

**Offertory:** February 8, 2015 OLM \$446, OLV \$362, COS \$1,026 Total \$1,834  
 February 7, 2016 OLM \$454, OLV \$608, COS \$1,173 Total \$2,235 (incl. online giving)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, Mar 5, OLM 4:00 PM For Victor Burdo, requested by Arlene Tarantino  
 Saturday, Mar 5, COS 4:30 PM For Billy Zimmerman, requested by the Zimmerman Family  
 Sunday, Mar 6, OLM 8:30 AM For the Sorrentino & Shipman families, requested by Ray and Claire Sorrentino  
 Sunday, Mar 6, OLV 10:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
 Sunday, Mar 6, COS 12:30 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
 Saturday, Mar 12, OLM 4:00 PM For Jim Martin, requested by the Martin Family  
 Saturday, Mar 12, COS 4:30 PM For Emilio and Teodosia Espacio, requested by Marilyn Monera  
 Sunday, Mar 13, OLM 8:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
 Sunday, Mar 13, OLV 10:30 AM For Jim Martin, requested by the Martin Family  
 Sunday, Mar 13, COS 12:30 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**March 5 & 6: Special Collection, Catholic Relief Services**

March 11: Stations of the Cross, OLV 6:00 PM, Every Friday night through Lent

**March 12 & 13: Special Collection, Easter Flowers**

March 13: Daylight Saving Time (United States) 2016 begins at 2:00 AM

March 16: Cursillo Ultreya, 7PM, the Anderbergs'

March 17: Finance Council Meeting, 4:30 PM, Rectory

March 17: St. Patrick's Day

March 18: Adoration, 3:00 PM OLV

March 18: Stations of the Cross, OLV 6:00 PM, Every Friday night through Lent

**March 18: Penance Service, Our Lady of the Valley, Townshend, 7:00 PM**

**March 20: Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord**

**March 24: Holy Thursday**

**March 25: Good Friday (Fast and Abstinence)-No First Friday Mass**

**March 26: Holy Saturday**


**March 27: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of The Lord**



Volunteers and Employees of- **Our Lady of Mercy, Our Lady of the Valley and Chapel of the Snows** who are currently utilizing VIRTUS and *Shield the Vulnerable* are required to take the training in *Safe and Sacred* by **February 1, 2016**. Once you have switched over to *Safe and Sacred*, you no longer have to complete the VIRTUS monthly bulletins. Type in this link to take you directly to the Safe and Sacred website:

<https://safeandsacred-vermontcatholic.org/login/index.php>

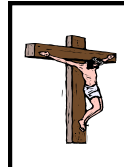
**Reminder – All VIRTUS Users Must Switch Over to Safe & Sacred ASAP**

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:		
		
<b>March 24: Holy Thursday</b>	<b>Our Lady of Mercy</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
	<b>Our Lady of the Valley</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>March 25: Good Friday</b>	<b>Our Lady of Mercy</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
	<b>Our Lady of the Valley</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>March 26: Holy Saturday</b>	<b>Our Lady of Mercy</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
	<b>Our Lady of the Valley</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
	<b>Chapel of the Snows</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
<b>March 27: Easter Sunday</b>	<b>Our Lady of Mercy</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>
	<b>Our Lady of the Valley</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
	<b>Chapel of the Snows</b>	<b>12:30 PM</b>

Saturday 12th

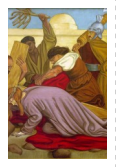


Reflect upon your present blessings -- of which every man has many -- not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some. ~Charles Dickens



**Weekly Intention:**  
 For the grace this week to return to Jesus in faith as his true and devoted servants.

At **Our Lady of the Valley** in **Townshend**, for the season of Lent, the **Stations of the Cross** are made **every Friday at 6:00 PM**. All are welcome.



From Fr. Fred



## SLOW ME DOWN LORD



Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind. Steady my hurried pace.  
Give me, amidst the day's confusion, the calmness of the everlasting hills.

Break the tensions of my nerves and muscles with the soothing music of singing streams that  
live in my memory.

Help me to know the magical, restoring power of sleep. Teach me the art of taking "minute  
vacations"...slowing down to look at a flower, to chat with a friend, to read a few lines from a  
good book.

Remind me of the fable of the hare and tortoise; that the race is not always to the swift; that  
there is more to life than measuring its speed.

Let me look up at the branches of the towering oak and know that it grew slowly and well.  
Inspire me to send my own roots down deep into the soil of life's endearing values...that I  
may grow toward the stars of my greater destiny.

Slow me down, Lord.



### Just for Fun:

"I killed three flies in the house  
today, one male and two females."



"How do you know one was male and two were fe-  
male?"

"One was on a beer bottle, and the other two were on the  
phone."

### Quote of the week:

"When you start getting kicked  
from behind, you know  
you're ahead."

~Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

