

Offertory: April 21, 2019 OLM \$997, OLV \$717, COS \$864, Total \$2,081
April 22, 2018 OLM \$762, OLV \$400, COS \$152, Total \$1,642

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 15, OLM 4:00 PM For Joyce and Bill Scheuerman, requested by Sheila Scheuerman and Jeff Karlin
Sunday, June 16, OLM 8:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, June 16, OLV 10:30 AM For Sr. Marguerite Schaefer, SND, requested by Eleanor Crombie
Sunday, June 16, COS 12:30 PM For Doreen McAllister, requested by Karen Shaw
Saturday, June 22, OLM 4:00 PM For Joyce and Bill Scheuerman, requested by Sheila Scheuerman and Jeff Karlin
Sunday, June 23, OLM 8:30 AM For Terry Kauffman, requested by his family
Sunday, June 23, OLV 10:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, June 23, COS 12:30 PM For the Kopins family, requested by Karen Shaw

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 16: FATHERS' DAY

June 16: Reminder: Please bring in the baby bottles for Branches Pregnancy Resource Center

June 19: Cursillo Ultreya, at the Cagneys', 7:00 PM

June 21, Adoration, 3 PM, OLV

June 23: RETIREMENT PARTY for Fr. Fred, 3:00PM-5:00PM, The Saxtons River Inn, 27 Main Street, Saxtons River

June 29 & 30: Special Collection: Holy Father Peter's Pence

"Happiness does not depend on accumulating more things, but on the mindset we have concerning the things we already do possess." ~Fulton Sheen

Weekly Intention:

For the grace this week to live each moment consciously united to God in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



Young Adults Coffee Mixer

St. Michael Parish in Brattleboro wants to get a Young Adults group started! If you're between the ages of 18 and 39, please join us on **Sunday, June 30th from 11:30 AM to 1PM at St. Brigid's Kitchen, 38 Walnut Street in Brattleboro.** We'll enjoy coffee and snacks, and chat about activities and events that an ongoing Young Adults group could do. Married and unmarried, parents and non-parents are welcome. Feel free to bring your kids with you to this event. Contact Dan Berger with questions or to RSVP: dan.berger@protonmail.com, 802-451-0247



**PLEASE JOIN US
FOR A
RETIREMENT
PARTY**

HONORING

Fr. Fred McLachlan, S.S.E.



Amen, I say to **you**, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." ~ Mt. 25:40

In years past our Parish has gifted to those incarcerated at Springfield Prison (SSCF) needed items. This program took place during Advent. We are now allowed to contribute throughout the year to those in need, so we are asking for donations of most needed items which happen to be men's white socks and t-shirts. Leave them at the Church or give them to Deacon Anderberg who will get them to the Prison. Thank you for your help.

SUNDAY	3pm-5pm
JUNE 23, 2019	The Saxtons River Inn 27 Main Street Saxtons River, VT 05154
	Light refreshments will be served. Cash bar available.

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We would gladly accept donations to help fund the retirement party.

From Fr. Fred:

Good priests and good bishops are also good men. Here in our little diocese of Vermont, sandwiched between New York and New Hampshire, we have had some very good bishops. I would like to share with you a fond memory of one of them, Bishop Kenneth Angell.

There is a wonderful tradition here, that once a year in September the bishop hosts and pays for a get-together for all his priests in Vermont. We gather at a lakeside resort for three days of prayer, relaxation and camaraderie. This particular day we were all gathered in a big dining room, eight to a table, enjoying conversation and a delicious supper. Most of the priests were Diocesan priests, but a few like myself, an Edmundite, were Religious priests invited to work in the diocese.

I had just shared a joke at my table and the sudden burst of laughter attracted attention. A couple of tables over, Bishop Angell, who loved to hear and tell stories, caught on quickly and loudly said: “Fr. Fred. Why don’t you share the story with the rest of us?” Embarrassed, because I had intended the joke for just my table, I tried to get out of it. But by now everyone was listening and Bishop Angell was insisting. I decided to risk it, stood and began.

“Three priests, a Franciscan, a Jesuit, and a Diocesan priest were friends and used to spend their day off together. One week the circus was in town, and on a whim they decided to go. Wearing ordinary clothes, they were in line to get tickets when the manager of the circus spotted them and came over. “Fathers, welcome to the circus!” “How did you know we were priests?” “Oh, I could tell right away. Come with me. We almost never get priests here. Everything is free for you today.” He led them to the best seats, told them that the food and drinks were free, and added: “Do you see that clown down there in the center ring? He used to be a priest!”

When the manager left, the Diocesan priest smiled and teasingly said: “I bet that clown was a Franciscan.” The Franciscan said: “No way. All the guys that leave us go into social work and help the poor. He must have been a Jesuit.” The Jesuit replied: “Absolutely not. The guys that leave us become teachers, scientists or researchers. He had to be a Diocesan priest.” The Diocesan priest replied: “Not a chance. All the clowns that leave us become bishops!”

The room erupted in hoots and yikes and hollers and all eyes turned to Bishop Angell. He had a smile on his face as I sat down. He waited a bit to build the suspense. Then when he stood up and turned toward me still smiling, everyone cheered and clapped and laughed in eager anticipation of what he was going to say. He began in a stern voice: “Father McLachlan!” More hoots and hollers. “You’re going to love it in New Hampshire!!”

The room exploded in cheers, table slapping and joyous laughter. We all loved bishop Angell more that day. He could not only take a joke, he could give it back one better. He was a wonderful shepherd. He knew each of his priests well, and loved every one of them.

Just for Fun: This one comes from Msgr. Arthur Tonne.

Mother: “Marilyn, were you a good little girl at church today?”

Marilyn: “Yes, mother. A man offered me a big plate of money, and I said, “No, thank you!”

Quote of the week:

“It is Jesus you seek when you dream of happiness. He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you. He is the beauty to which you are so attracted. It is he who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise. It is he who urges you to shed the masks of a false life. It is he who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle.” ~St. John Paul II