

Offertory: April 1, 2018 OLM \$526, OLV \$582, COS \$649, Total \$1,757
 April 2, 2017 OLM \$430, OLV \$548, COS \$797, Total \$1,775

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 23, OLM 4:00 PM For Ron Gump, requested by Karen Shaw
 Sunday, June 24, OLM 8:30 AM For Jeff Newita, requested by Karen Shaw
 Sunday, June 24, OLV 10:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, June 24, COS 12:30 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by Karen Shaw
 Saturday, June 30, OLM 4:00 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, July 1, OLM 8:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, July 1, OLV 10:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, July 1, COS 12:30 PM For Peace for the world, requested by Karen Shaw



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 30 & July 1: Special Collection, Holy Father-Peter's Pence

July 5: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM, OLV
 July 6: First Friday Mass, 5:30 PM, St. Edmund's, Saxtons River
 July 18: Cursillo Ultreya, at the Cagney's, 7 PM
 July 6: First Friday Mass, 5:30 PM, St. Edmund's, Saxtons River



Weekly Intention:

For the grace this week to live totally committed to Jesus Christ as did John the Baptist .

"The strongest oak of the forest is not the one that is protected from the storm and hidden from the sun. It's the one that stands in the open where it is compelled to struggle for existence against the winds and rains and the scorching sun." – Napoleon Hill

Next week, we will take the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

St. Michael Parish in Brattleboro, VT will be hosting *Totus Tuus* this summer! *Totus Tuus* is a fun and energetic parish-based summer catechetical program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through catechesis, evangelization, Sacraments, and Eucharistic worship. We invite children entering 1st through 8th grades to attend our day program from 9-3 on July 16-20 and high school students to attend our evening program from 7:30-9:30PM from July 15-19. The week is led by a team of seminarians and college students. For more information, contact Tina Crocker at 413-896-8576 or email her at jtcrocker@crocker.com. Registration forms are found online at <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/resource/brattleboro-totus-tuus-registration-form/>. Please send completed forms to St. Michael Parish 47 Walnut Street Brattleboro, VT 05301 or to parish@stmichaelvt.com. <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/totus-tuus-bristol-and-brattleboro/>

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God." Learn what graces God bestows on your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jul 6-8, 2018 in Manchester, CT and Jul 14-15, 2018 in BAYSIDE, NY. For more information, call Gary & Lynn Root at 802-456-8114 or visit them at <https://wwmevt.org>.

Pro-Abortion?

When people believe in something, you do not see them desperately trying to avoid being linked to the activity with which their movement is identified.

For example, those who support the death penalty do not mind being called pro-death penalty. People who work for animal rights, do not mind being called pro-animal rights. People who support the Second Amendment do not mind being called pro-gun, and the list goes on and on.

The one exception is people who support legal abortion. Although they vigorously defend abortion's legality, they do everything possible to avoid being called pro-abortion. Clearly, they are advocating the legality of an activity which is not only repugnant, but which even they know is indefensible. If that were not the case, they would not become so outraged at being called pro-abortion.

From Fr. Fred

One day a father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing his son how poor people live. They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family.

On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"It was great, Dad."

"Did you see how poor people live?" The father asked.

"Oh yeah," said the son.

"So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?" The father asked.

The son answered: "I saw that we have one

dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the end of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars of night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on while they have fields

that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them."

The father was speechless.



Then the son added, "Thanks Dad, for showing me how poor we are."

Isn't perspective a wonderful thing? Makes you wonder what would happen if we all gave thanks for everything we have, instead of worrying about what we don't have.

Quote of the week:

"Contemplative prayer in my opinion is nothing else than a close sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with him who we know loves us."

~ St. Teresa of Avila

Just for Fun:

Each year in the elementary school Miss Smith's religion class put on a play at Christmas time. One year the students asked Miss Smith if they could put on the play themselves. She thought that it might be an interesting educational experience and agreed to let them do it.

So the students themselves chose the actors and gave them their lines. The parents made the costumes and the play was a success. It was about the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. But Miss Smith was puzzled by one detail. The chubbiest boy in the class, John, just sat by the manger through the whole play. He wore no costume and had no lines to say. As Miss Smith was congratulating Mary and Joseph and the shepherds she asked one girl: "Who was Johnny supposed to be?" The girl looked surprised and answered: "He was Round John Virgin!"

