

Offertory: March 17, 2019 OLM \$449, OLV \$573, COS \$1,398, Total \$2,420
 March 6, 2018 OLM \$465, OLV \$472, COS \$15, Total \$952

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 11, OLM 4:00 PM For Joyce and Bill Scheuerman, requested by Sheila Scheuerman and Jeff Karlin
 Sunday, May 12, OLM 8:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, May 12, OLV 10:30 AM For Margaret and William Schaefer, requested by Eleanor Crombie
 Sunday, May 12, COS 12:30 PM For Joyce and Bill Scheuerman, requested by Sheila Scheuerman and Jeff Karlin
 Saturday, May 18, OLM 4:00 PM For Joyce and Bill Scheuerman, requested by Sheila Scheuerman and Jeff Karlin
 Sunday, May 19, OLM 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, May 19, OLV 10:30 AM For Walter Meyer, requested by Dave and Deborah Valentine
 Sunday, May 19, COS 12:30 PM For the Shaw family, requested by Karen Shaw

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 15: Cursillo Ultreya, at , 7:00 PM at the Anderberg's
 May 17, Adoration, 3 PM, OLV
May 19: Finance Council Meeting, 11:30AM, OLV
May 25 & 26: Special Collection: Fuel #2
May 30: The Ascension of our Lord, Holy Day of Obligation, OLM-5:30 PM, OLV-7:30 PM



Congratulations to Kaylee Frost who received Holy First Communion on May 5th

Weekly Intention:
 For the grace this week to hear and follow the voice of Jesus in all we do.



“If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple. Seek his guidance, and let the healing power of prayer, a conversation in which ‘heart speaks unto heart,’ strengthen you.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities [“Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility”](#)



It’s that time of year again!!!! Branches Baby Bottle Campaign, Blessings In A Bottle, runs from Mother’s Day to Father’s Day. This one fundraiser provides so many blessings to the moms, dads and little ones our ministry serves. Thank you so much for partnering with us in this way. During this campaign over 1,000 baby bottles will be distributed throughout 33 churches in our community! If you want to be a part of this amazing generosity, you can do that by taking a Baby Bottle home with you. When you fill that bottle with coins, cash or a check, you are reaching out to a woman who is scared of what her pregnancy will mean for her and telling her that she is not alone.. **Want to skip the bottle? Text the word “Blessings” to 802-242-2500 OR go to www.branchesprc.com/support.**

Blessings In A Bottle



PLEASE JOIN US
 FOR A
RETIREMENT
PARTY
 HONORING
Fr. Fred McLachlan, S.S.E.



SUNDAY	3pm-5pm
JUNE 23, 2019	The Saxtons River Inn 27 Main Street Saxtons River, VT 05154



“Jesus calls each one of us to discipleship —to live a life that proclaims Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior by embodying His love and mercy in our words and actions. We do so, not as individual believers who stand alone, but as members of the larger community of faith within the Diocese of Burlington who are nourished at our local parishes.” —Bishop Coyne. The Bishop’s Appeal supports new initiatives that prepare laity for leadership positions that will strengthen evangelization (a synod priority) and revitalize our faith community. The second cycle of lay ministry and diaconate formation classes has begun with a committed cohort of men and women dedicated to two years of study and prayer to become parish leaders. Thanks to your support to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal we are able to offer programs like these while sustaining key ministries. To make a gift or learn more visit: bishop-sappealvt.org.

From Fr. Fred:

When I was young, long before Vatican II, I got the impression that maybe only Catholics got to heaven. Later I realized that the Catholic Church has been the best at preserving the full revelation of Jesus from His Father. Now Vatican II speaks openly about Jews and Mohammedans and others. Here is a quote from the dogmatic constitution on the Church of the Second Vatican Council.

See, I will save my people

“In his wisdom and goodness the eternal Father created the whole world according to his supremely free and mysterious purpose and decreed that men should be raised up to share in the divine life. When they fell in Adam, he did not abandon them but always kept providing them with aids to salvation, in consideration of Christ, *who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.* Before the ages the Father *already knew* all the elect and *predestined them to be made into the likeness of his Son, so that he should be the firstborn among many brothers.*”

God resolved to gather into holy Church all who believe in Christ. The Church, foreshadowed even from the beginning of the world, so marvelously prepared in the history of the people of Israel, established in these last times and revealed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, will be made perfect in glory at the end of time. Then, as we read in the Fathers of the Church, all the righteous from Adam onward—from Abel, the righteous, to the last of the elect—will be gathered in the universal Church in the presence of the Father.

Finally, those who have not yet received the Gospel are in their different ways related to God’s people.

In the first place, there is that people which was given the covenants and the promises and from which Christ was born by human descent: the people which is by God’s choice most dear on account of the patriarchs. God never repents of his gifts or his call.

God’s plan of salvation embraces those also who acknowledge the Creator. Among these are especially the Mohammedans; they profess their faith as the faith of Abraham, and with us they worship the one, merciful God who will judge men on the last day.

God himself is not far from those others who seek the unknown God in darkness and shadows, for it is he who gives to all men life and inspiration and all things, and who as Savior desires all men to be saved.

Eternal salvation is open to those who, through no fault of their own, do not know Christ and his Church but seek God with a sincere heart, and under the inspiration of grace try in their lives to do his will, made known to them by the dictates of their conscience. Nor does Divine Providence deny the aids necessary for salvation to those who, without blame on their part, have not yet reached an explicit belief in God, but strive to lead a good life, under the influence of God’s grace.

Whatever goodness and truth is found among them is seen by the Church as a preparation for the Gospel, and as given by him who shines on all men, so that they may at last have life.”

Just for Fun:

After a wonderful presentation by the Symphony Orchestra people were lined up to congratulate the Director. When his turn came one elderly gentleman confided to the director in a whisper:

“I hate to be a tattletale, but that young violinist on the far right only played when you were looking directly at him.”



Quote of the week:

“Human trafficking is an open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ.”

~Pope Francis