

Offertory: April 7, 2019 OLM \$812, OLV \$421, COS \$848, Total \$2,081  
 April 8, 2018 OLM \$526, OLV \$582, COS \$534, Total \$1,642

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, June 1, OLM 4:00 PM For a Special Intention, requested by, Karen Shaw  
 Sunday, June 2, OLM 8:30 AM For Joyce and Bill Scheuerman, requested by Sheila Scheuerman and Jeff Karlin  
 Sunday, June 2, OLV 10:30 AM For Louis Pellino, requested by Rocco Pellino  
 Sunday, June 2, COS 12:30 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
 Saturday, June 8, OLM 4:00 PM For David Corey and Peter Gallagher, requested by Arlene Tarantino  
 Sunday, June 9, OLM 8:30 AM For Joyce and Bill Scheuerman, requested by Sheila Scheuerman and Jeff Karlin  
 Sunday, June 9, OLV 10:30 AM For Justine and Stephen Martin, requested by Ray and Helen Zihala  
 Sunday, June 9, COS 12:30 PM For a Special Intention for Maverick Shaw, requested by Karen Shaw

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**June 1 & 2: Special Collection, Catholic Communications**

June 5: Parish Pastoral Council meeting, 7 PM, OLV  
 June 7: First Friday Mass, 5:30 PM, St. Edmund's, Saxtons River  
**June 9: Pentecost Sunday, (don't forget to wear red!)**

**Weekly Intention:**  
 For the grace this week to love with which the Father loves the Son.



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.

**Totus Tuus**  
 Totus Tuus is a fun and energetic parish-based summer catechetical program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting Catholicism through catechesis, Sacraments, and Eucharistic worship. The week-long program meets with grade school (1-8) children during the day and high school age children in the evening. St. Michael Parish will be hosting Totus Tuus from Sunday, July 7th through Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Tina at (413) 896-8576.



**PLEASE JOIN US  
 FOR A  
 RETIREMENT  
 PARTY**  
 HONORING



*Fr. Fred McLachlan, S.S.E.*

SUNDAY	3pm-5pm
<b>JUNE 23, 2019</b>	The Saxtons River Inn
	27 Main Street Saxtons River, VT 05154

802-387-5861 olmercy@myfairpoint.net P.O. Box 246, Putney, VT 05346  
 We would gladly accept donations to help fund the retirement party.



The life of Jesus is a life for others. It is a life of service."—Pope Francis  
 Thank you to all those who have been able to make a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your gift helps families like "Amber" who found housing through Vermont Catholic Charities' Emergency Aid program after being homeless for 10 months. Each year an average of 2,000 people in financial crisis receive emergency aid, and those that cannot afford tuition at our Catholic schools receive \$340,000 in subsidizes. 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal for Our Lady of Mercy Parish is \$22,789. We ask that you prayerfully consider donating to the appeal to support the Catholic Church in Vermont. Visit [bishopsappealvt.org](http://bishopsappealvt.org) for more information about your gift at work.

**From Fr. Fred:** *Written by an 8 year old, Danny Dutton of Chula Vista, CA, for his third grade homework assignment. The assignment was to explain God. I just wonder if any of us could do as well???*

### **Explanation of God by an 8 year old**

“One of God’s main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn’t make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn’t have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to the mothers and fathers.”

“God’s second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn’t have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.”

“God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn’t go wasting His time by going over your Mom and Dad’s head asking for something they said you couldn’t have.”

“Atheists are people who don’t believe in God. I don’t think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren’t any who come to our church.”

“Jesus is God’s Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn’t want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his

father that they didn’t know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.”

“His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn’t have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.”

“You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.”

“You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there’s anybody you want to make happy, it’s God. Don’t skip church or do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn’t come out at the beach until noon anyway.”

“If you don’t believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can’t go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He’s around you when you’re scared, in the dark or when you can’t swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.”

“But...you shouldn’t just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases. And...that’s why I believe in God.”

**Quote of the week:** “Love cannot remain by itself. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service. A mission of love can come only from union with God. From that union, love for the family, love for one’s neighbor, love for the poor is the natural fruit.”

~St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

**Just for Fun:** A woman called up a psychiatrist’s office and asked to speak with the doctor.

**Woman:** “Doctor, I’d like to make an appointment for you to talk with my son. I’m really worried about him. He likes to play in the mud. Nearly every day he goes out and just plays in the mud.”

**Doctor:** “I don’t think you need an appointment for that. Your son sounds perfectly normal to me.”

**Woman:** “Well, I don’t think that it’s normal at all. And neither does his wife!”