

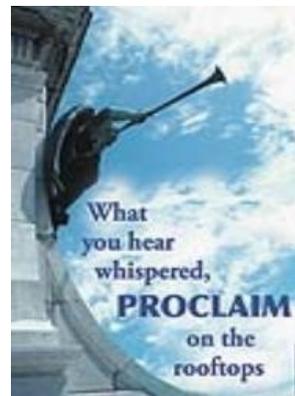
Offertory: April 15, 2017 OLM \$517, OLV \$1,992, COS \$647, Total \$3,156  
April 17, 2016 OLM \$517, OLV \$706, COS \$309, Total \$1,532 (incl. online giving)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, June 24, OLM 4:00 PM For Grace Donohue, requested by Arlene Tarantino  
Sunday, June 24, OLM 8:30 AM For John Kopins, requested by Karen Shaw  
Sunday, June 24, OLV 10:30 AM For Matthew Adrian, Jr., requested by Michael and Patricia Adrian  
Sunday, June 24, COS 12:30 PM For Kristen Olsen and family, requested by Karen Shaw  
Saturday, July 1, OLM 4:00 PM For Joanne Struthers, requested by Betty Fedora  
Sunday, July 2, OLM 8:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
Sunday, July 2, OLV 10:30 AM For Margaret and William Schaefer, requested by Eleanor Crombie  
Sunday, July 2, COS 12:30 PM For Kevin Kopins, requested by Karen Shaw

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**June 24 & 25: Special Collection, Holy Father-Peter's Pence**  
July 5: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM, OLV  
July 7: First Friday Mass, 5:30 PM, St. Edmund's, Saxtons River  
July 13: **COFFEE SERVICE @ THE WELCOME CENTER, 1-91-8AM-8PM!**  
**(Volunteers needed! Please sign up to help this fundraiser for the Parish)**



You will have received at least one request by this date from Bishop Coyne asking for your support for the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please respond generously. In addition to monies distributed for charitable works, including Vermont Catholic Charities, the diocese is able to be a valuable resource to all parishes, large and small. This week, you'll meet staff from our Safe Environments department, as well as human resources. They could not continue all that they do, statewide, without your support. Please visit [Bishopsappealvt.org](http://Bishopsappealvt.org) to see how these two departments offer services and support beyond the Chancery, to all parishes.

**TOTUS TUUS**

Join us for a week of faith and fun at our summer camp held at St. Michael Catholic Church on Walnut Street in Brattleboro. The grade 1-8 program is from Monday, July 10th to Friday, July 14th and runs from 9-3 each day and the high school program is from 7:30 to 9:30 July 9th through July 13th. Totus Tuus is a high-energy dose of faith building led by 4 college age adults. The day program includes songs, games, snacks, Mass and a water fight to close out the week. The cost is \$50.00 for grade school students, \$25.00 for high school students or \$75.00 per family. For more information please contact Peter and Judith Nero at [neros75@comcast.net](mailto:neros75@comcast.net) or call us at 802-254-4818. We look forward to seeing you there!

Once again, the State of Vermont has given us the privilege of having a **Coffee Service** at the *Welcome Center* on **Thursday, July 13, 2017 from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.** Please consider helping out by donating baked goods (must be NUT-FREE) and/or any extra veggies or fruits coming out of your garden. There is a sign-up sheet in back to volunteer or please contact Mollie Muldaur at the OLM Rectory 387-5861. (low sugar items welcome as are coolers for loan for the day!)



**Summer Program at Northeast Catholic College**  
There's still time to enroll in Northeast Catholic College's Summer Program for high school students! The Collegiate Summer Program offers participants the opportunity to study theology, philosophy, literature and political science. During the summer program, students also attend daily Mass and enjoy sports, socials and day trips including hiking and canoeing. The program is for students who will be entering their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2017. It is also open to students who have just graduated high school. The Collegiate Summer Program is a two-week session that runs from Sunday, July 23 – Saturday, August 5, 2017. Register today at [www.NortheastCatholic.edu](http://www.NortheastCatholic.edu)! For more information, contact the admissions office at [admissions@northeastcatholic.edu](mailto:admissions@northeastcatholic.edu) or 603.456.2656.

**Weekly Intention:**  
For the grace this week to live no longer for ourselves but for Christ.



"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." —Dr. Seuss



**From Fr. Fred:** *We would do well to listen to the Saints. They have good advice for us.*

From a sermon by Saint Gregory of Nazianzen, bishop

*Serve Christ in the poor*

*Blessed are the merciful, because they shall obtain mercy,* says the Scripture. Mercy is not the least of the beatitudes. Again: *Blessed is he who is considerate to the needy and the poor.* Once more: *Generous is the man who is merciful and lends.* Let us lay hold of this blessing, let us earn the name of being considerate, let us be generous.



Not even night should interrupt you in your duty of mercy. Do not say: *Come back and I will give you something tomorrow.* There should be no delay between your intention and your good deed. Generosity is the one thing that cannot admit of delay.

*Share your bread with the hungry, and bring the needy and the homeless into your house,* with a joyful and eager heart. *He who does acts of mercy should do so with cheerfulness.* The grace of a good deed is doubled when it is done with promptness and speed. What is given with a bad grace or against one's will is distasteful and far from praiseworthy.

When we perform an act of kindness we should rejoice and not be sad about it. *If you undo the shackles and the thongs,* says Isaiah, that is, if you do away with miserliness and counting the cost, with hesitation and grumbling, what will be the result? Something great and wonderful! What a marvelous reward there will be: *Your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will rise up quickly.* Who would not aspire to light and healing.

If you think that I have something to say, servants of Christ, his brethren and coheirs, let us visit Christ whenever we may; let us care for him, feed him, clothe him, welcome him, honor him, not only at a meal, as some have done, or by anointing him, as Mary did, or only by lending him a tomb, like Joseph of Arimathaea, or by arranging for his burial, like Nicodemus, who loved Christ half-heartedly, or by giving him gold, frankincense and myrrh, like the Magi before all these others. The Lord of all asks for mercy, not sacrifice, and mercy is greater than myriads of fattened lambs. Let us then show him mercy in the persons of the poor and those who today are lying on the ground, so that when we come to leave this world they may receive us into everlasting dwelling places, in Christ our Lord himself, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

“Sometimes we are saddened by the weight of our sins. Don’t be discouraged! Christ has come to lift this burden and give us peace.”—Pope Francis

**Just for Fun:**

One Sunday morning a mother went in to wake her son and tell him it was time to get ready for church, to which he replied, “I’m not going.”

“Why not?” she asked.

“I’ll give you two good reasons,” he said, “they don’t like me, and I don’t like them.”

His mother replied, “Then I’ll give you two good reasons why you SHOULD go to church. You’re 49 years old, and you’re the pastor!”

