

Offertory: March 18, 2018 OLM \$465, OLV \$467, COS \$1,101, Total \$2,033  
March 19, 2017 OLM \$616, OLV \$704, COS \$1,102, Total \$2,422

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, June 2, OLM 4:00 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
Sunday, June 3, OLM 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
Sunday, June 3, OLV 10:30 AM For Sr. Margaret Schaefer, SND, requested by Eleanor Crombie  
Sunday, June 3, COS 12:30 PM For Serena Shaw, requested by Karen Shaw  
Saturday, June 9, OLM 4:00 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
Sunday, June 10, OLM 8:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
Sunday, June 10, OLV 10:30 AM For Louis Pellino, requested by Rocco Pellino  
Sunday, June 10, COS 12:30 PM For the Shaw family, requested by Karen Shaw



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**June 2 & 3: June 4 & 5: Special Collection, Catholic Communications**

June 6: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM, OLV

June 15: Adoration, 3 PM, OLV

**June 17: *Reminder*: Please bring in the baby bottles for Branches Pregnancy Resource Center** 

**June 17: FATHERS' DAY**

June 20: Cursillo Ultreya, St. Michael's, Brattleboro, 7 PM

**Vermont Catholic Youth Serve Weekend**

From Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3PM through Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6PM, VCYS promises to be a weekend filled with so many opportunities for our youth to show Christ's love and mercy to the people of Vermont! Youth (rising 9th graders, current high school teens, and graduating seniors) will again stay at UVM, participate in community service projects throughout the area, and develop their spirituality through group activities, praise and worship, free time, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and Holy Mass. The weekend will conclude with Mass at 4PM at the UVM Chapel (parents and guardians are encouraged to attend) followed by a cookout. You can review the recap video from last year's program at: [www.vermontcatholic.org/vcys](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/vcys).

**TOTUS TUUS**

*Totus Tuus* is Latin for "Totally Yours" and the motto of Pope St. John Paul II. The summer program, held at St. Michael Catholic Church on Walnut Street in Brattleboro, endeavors to show youth that a humble and courageous desire to know God must be based upon a steadfast and disciplined life of prayer combined with the reception of the sacraments.

The day program will be from 9am-3pm, July 16-20 and this will be for children entering 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The high school program will be from 7:30pm-9:30pm, July 15-19. For more information or to register, contact Tina Crocker at 413-896-8576 or email at [jtcrocker@crocker.com](mailto:jtcrocker@crocker.com).



**Weekly Intention:** For the grace this week to adore the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

"Become a student of change. It is the only thing that will remain constant."  
~ Anthony J. D'Angelo



YOU ARE INVITED TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR MEN'S PROGRAM!  
**MENTOR MEN THROUGH RELATIONSHIP & TEACHING. MANHOOD: JESUS DID IT BEST.**



FRIDAY, JUNE 15TH AT 6:00 PM AT BRANCHES. FOOD PROVIDED!!! LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN MAKE IT!

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**Catholic Communication Campaign**  
CONNECT WITH CHRIST

Today, we are taking up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ, here and around the world, through the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message, and support the collection today! To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/ccc](http://www.usccb.org/ccc).

**From Fr. Fred** *Could something written 1,650 years ago have any relevance for us today? The answer is yes, because wisdom is timeless. Here is an excerpt from a sermon on Charity written by St. Basil the Great. (329-379AD)*

Man should be like the earth and bear fruit; he should not let inanimate matter appear to surpass him. The earth bears crops for your benefit, not for its own, but when you give to the poor, you are bearing fruit which you will gather in for yourself, since the reward for good deeds goes to those who perform them. Give to a hungry man, and what you give becomes yours, and indeed it returns to you with interest. As the sower profits from wheat that falls onto the ground, so will you profit greatly in the world to come from the bread that you place before a hungry man. Your husbandry must be the sowing of heavenly seed: *Sow integrity for yourselves*, says Scripture.

You are going to leave your money behind you here whether you wish to or not. On the other hand, you will take with you to the Lord the honor that you have won through good works. In the presence of the universal judge, all the people will surround you, acclaim you as a public benefactor, and tell of your generosity and kindness.

Do you not see how people throw away their wealth on theatrical performances, boxing contests, mimes and fights between men and wild beasts, which are sickening to see, and all for the sake of fleeting honor and popular applause? If you are miserly with your money, how can you expect any similar honor? Your reward for the right use of the things of this world will be everlasting glory, a crown of righteousness, and the kingdom of heaven; God will welcome you, the angels will praise you, all men who have existed since the world began will call you blessed. Do you care nothing for these things, and spurn the hopes that lie in the future for the sake of your present enjoyment. Come, distribute your wealth freely, give generously to those who are in need. Earn for yourself the psalmist's praise: *He gave freely to the poor; his righteousness will endure for ever.*

How grateful you should be to your own benefactor; how you should beam with joy at the honor of having other people come to your door, instead of being obliged to go to theirs! But you are now ill-humored and unapproachable; you avoid meeting people, in case you might be forced to loosen your purse strings even a little. You can say only one thing: "I have nothing to give you. I am only a poor man." A poor man you certainly are, and destitute of all real riches; you are poor in love, generosity, faith in God and hope of eternal happiness.

**Quote of the week:**

"Community is first and foremost a gift of the Holy Spirit, not built upon mutual compatibility, shared affection, or common interests but upon having received the same divine breath, having been given a heart set aflame by the same divine fire, and having been embraced by the same divine love."



~Henri Nouwen

**Just for Fun:**

A man had a real problem. He was absolutely convinced that he was a dog. His family had tried everything they could think of to change his mind but nothing worked. Finally in desperation they sent him to see a psychiatrist. The psychiatrist was confident because the family had told him all about it. However, the first session began like this:

Psychiatrist: "How long have you KNOWN that you are a dog?"

Patient: "Ever since I was PUPPY!"

