

June 14, 2015

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

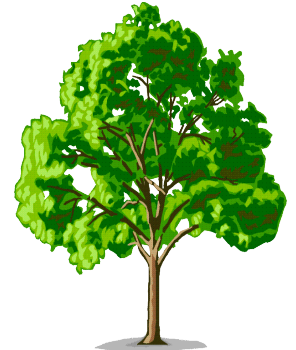
Offertory: May 25, 2014 OLM \$510, OLV \$655, COS \$515, Total \$1,680.
May 24, 2015 OLM \$480, OLV \$687, COS \$425, Total \$1,592(incl. online giving).

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday June 13 OLM 4:00 PM For Dorothy and Jack Elliott and son Michael, requested by Marie Lee
Sunday June 14 OLM 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday June 14 OLV 10:30 AM For Robert Ransom, requested by Deacon Richard and Daisy Anderberg
Sunday June 14 COS 12:30 PM For Heinz Paul Wieser, requested by Anna Wieser
Saturday June 20 OLM 4:00 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday June 21 OLM 8:30 AM **OPEN FOR YOUR REQUEST**
Sunday June 21 OLV 10:30 AM For Irene Atilas, requested by Carol Bemis
Sunday June 21 COS 12:30 PM For Renato Wieser, requested by Anna Wieser

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 17: Cursillo Ultreya, 7 PM, St. Michael's Parish, Brattleboro
June 19: COFFEE SERVICE @ THE WELCOME CENTER, I-91 (past Exit 1)
June 19: Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament, 3-4 PM, OLV, **NO Adoration at OLM**
June 21: FATHERS' DAY, please BRING BACK the BABY BOTTLES for CareNet
June 25: Finance Council Meeting, 4:30 PM, Rectory
June 26: Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament, 3-4, OLM
June 28: SPECIAL COLLECTION: Peter's Pence
July 1: Pastoral Council Meeting: 7 PM, OLV
July 3: First Friday Mass, 5:30 PM, St. Edmund of Canterbury, Saxtons River
July 4: Independence Day



JOB OPENING:

For family reasons our parish secretary, Yoli Gochenour, will be leaving her job at the end of this month. We will surely miss her. We thank her sincerely for her wonderful service and our prayers and good wishes go with her.

Interested applicants for the job (15-18 hrs. per week) may call Fr. Fred for an interview at 387-5861.



CARE NET

Pregnancy Center of Windham County
Brattleboro, VT



Reminder!

Please bring back your baby bottles on June 21st, Father's Day...

Thank you!

PARISH BOOK CLUB MEETING:

Please join us on **Thursday, June 25th** from 7-8 PM at **Our Lady of the Valley** for an hour of lively discussion and fellowship. For our June meeting, Deacon Richard Anderberg has selected **THE CHURCH OF MERCY** (Loyola Press, 2014, 168 pages, available in Kindle, paperback, hardback and audio platforms) **by Pope Francis I.** What better way to prepare for the Year of Mercy than to gain insight into Pope Francis' thoughts on its relevance in modern times?

"Refreshingly humane, focusing on people rather than institutions. Admirers of Francis and students of church history alike will find this a useful introduction to the pontiff's thought." - KIRKUS

For further information, please contact Carol Bemis (cabemis@icloud.com, 802 779 6412)



Weekly Intention

For the grace this week to walk by faith, not by sight.





Fr. Simon's Tuition Appeal Goal: \$15,000.00
 Tuition Appeal **Collection to date: \$13,970.00**
 Tuition Appeal **Collection to go: \$ 1,030.00**



From Fr. Fred:

How positive and encouraging is this beautiful short homily by Pope St. Gregory the Great!

Christ the good shepherd

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own—by which I mean, I love them—and my own know me. In plain words: those who love me are willing to follow me, for anyone who does not love the truth has not yet come to know it.

My dear brethren, you have heard the test we pastors have to undergo. Turn now to consider how these words of our Lord imply a test for yourselves also. Ask yourselves whether you belong to his flock, whether you know him, whether the light of his truth shines in your minds. I assure you that it is not by faith that you will come to know him, but by love; not by mere conviction, but by action. John the evangelist is my authority for this statement. He tells us that *anyone who claims to know God without keeping his commandments is a liar.*

Consequently, the Lord immediately adds: *As the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.* Clearly he means that laying down his life for his sheep gives evidence of his knowledge of the Father and the Father's knowledge of him. In other words, by the love with which he dies for his sheep he shows how greatly he loves his Father.

Again he says: *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them; they follow me, and I give them eternal life.* Shortly before this he had declared: *If anyone enters the sheepfold through me he shall be saved; he shall go freely in and out and shall find good pasture.* He will enter into a life of faith; from faith he will go out to vision, from belief to contemplation, and will graze in the good pastures of everlasting life.

So our Lord's sheep will finally reach their grazing ground where all who follow him in simplicity of heart will feed on the green pastures of eternity. These pastures are the spiritual joys of heaven. There the elect look upon the face of God with unclouded vision and feast at the banquet of life for ever more.

Beloved brothers, let us set out for these pastures where we shall keep joyful festival with so many of our fellow citizens. May the thought of their happiness urge us on! Let us stir up our hearts, rekindle our faith, and long eagerly for what heaven has in store for us. To love thus is to be already on our way. No matter what obstacles we encounter, we must not allow them to turn us aside from the joy of that heavenly feast. Anyone who is determined to reach his destination is not deterred by the roughness of the road that leads to it. Nor must we allow the charm of success to seduce us, or we shall be like a foolish traveler who is so distracted by the pleasant meadows through which he is passing that he forgets where he is going."

Quote of the week:

*"We know certainly that our God calls us to a holy life.
 We know that God gives us every grace,
 every abundant grace;
 and though we are so weak of ourselves,
 this grace is able to carry us through
 every obstacle and difficulty."*

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Just for Fun:

Last night I had this interesting dream. I was next in the six-item express lane at the store, quietly fuming. Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the check-out line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. The cashier finally beckoned the woman to come forward, looked into the cart, and asked sweetly, "So which six items would you like to buy?"

