

Offertory: June 22, 2014 OLM \$450, OLV \$501, COS \$315, Total \$1,266
 June 21, 2015 OLM \$491, OLV \$717, COS \$651, Total \$1,859 (incl. online giving).

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 25, OLM 4:00PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi Jr.
 Sunday, July 26, OLM 8:30AM For Tony Dennett and Barbara Roth, requested by Jake Schroeder
 Sunday, July 26, OLV 10:30AM For Dominic Tagariello, requested by Arlene Tarentino
 Sunday, July 26, COS 12:30PM For Edward & Francis Sweeney, requested by Bill and Rosemary Warden
 Saturday, Aug 1, OLM 4:00PM For Cynthia Long, requested by Raymond Long
 Sunday, Aug 2, OLM 8:30AM For The Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi Jr
 Sunday, Aug 2, OLV 10:30AM For Dominic Tagariello, requested by Jack & Gill Winner
 Sunday, Aug 2, COS 12:30 PM For Elizabeth Sweeney, requested by Bill & Rosemary Warden

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 31: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 3-4 PM, OLM
 August 5: Pastoral Council Meeting, of OLV, **CANCELLED**
 August 7: First Friday Mass, 5:30 PM, St. Edmund's, Saxtons River
 August 15: 11AM Funeral & Burial-Mary Dexter, OLV
 August 19: Cursillo Ultreya, 7PM St. Michaels in Brattleboro
 August 20: Finance Council Meeting, 4:30 at the Rectory
 August 21: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 3-4PM OLV
August 22: Mass on The Mountain, 12:00PM Stratton Mtn.



What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.
 ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter
Laudato Si

The Holy Father's Encyclical Letter, *Laudato Si*, translated as "Care for our Common Home", was released on June 18th. The Vatican website has the link to the English translation:
http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

~A special thank you to our outgoing secretary, Yoli Gochenour. Our prayers and best wishes are with you. A very warm welcome to our new secretary, Doreen McAllister from Putney.

~The next Spanish Mass will be held on Sunday, August 9, 12:30pm at St. Joseph in Chester. Fr. Gerard Leclerc officiating

~The Welcome Center Fundraiser raised over \$1,400! Thank you to all who organized, baked, delivered, sold and bought.



Weekly Intention

For the grace this week to live in humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another through love, we pray to the lord.



Fr. Simon's Tuition Appeal Goal: \$15,000
 Tuition Appeal Collection to date: \$14,739
 Tuition Appeal Collection to go: \$ 261



From Fr. Fred:

Jesus told us many times how very important it is for us to help the poor and those less fortunate than ourselves. This amazing homily by one of our greatest preachers can really make us stop and think.

From a homily by Saint John Chrysostom, bishop
Compassion is Christ's command

“God gave us his own Son; but you will not even share your bread with him who was given us and put to death for your sake.

“On account of you, the Father did not spare him though he was indeed his Son; you disregard him when he is wasting away with starvation, even though you would be spending on him what is really his, spending it moreover for your own good. What can be worse than such injustice? He was given up for you, put to death for you, went about hungry for you; you would be giving only what is his, giving moreover for your own benefit; even so, you refuse to give.

“What stone could be more insensitive than such men, for despite so many inducements they persist in this satanic cold heartedness. He was not satisfied only to endure death on a cross; he chose to become poor and homeless, a beggar and naked, to be thrown into prison and suffer sickness, so that in this way too he might invite you to join him.

“If you will make me no return for having suffered for you, at least have pity on my poverty. If not that, be moved at least by my sickness and imprisonment. If none of these elicit your compassion, at least grant me this, because it is so small a request. I want nothing expensive, just a little bread, shelter, a few kind words. If all this leaves you unmoved, at least improve your conduct for the kingdom of heaven's sake, for all the rewards I have promised. Or is this too of no account in your eyes? Well, at least out of natural pity you might feel upset when you see me naked; and remember how I was naked on the cross, which I suffered for your sake; or, if not this, then recall the poverty and nakedness I endure today in the poor. Once I was in fetters for you; I am still in fetters for you, so that whether by those earlier bonds or by these present ones, you might be moved to show some feeling for me. I fasted for you and I go hungry again, still for your sake; I thirsted as I hung upon the cross, and I am thirsty again in the poor of today. In one way or another, I would draw you to myself; for your soul's sake, I would have you compassionate.

“You are bound to me by innumerable favors, and now I ask you to make some return. Not that I demand it as my due. I reward you as though you were acting out generosity; for your trifling gestures, I am giving you a kingdom.

“I do not say: ‘Put an end to my poverty,’ or ‘Make over to me your wealth, although it was for you that I became poor.’ All I ask for is a little bread, clothing and a little comfort in my hunger.

“If I am in prison, I do not ask you to set me free of my chains and release me; all I ask is that, for my sake, you should visit someone in prison. This will be favor enough; in return I bestow upon you heaven. I released you from the heaviest chains; it will be enough for me if you visit me in prison.

“I could, of course, reward you without any of this; but I want to be in your debt, so that, along with your reward, you may have confidence in yourself.”



Quote of the week:

“Learn from the heart of the Father the attitudes of love, tender concern, and compassion that you need to have to serve the poor, the sick, and the orphans.”~St. Marguerite d'Youville

Just for Fun:

Sometimes real life can be funnier than anything we can make up. A protestant minister friend of mine told me this true story about himself. One Sunday as he got up to preach he began with a story. But as he was telling the story he was distracted by a 12 year old boy in the front pew. The boy was very pale and looked like he was about to throw up. My friend was hoping that the boy would go to the bathroom, but he didn't. Then, just as he finished his story, the boy did get up suddenly, but didn't make it to the bathroom and threw up all over the pulpit! There was a stunned silence in the church. Then a man in the back said: “I didn't think much of that story either.”