



Offertory: Nov. 19, 2017 OLM \$340, OLV \$545, COS \$548, Total \$1,433
Nov. 20, 2016 OLM \$392, OLV \$642, COS \$254, Total \$1,288


MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 17, OLM 4:00 PM For Kathy, Julia and Frances, requested by Frank and Marianne Sanders
Saturday, March 17, COS 4:30 PM For Frank and Billy Zimmermann, requested by the Zimmermann family
Sunday, March 18, OLM 8:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, March 18, OLV 10:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, March 18, COS 12:30 PM For Jim and Phyllis McGee, requested by Frank and Rosa Cannella
Saturday, March 24, OLM 4:00 PM For Tom Rowley, requested by Fr. Francis McMahon
Saturday, March 24, COS 4:30 PM For Kathy Quirk, requested by Mike and Joyce Quirk
Sunday, March 25, OLM 8:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, March 25, OLV 10:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, March 25, COS 12:30 PM For Tom Rowley, requested by Fr. Francis McMahon

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 21: Cursillo Ultreya, 7:00 PM, at The Anderbergs
March 23: Stations of the Cross, OLV 5:00 PM, every Friday during the Season of Lent
March 22: Lenten Penance Service, OLV 6:30 PM
March 29: Holy Thursday, OLM-6 PM, OLV-6 PM
March 30: Special Collection, Good Friday, OLM-6 PM, OLV-6 PM (Fast and Abstinence)
March 31: Holy Saturday, OLM-7:30 PM, OLV-7:30 PM, COS-7:30 PM



 **Weekly Intention:** For the grace this week to face the temptations of life by relying on the love of the Lord in our lives.



There will be a Lenten Penance Service on Thursday, March 22nd at 6:30PM, at Our Lady of the Valley, Townshend

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT ENCOUNTER ALEFA—We encounter Alefa in Malawi, where seeds are helping her family survive an uncertain climate. How can you care for God’s creation this Lent? How can you support those, worldwide, who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities? Visit csrricebowl.org for more.





March 29: Holy Thursday
Our Lady of Mercy 6:00 PM
Our Lady of the Valley 6:00 PM

March 30: Good Friday
Our Lady of Mercy 6:00 PM
Our Lady of the Valley 6:00 PM

March 31: Holy Saturday
Our Lady of Mercy 7:30 PM
Our Lady of the Valley 7:30 PM
Chapel of the Snows 7:30 PM

April 1: Easter Sunday
Our Lady of Mercy 8:30 AM
Our Lady of the Valley 10:30 AM
Chapel of the Snows 12:30 PM

 **The Chrism Mass** will be held Tuesday, March 27, at 11:00 am at St. Joseph’s Co-Cathedral in Burlington. At this special Mass celebrated by Bishop Coyne, the Oil of Chrism is consecrated, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed, and the priests within the Diocese of Burlington recommit themselves to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. All are invited to join in celebrating this special Mass.

 Annual Appeal 2017-2018 **Goal:** \$30,000.
Contributions to Date: \$29,220. **Balance Remaining** \$780. Thank you to all who have made a contribution. There are envelopes in the back of the church if you did not receive one in the mail. Donations can be sent to: Our Lady of Mercy Rectory, PO Box 246, Putney, Vt. 05346.

From Fr. Fred

This is one I received from a friend in Connecticut.

The Devil Smiled

Another American high school has been turned into a killing field. And the nation wonders why.

Well, I'm going to answer that question for you. And the answer may leave you a bit unsettled. You see—I believe there is a God—but I also believe there is a Devil. And I see his hand at work here.

We've raised a generation to believe that truth is relative—that there is no right or wrong. And the Devil smiled.

They kicked God out of public schools—banned Bibles and prayer. And the Devil smiled.

We've destroyed the traditional family—broken homes raising broken kids. And the Devil smiled.

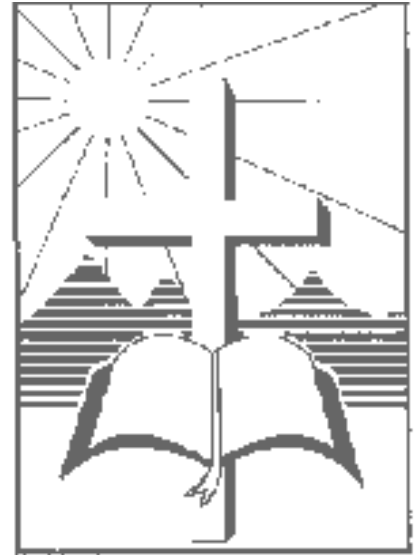
There are no consequences for bad behavior—no personal responsibility. And the Devil smiled.

Our movies and music and games glorify violence and gore. Marriage vows poisoned by pornography. And the Devil smiled.

What happened in Parkland, Florida is about wickedness—a war with the forces of darkness—good versus evil.

There is no doubt our land is wounded, her people suffering. But we have turned our backs on the One who promised to heal our Land. And the Devil smiled.

The politicians and pundits would have you believe this is not about God, it's not about righteousness. They would have you believe it's about politics and mental illness and gun control. And the Devil smiled.



Quote of the week:

“Prayer is not just spending time with God. It is partly that, but if it ends there, it is fruitless. No, Prayer is dynamic. Authentic Prayer changes us, it unmask us, strips us, indicates where growth is needed. Authentic prayer never leads us to complacency, but needles us, makes us uneasy at times. It leads us to true self-knowledge, to true humility.”—St. Teresa of Avila

Just for Fun:

This is the first Star Wars joke I have seen.

Darth Vader: “Luke Skywalker, I know what you are going to get for Christmas.”

Luke: “How could you possibly know that?”

Vader: “I felt your presents.”

