

**Offertory:** May 21, 2017 OLM \$789, OLV \$1,001, COS \$407, Total \$2,197  
 May 22, 2016 OLM \$334, OLV \$595, COS \$410, Total \$1,339 (incl. online giving)

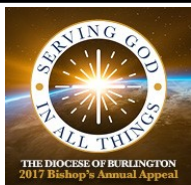
**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, July 29, OLM 4:00 PM For Vicki and Peter Goodrich, requested by the Coomes family  
 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.  
 Saturday, Aug. 5, OLM 4:00 PM For Thomas F. Lee, requested by Marie Lee  
 Sunday, Aug. 6, OLM 8:30 AM **OPEN FOR YOUR REQUEST**  
 Sunday, Aug. 6, OLV 10:30 AM For the Soul of Mary O’Conner, requested by Patricia and Michael Adrian  
 Sunday, Aug. 6, COS 12:30 PM In memory of Ruby Baur, requested by Warren Baur

**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-Gondola ride is free

**Heralds of Good News (HGN)** is a Clerical Missionary Society of apostolic life of pontifical right. The object of the society is to work for the glory of God by evangelization of the people and by the sanctification of its members. God has blessed the Society today with 262 seminarians in various levels of studies and 474 permanent members among which 235 permanent members are from **Mary Queen of Apostles Province**. Fr. Maria of St. Charles Church in Bellows Falls, belongs to this particular province of the Society. The missionaries of our Province have been sent to different parts of developing and developed countries. Our ministry in India and African countries embraces all the aspects of Jesus’ Mission. Parish Ministry, Education Ministry for poor and financially challenged, charismatic retreat centers, orphanages for social emancipation of poor and new evangelization through mass media communication. Our missionaries’ presence in the United States started in the year 1991 in the diocese of Lake Charles, LA, with the Diocese of Burlington, VT since 2009, in which four of our missionaries have been working.



**2017 Bishop’s Fund Parish Update**

Thank you to all 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 [www.bishopsfund.org](http://www.bishopsfund.org). To date, our parish has pledged \$4,130 or 18.12% toward our goal of \$22,789.

**Weekly Intention:**

For the grace this week to supply from our abundance the needs of others.



“Don’t cry because it’s over, smile because it happened.”  
 Dr. Seuss



Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer invites you to:

**THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**

A Day to Honor Our Lady of Ephesus

**Date: August 15, 2017**

**1PM – Gathering time.**

**2PM – Guest speaker: Michael O’Neill—**

Michael is a well-known author, producer, public speaker and creator of the website Miracle Hunter.com. He is a Marian expert and has been interviewed about his research numerous times for features on Catholic media outlets like Relevant Radio, for projects for the Smithsonian Magazine, the History Channel, the Discovery Channel and EWTN.

**3PM – Songs & Reflections:** Presented by the well-known singer and performer: Grace Markay

**4:30PM – Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**

Pot Luck Supper following Mass. For more information go to: [ourladyofephesushouseofprayer.org](http://ourladyofephesushouseofprayer.org) or call 802-896-6000.

### **From Fr. Fred:**

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. Well, as such things go, one thing led to another. The sales meeting lasted longer than anticipated.

Their flights were scheduled to leave out of Chicago's O'Hare Airport, and they had to race pell mell to the airport. With tickets in hand, they barged through the terminal to catch their flight back home. In their rush, with tickets and brief-cases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of baskets of apples. Apples flew everywhere.

Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly missed boarding. All but one. He paused, took a deep breath and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned. He told his buddies to go on without him and told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight.

Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the floor. He was glad he did. The 16 year old girl at the apple stand was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her, no one stopping or to care for her plight.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them into the baskets, and helped set the display up once more. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket. When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$20 for the damage we did. Are you okay?"

She nodded through her tears.

He continued on with, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly."

As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, "Mister..." He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, "Are you Jesus?"

He stopped in mid-stride, and he wondered. Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: "Are you Jesus?"

Do people mistake you for Jesus? That's our destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace. If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting Scripture and going to church. It's actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day.



**Just for Fun:** The young couple invited their elderly pastor for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the minister asked their son what they were having.

"Goat," the little boy replied.

"Goat?" replied the startled man of the cloth, "Are you sure about that?"

"Yep," said the youngster. "I heard Dad say to Mom, 'Today is just as good as any to have the old goat for dinner.'"



**Quote of the week:** "All the ends of the earth, all the kingdoms of the world would be of no profit to me. So far as I am concerned, to die in Jesus Christ is better than to be monarch of earth's widest bounds. He who died for us is all that I seek. He who rose again for us is my whole desire."  
St. Ignatius of Antioch