Rosary. Please feel free to participate all day or part of the prayer schedule. Please bring your lunch bag, or get the food from the Shrine's Cafeteria; bottled water will be provided. Dress accordingly for the weather condition. For more info contact Yorini Undyantara: [yoandmic@yahoo.com](mailto:yoandmic@yahoo.com) / 802-864-0561.



Thank you to all of our faithful parishioners for your support of the **Bishop's Fund Annual Appeal** – the Bishop's Fund Office is still hard at work processing your generous pledges from a successful In Pew Commitment Phase, and will continually post updates on our progress at [bishopsfund.org](http://bishopsfund.org). To date, we have pledged 34.70% toward our goal of \$24,495.



**Weekly Intention:**  
For the grace this week to put aside all our fears and live by faith.

“A diamond is merely a lump of coal that did well under pressure” ~Unknown

## From Fr. Fred:

From a sermon attributed to Peter Chrysologus, bishop



*Blessed are the peacemakers*

*Blessed are the peacemakers*, the evangelist said, dearest brethren, *for they shall be called sons of God*. Truly Christian virtues grow in a man who enjoys the unchangeable possession of Christian peace, nor does one come to the title of son of God except through that of peacemaker.

Peace, dearest brethren, rescues man from servitude, provides him with the name of a free man, changes his identity before God together with his condition, from a servant to a son, and from a slave to a free man. Peace among brethren is the will of God, the joy of Christ, the completion of holiness, the rule of justice, the teacher of truth, the guardian of morals and a praiseworthy discipline in every regard. Peace lends strength to our prayers; it is the way our petitions can reach God easily and be credited; it is the plentitude which fulfills our desires. Peace is the mother of love, the bond of concord and the manifest sign of a pure soul, one which seeks to please God, which seeks to be fulfilled and has its desire rewarded. Peace must be preserved according to the Lord's precepts, as Christ said: *I leave you peace, my peace I give you*, that is, as I left you in peace, in peace shall I find you. As Christ left the world, he wished to leave the gift he wanted to find when he returned.

We have a commandment from heaven to retain his gift; his one word is: "I shall find what I left." God's is the planting of peace in the root, but the uprooting is from the enemy; for, just as brotherly love comes from God, so hatred comes from the devil; therefore, we must condemn our hatred of men, for it is written: *He who hates his brother is a murderer*.

Now you see, dearest brethren, why we should love peace and cultivate harmony: because they beget and nurture love. But you know also from the apostle John that, *Love comes from God*, and that whoever is not with God does not possess love.

Let us therefore, my brethren, keep the commandments, which are life for us; let us carry on together the obligations of our brotherhood in profound peace; let us bind one another with the ties of salvific charity in this mutual love which *covers a multitude of sins*. Love ought to be embraced with the grasp of all our desires, since the goods it provides amount to as many rewards. We must keep peace before all other virtues, since God is always in peace.

Love peace, and all the world will be tranquil and quiet. By doing so you store up rewards for me, and joy for yourselves, that the Church of God may be founded on the bond of peace and may cling to perfect observance in Christ.

## **Just for Fun:**

**A man sent an e-mail to the TV weather station: "I thought you should know that I just finished shoveling two inches of PARTLY CLOUDY out of my driveway."**

## **Quote of the week:**

"If you happen to do something you regret, humble yourself before God and try to regain your gentle composure. Say to your soul, 'We have made a mistake, but let's go on now and be more careful.' Then don't miss the opportunity to perform as many acts of gentleness as you can—and as frequently as you can—no matter how small these acts may seem, for, as our Lord says: 'To the person who is faithful in little things, greater ones will be given.'" St. Francis de Sales