

Offertory: February 5, 2016 OLM \$540, OLV \$436, COS \$1,243, Total \$2,219
 February 4, 2017 OLM \$496, OLV \$608, COS \$1,173, Total \$2,277 (incl. online giving)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 25, OLM 4:00 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Saturday, March 25, COS 4:30 PM For Kathy Quirk, requested by Mike and Joyce Quirk
 Sunday, March 26, OLM 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, March 26, OLV 10:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, March 26, COS 12:30 PM For Edward Anthony Sweeney, requested by Bill and Rosemary Warden
 Saturday, April 1, OLM 4:00 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Saturday, April 1, COS 4:30 PM For Billy and Frank Zimmermann, requested by the Zimmerman family
 Sunday, April 2, OLM 8:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, April 2, OLV 10:30 AM For Ann Elizabeth Chapman, requested by Mark Chapman
 Sunday, April 2, COS 12:30 PM For Aloysius Weimer, requested by Bill and Rosemary Warden

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 25 & 26: Special Collection, Catholic Relief Services

March 28: Confirmation Rehearsal, St. Michael Parish, 6 PM

March 30: Lenten Penance Service, OLV 7 PM


March 31: Stations of the Cross, OLV 5:00 PM, Every Friday night through Lent

April 1: Confirmation, 11:00 AM, St. Michael's, Brattleboro

April 5: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM OLV

April 7: First Friday Mass, 5:30 PM, St. Edmund's, Saxtons River

April 7: Stations of the Cross, OLV 5:00 PM, Every Friday night through Lent


There will be a Lenten Penance Service on Thursday, March 30th at 7 PM, at Our Lady of the Valley, Townshend.



At Our Lady of the Valley in Townshend, for the season of Lent, the Stations of the Cross are made every Friday at 5:00 PM.. All are welcome.

—This week, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:		
April 13: Holy Thursday	Our Lady of Mercy	6:00 PM
	Our Lady of the Valley	6:00 PM
April 14: Good Friday	Our Lady of Mercy	6:00 PM
	Our Lady of the Valley	6:00 PM
April 15: Holy Saturday	Our Lady of Mercy	7:30 PM
	Our Lady of the Valley	7:30 PM
	Chapel of the Snows	NO MASS TODAY
April 16: Easter Sunday	Our Lady of Mercy	8:30 AM
	Our Lady of the Valley	10:30 AM
	Chapel of the Snows	12:30 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.

“Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.” Thomas A. Edison



WORN AGAIN THRIFT SHOP BAG SALE!
APRIL 5, 7 & 8 (EXCLUDES JEWELRY)

\$3/bag

Hours:
 Wed.-10-4
 Friday-10-5
 Sat.-10-4
 802-869-1221

— **Totus Tuus camp at St. Michael's**--This summer will be the 7th year St. Michael's will host the Totus Tuus camp. It is scheduled for the week of July 9-14. The grade school program is open to any child who will be entering the 1st grade in September through those entering 8th grade. The day program runs from 9 AM to 3 PM, Monday-Friday. Cost is \$50.00/student or \$75.00/family. The high school program runs Sunday night-Thursday night from 7:30 PM-9:30 PM. Please contact Pete and Judith Nero at 254-4818 or neros75@comcast.net for questions about the camp or to volunteer

From Fr. Fred:

Lent is a time to turn our hearts and thoughts to spiritual things. Here is a beautiful quote from Edmundite priest Fr. Brian Cummings SSE, the Director of St. Anne's Shrine at Isle La Motte, Vermont

"It is easy to sometimes lose sight of the gifts God has given us. We get busy, practical concerns distract us, responsibilities at work or in the household can tend to overwhelm us, life can become very busy resulting in forgetting to acknowledge God's gifts. When we lose sight of the gift or gifts of God in our lives, then we begin to stop being thankful to God. And when we stop being grateful, we then may begin to think of ourselves as being entitled; thinking we are owed something by God or others. Gratitude is a hidden foundation of the spiritual life.



Being thankful is a disposition of the human heart. It is recognition first and foremost that one has been gifted. And when we look at our lives, we see with grateful hearts all the good gifts God has bestowed on us. St. Ignatius of Loyola wrote to one of his Jesuit companions: the root of all sin is ingratitude. When we fail to see the gifts of God in our midst, we begin to reach for things which are beyond us and fall into sinful behavior. The fundamental disposition of Ignatius is that all is gift, everything is gift. God is the author of life, life is a gift. All that we have and all that we are is pure gift. God's grace, God's presence, is all encompassing, sustaining us in our daily lives.

God's healing message is a message of mercy and forgiveness. In Jesus' words and deeds we learn that no sin is unforgivable and that the mercy of God is always available to us as long as we turn to God. Lent is a time of such conversion, a preparation for the joyous experience of the resurrection at Easter."

I, Fr. Fred, pray that this will be the happiest and holiest Lent of your life so far. You are always in my prayers.

Quote of the week:

"Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one's flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble, scatters the clouds of concupiscence, quenches the fire of lust, kindles the true light of chastity." St. Augustine



Just for Fun:

A little boy was finishing his night prayers. After praying for mommy and daddy and a few others, he added: "And God, please take care of yourself, because if anything happens to you we're all sunk!"