

Offertory: April 20, 2014 OLM \$820, OLV \$974, COS \$302, Total \$2,096.
 April 19, 2015 OLM \$475, OLV \$836, COS \$306 Total \$1,617 (incl. online giving).

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday May 9 OLM 4:00 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday May 10 OLM 8:30 AM For Margaret Whitman, requested by Yoli & Ted Gochenour
 Sunday May 10 OLV 10:30 AM For Freeman and Alma Ransom,
 requested by Deacon Richard and Daisy Anderberg
 Sunday May 10 COS 12:30 PM For Jane Engel, requested by Bill Engel
 Saturday May 16 OLM 4:00 PM **OPEN FOR YOUR REQUEST**
 Sunday May 17 OLM 8:30 AM **OPEN FOR YOUR REQUEST**
 Sunday May 17 OLV 10:30 AM For Edward Gal, requested by Carol Bemis
 Sunday May 17 COS 12:30 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 10: MOTHER'S DAY, Crowning of Mary, 8:30 AM, OLM
May 10: SPECIAL COLLECTION: Church in Eastern Europe
 May 13: Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM, OLV
 May 14: **THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, Holy Day of Obligation, 5:30 PM - OLM, 7:30 PM - OLV**
 May 15: **Adoration, 3-4PM, OLV, every third Friday of the month, Adoration, 3-4 PM, OLM**
May 17: Last CCD class of the year, 9:30 AM, and First Communion, OLV

A Note from the Bishop's Fund Office

We are fast approaching our **In Pew Commitment Weekend**, which will be May 17th. Please prayerfully consider making your commitment to our Annual Appeal. Last Year we were able to save a great deal in operating costs to have pledges submitted at this early stage. If you are able to make a pledge, you will not receive any further requests, but only monthly pledge reminders. If you are unable to make a gift this year, please indicate this on a pledge card so that we will know not to make further requests. Please visit bishopsfund.org for more information about this year's appeal, including a video statement from Bishop Christopher J. Coyne. There is much work to be done this year! Bless you for your consideration of this year's Appeal!

From Fr. Fred:

On the evening of the last day of his October 1995 visit to the United States, Pope John Paul II was scheduled to greet the seminarians at Saint Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. It had been a very full day that began with a Mass at Oriole Park in Camden Yards; a parade through downtown streets; a visit to the Basilica of the Assumption, the first cathedral in the country; lunch at a local soup kitchen run by Catholic Charities; a prayer service at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in North Baltimore; and finally a quick stop at Saint Mary's Seminary.

The schedule was tight so the plan was simply to greet the seminarians while they stood outside on the steps. But the Pope made his way through their ranks and into the building. His plan was to first make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament. When his wishes were made known, security flew into action. They swept the building, paying close attention to the chapel where the Pope would be praying. For this purpose, highly trained dogs were used to detect any person who might be present.

The dogs are trained to locate survivors in collapsed buildings after earthquakes and other disasters. These highly intelligent and eager dogs quickly went through the halls, offices and classrooms and were then sent to the chapel. They went up and down the aisles, past the pews and finally into the side chapel where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved. Upon reaching the tabernacle, the dogs sniffed, whined, pointed, and refused to leave, their attention riveted on the tabernacle, until called by their handlers. They were convinced that they discovered someone there. We Catholics know they were right—they found a real, living Person in the tabernacle!

Weekly Intention
For the grace this week to truly love one another
as God loves each one of us.




Fr. Simon's Tuition Appeal Goal: \$15,000.00
 Tuition Appeal **Collection to date: \$13,769.99**
 Tuition Appeal **Collection to go: \$ 1,230.01**

Quote of the Week:

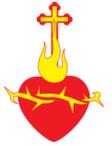
“Just as the sun shines simultaneously on the tall cedars and on each little flower as though it were alone on the earth, so our Lord is occupied particularly with each soul as though there were no other.”

~ St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower



REED BROWN, MARENA DION, & GRACE WRIGHT

will receive their **First Communion**
at **Our Lady of the Valley in Townshend**
at the **10:30 AM Mass on May 17, 2015**



May they truly and fully feel God's love and presence in their hearts, minds and spirits.

Just for Fun:

The day finally arrived. Forrest Gump dies and goes to Heaven.

He is at the Pearly Gates. However, the gates are closed, and Forrest approaches the gatekeeper.

The gatekeeper said, ‘Well, Forrest, it is certainly good to see you. We have heard a lot about you. I must tell you though, that the place is filling up fast, and we have been administering an entrance examination for everyone. The test is short, but you have to pass it before you can get into Heaven.’

Forrest responds, ‘It sure is good to be here, sir. But nobody ever told me about any entrance exam. I sure hope the test ain’t too hard. Life was a big enough test as it was.’

The gatekeeper continued, ‘Yes, I know, Forrest, but the test is only three questions.’

First: What two days of the week begin with the letter ‘T’?

Second: How many seconds are there in a year?

Third: What is God’s first name?

Forrest leaves to think the questions over. He returns the next day and sees St. Peter, who waves him up, and says, ‘Now that you have had a chance to think the questions over, tell me your answers.’

Forrest replied, ‘Well, the first one - - which two days in the week begins with the letter ‘T’? Shucks, That would be **Today** and **Tomorrow**.’

The gatekeeper’s eyes opened wide and he exclaimed, ‘Forrest, that is not what I was thinking, but you do have a point, and I guess I did not specify, so I will give you credit for that answer. How about the next one?’

‘How many seconds in a year?’

Now that one is harder, ‘replied Forrest, ‘but I think and think about that, and I guess the only answer can be twelve.’

Astounded, the gatekeeper said, ‘Twelve? Twelve? Forrest, how in Heaven’s name could you come up with twelve seconds in a year?’

Forrest replied, ‘Shucks, there’s got to be twelve: **January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd...**

‘Hold it, interrupts the gatekeeper. ‘I see where you are going with this, and I see your point, though that was not quite what I had in mind... but I will have to give you credit for that one, too. Let us go on with the third and final question. Can you tell me God’s first name?’

‘Sure,’ Forrest replied, it’s **Andy**.

‘Andy?’ exclaimed the exasperated and frustrated gatekeeper. ‘Ok, I can understand how you came up with the answers to my earlier questions, but just how in the world did you come up with the name Andy as the first name of God?’

‘Shucks, that was the easiest one of all,’ Forrest replied. I learnt it from the song,

‘ANDY WALKS WITH ME, ANDY TALKS WITH ME, ANDY TELLS ME I AM HIS OWN.’

The gatekeeper opened the Pearly Gates, and said: **“Run, Forrest, run”**.