

Offertory: Feb. 23, 2014 OLM \$486, OLV \$686, COS \$909, Total \$2,081.
 Feb. 22, 2015 OLM \$282, OLV \$527, COS \$1,653, Total \$2,462.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Mar 14 OLM 4:00PM For Jane Engel, requested by Bill Engel
 Saturday Mar 14 COS 4:30 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday Mar. 15 OLM 8:30AM For Emily and Travis Brockett, requested by Mary Tyler
 Sunday Mar. 15 OLV 10:30AM For Harry and Luella Conklin, requested by the Conklin Family
 Sunday Mar. 15 COS 12:30 PM For Wilfred Nolan, requested by Kathleen Nolan
 Saturday Mar 21 OLM 4:00PM For Bernard McKennon, requested by Normand and Heather Raymond
 Saturday Mar 21 COS 4:30 PM For Kathy Quirk, requested by Mike and Joyce Quirk
 Sunday Mar 22 OLM 8:30AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday Mar 22 OLV 10:30AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday Mar 22 COS 12:30PM For Carmel Roska Galuna, requested by Yoli and Ted Gochenour

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mar. 15: SPECIAL COLLECTION, Catholic Relief Services
Mar. 15: CCD Class, 9:30 AM, OLV
Mar. 15: VIRTUS Training, 11:30 AM, OLV
 Mar. 17: St. Patrick's Day 
 Mar. 18: Cursillo Ultreya, 7 PM, OLV
 Mar. 19: Feast of St. Joseph
 Mar. 20: Adoration and Stations of the Cross, 6:00 PM, OLV
 Mar. 20: Adoration, Stations of the Cross, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary, 2:30 PM., OLM
Mar. 22: SPECIAL COLLECTION, Fuel #1
 Mar. 27: Adoration and Stations of the Cross, 6:00 PM., OLV
 Mar. 27: Adoration, Stations of the Cross, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Rosary, 2:30 PM., OLM
Mar. 29: Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

Married Couples - Plants need fertilizer to grow healthy and strong and so too does your marriage. Without some nurturing and care it will remain weak and unfulfilling. Spread a little fertilizer on your relationship. Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and watch your love for each other grow. The upcoming **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is on 5/1 - 5/3 at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte.**

For info or to register, contact Dave & Jennie Erkson at erksonmevt@comcast.net or call 802-434-4218 or go on-line at www.wwmevt.org.



55th Annual **St. Patrick's Day Dinner**
Sunday, March 15, 4:00 - 6:00 PM
 at the **Buckley Center,**
St. Joseph's Parish, Chester, VT



Come and enjoy a traditional St. Patrick's Day Dinner, complete with corned beef, boiled vegetables, homemade rolls, and homemade pies. Pay at the door. See you there!

Adults: \$12.00 Children (6-12): \$6.00
Preschoolers: Free

Grade 9 - Added in St. Michael's School for the 2015-2016 school year

St. Michael School is **currently registering students entering the 9th Grade in the Fall of 2015.** Registration **incentives** for new and returning SMS students are **available through March 31st.**

The tuition fee for the school year 2015-16 will be on a sliding scale from \$5,000-\$7,000 annually.

For more information, please speak with the **Principal, Elaine Beam** or **Bethany Thies, Administrative Assistant** at **802-254-6320.**

Weekly Intention



For the grace this week to return to the Father in true contrition and confession of our sins





Annual Appeal Goal: \$ 30,000.00
Annual Appeal Collection to date: \$ 21,774.00



Annual Appeal to go: \$ 8,226.00

From Fr. Fred:

Here is a wonderful meditation on the Eucharist and the fact that we will have our bodies back in heaven. It was written by one of the Fathers of the Church, Saint Irenaeus, Bishop.

“If our flesh is not saved, the Lord has not redeemed us with his blood, the Eucharistic chalice does not make us sharers in his blood, and the bread we break does not make us sharers in his body. There can be no blood without veins, flesh and the rest of the human substance, and this the Word of God actually became: it was with his own blood that he redeemed us. As the Apostle says: *In him, through his blood, we have been redeemed, our sins have been forgiven.*

We are his members and we are nourished by creation, which is his gift to us, for it is he who causes the sun to rise and the rain to fall. He declared that the chalice, which comes from his creation, was his blood, and he makes it the nourishment of our blood. He affirmed that the bread, which comes from his creation, was his body, and he makes it the nourishment of our body. When the chalice we mix and the bread we bake receive the word of God, the Eucharistic elements become the body and blood of Christ, by which our bodies live and grow. How then can it be said that flesh belonging to the Lord’s own body and nourished by his body and blood is incapable of receiving God’s gift of eternal life? Saint Paul says in his letter to the Ephesians that *we are members of his body*, of his flesh and bones. He is not speaking of some spiritual and incorporeal kind of man, *for spirits do not have flesh and bones*. He is speaking of a real human body composed of flesh, sinews and bones, nourished by the chalice of Christ’s blood and receiving growth from the bread which is his body.

The slip of a vine planted in the ground bears fruit at the proper time. The grain of wheat falls into the ground and decays only to be raised up again and multiplied by the Spirit of God who sustains all things. The Wisdom of God places these things at the service of man and when they receive God’s word they become the Eucharist, which is the body and blood of Christ. In the same way our bodies, which have been nourished by the Eucharist, will be buried in the earth and will decay, but they will rise again at the appointed time, for the Word of God will raise them up to the glory of God the Father. Then the Father will clothe our mortal nature in immortality and freely endow our corruptible nature with incorruptibility, for God’s power is shown most perfectly in weakness.”



Quote of the week: (about reading the Bible. Please start with Matthew in the New Testament.)

“For the word of God is a light to the mind and a fire to the will. It enables us to know God and to love God. For the soul it is a spiritual treasure of merits yielding an abundance of gold and precious stones.”

- St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Just for Fun:

I recently decided to sell my vacuum cleaner. All it was doing was gathering dust.



I refused to believe my roadworker father was stealing from his job, but when I got home, all the signs were there.

You can never lose a homing pigeon - if your homing pigeon doesn't come back, what you've lost is a pigeon.

The new corduroy pillows are making headlines.

I tried making a pencil with an eraser at both ends but then I realized it was pointless.



I started dating this girl who works at the zoo. I'm pretty sure she's a keeper.

I asked the Lion in my wardrobe what he was doing there. He said it was “Narnia Business”.

I asked my North Korean friend how it was there. He said he couldn't complain.

I hate Russian dolls. They're so full of themselves!

