

May 6, 2018

Offertory: Feb. 18, 2018 OLM \$528, OLV \$462, COS \$1,662, Total \$2,652
Feb. 19, 2017 OLM \$1,073, OLV \$744, COS \$1,662, Total \$3,333



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 5, OLM 4:00 PM For Grace Donohue, requested by Tom Donohue
Sunday, May 6, OLM 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, May 6, OLV 10:30 AM For Edward Gay, requested by Martin and Carol Bemis
Sunday, May 6, COS 12:30 PM For Tom Rowley, requested by Fr. Francis McMahon
Saturday, May 12, OLM 4:00 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, May 13, OLM 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, May 13, OLV 10:30 AM For Michael Gal, requested by Carol and Martin Bemis
Sunday, May 13, COS 12:30 PM For Maverick Shaw, requested by Karen Shaw

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 10: The Ascension of our Lord, Holy Day of Obligation, OLM-5:30 PM, OLV-7:30 PM

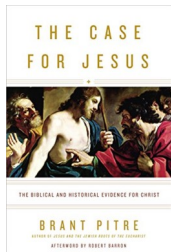
May 12 & 13: Special Collection: The Church in Eastern Europe

May 16: Cursillo Ultreya, 6:30 PM, at The Anderbergs

May 17: Finance Council Meeting, 7:00 PM, OLV

May 18: Adoration, OLV, 3 PM

Congratulation to the following who will receive Holy First Communion on May 20th:
Charles Cyr, Hanna Cyr, Hilary Cyr, Brooke Weber, Morgan Weber



Parish Book Club Announcement: Our May book club selection is *The Case for Jesus: The Biblical and Historical Evidence for Christ* by Brant Pitre. Father Fred presented each parish family with this book during Lent.

BRANT PITRE is a Professor of Sacred Scripture at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, Louisiana, and the bestselling author of *Jesus, the Tribulation, and the End of Exile* and *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*, among others.

We live in deeply challenging times. Spring is a time of sweeping off and greening up. Let's sweep away the cobwebs of our minds about our Lord and our faith and take on Brant Pitre's groundbreaking challenge that dispels the skeptics and makes an iron-clad case—through the Gospels—for Jesus Christ. Please consider reading this transformational book. Then, join us for an hour of sharing and discussion on Wednesday, May 23rd from 7-8pm at Our Lady of the Valley. Contact Carol Bemis (802-779-6412) with any questions. Hope to see many of you at our club meeting!!!

Upcoming Ordinations

Deacon Steven Marchand, a seminarian for the Diocese of Burlington, will be ordained to the priesthood June 16th at 10AM at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral in Burlington. Also, seminarians Robert Little and Kevin Chalifoux will be ordained to the transitional diaconate. The faithful of the Diocese of Burlington are invited and encouraged to attend to offer Vermont's newest priest and transitional deacons their prayerful support. For questions please contact: Fr. Jon Schnobrich: vocations@vermontcatholic.org.

To the faithful of the Diocese of Burlington, *"Love is always a gift from God."* — Pope Francis
Thanks to all donors, the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal was a great success. We hope that you are able to continue your generous support during the 2018 appeal. This year's theme, **Love is always a gift from God**, helps us recognize the Vermont Catholic Church as one family made up of 118,000 members, 96 parishes and 14 schools. Let our generosity and loving kindness to one another renew our Church in Vermont.

Quote of the week: "It is not enough to be passerby on the digital highway. We need to love and to be loved." ~Pope Francis

Just for Fun: What is the difference between a cat and a comma?
One has claws at the end of its paws, and one is a pause at the end of a clause.



Weekly Intention:
For the grace this week to keep Jesus' commandments in all our dealings.



From Fr. Fred *This one is borrowed from Andy Rooney.*

I've learned...

I've learned....

That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person

I've learned....

That when you're in love, it shows.

I've learned....

That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.

I've learned....

That a having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned that being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned....

That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned....

That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in any other way.

I've learned....

That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I've learned....

That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I've learned....

That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.

I've learned....

That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned....

That money doesn't buy class.

I've learned....

That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned....

That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned....

That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I've learned....

That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

I've learned....

That love, not time, heals all wounds.

I've learned....

That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

I've learned....

That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned....

That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

I've learned....

That life is tough, but I'm tougher.

I've learned....

That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

I've learned....

That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I've learned....

That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.

I've learned....

That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

I've learned....

That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned....

That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, you're hooked for life.

I've learned....

That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

I've learned....

That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

