

Offertory: April 27, 2014 OLM \$412, OLV \$575, COS \$341, Total \$1,328.
April 26, 2015 OLM \$775, OLV \$842, COS \$686, Total \$2,303 (incl. online giving).

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday May 16 OLM 4:00 PM For Margaret Campbell, requested by Marie Lee
Sunday May 17 OLM 8:30 AM For Fr. Frank McMahon,
requested by Arlene Tarantino, Marie Lee and Teresa Blood
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.
Saturday May 23 OLM 4:00 PM OPEN FOR YOUR REQUEST
Sunday May 24 OLM 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday May 24 OLV 10:30 AM For Margaret and William Schaefer, requested by Eleanor C. Crombie
Sunday May 24 COS 12:30 PM For Robert Barry, requested by Carol Barry

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 17: Last CCD class of the year, 9:30 AM, and First Holy Communion, OLV
May 20: Cursillo Ultreya, 7 PM, Cagney Residence
May 21: Finance Council Mtg., 4:30 PM, Rectory
May 22: Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament, 3-4 PM, OLM
May 29: Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament, 3-4 PM, OLM
May 31: SPECIAL COLLECTION: Fuel #2
Jun. 3: Pastoral Council Mtg., 7 PM, OLV
Jun 3: Adoration of the Bl. Sacrament, 3-4 PM, OLM
Jun 5: First Friday Mass, 5:30 PM, Ch. of St. Edmund (CSE), Saxtons River
Jun 7: SPECIAL COLLECTION: Catholic Communications

A Note from the Bishop’s Fund Office

This is our **In Pew Commitment Weekend**. Please prayerfully consider making your commitment to our Annual Appeal.

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!

 **REED BROWN
MARENA DION
&
GRACE WRIGHT** 

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



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

 *Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.* 



Weekly Intention

For the grace this week to acknowledge to all we meet
that Jesus is the Son of God

IXΘΥΣ
I Jesus
X Christ
Θ God
Y Son
Σ Saviour



Fr. Simon's Tuition Appeal Goal: \$15,000.00

Tuition Appeal Collection to date: \$13,943.24



Tuition Appeal Collection to go: \$ 1,056.76

From Fr. Fred:

Properly understood, Holy Communion is God's greatest gift to us on this planet. It is His very own life, and He asks us to share His life and His love with others, especially those who need it the most.

What are the guidelines for receiving Holy Communion with the best love and respect? It begins by fasting from all food and drink, except water, for one hour before receiving. This is the minimum and you certainly can do more if you wish. Also, of course, other relevant circumstances should be taken into consideration, like age, dietary restrictions and needs, etc.

Also, avoiding rushing is very helpful. So, if you can, plan to arrive at Church early and leave late. This allows time for prayerful reflection before Mass, perhaps looking over the readings to get a better understanding of them, greeting others, and generally being relaxed and prayerful when Mass begins. It also leaves room after Mass for adequately expressing our gratitude and appreciation to God for His wonderful gifts.

Just before receiving the host, acknowledge God's presence with a bow. Then put out your hands or your tongue to receive the host. If you are right handed, place your open right hand under your left hand and extend this "little throne" to receive your Lord. When the priest or minister gives you the host and says "The Body of Christ" reply "Amen." Then, with your right hand, take the host from your left hand and put it in your mouth. (If you are left handed, place your open left hand under your right hand and then use your left hand to put it in your mouth.) If you are also drinking from the Chalice, repeat the bow and the Amen. Then fold your hands and return to your seat, where you spend some time in quiet prayer and thanksgiving.

These simple guidelines help us to show the proper reverence in receiving Holy Communion and also to communicate to others our belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.



Quote of the Week:

"At this table we put aside every worldly separation based on culture, class, or other differences.

This communion is why all prejudice, all racism, all deference to wealth and power must be banished from our parishes, our homes, our lives."

- Joseph Cardinal Bernardin

Just for Fun:

Fr. John: "Johnny, you look troubled. What's the matter?"

Johnny: "The teacher gave me back my English test yesterday."

Fr. John: "Did you fail?"

Johnny: "No, but she said that I need to write more legibly."

Fr. John: "Well, why don't you?"

Johnny: "Because if I do she's going to find out that I can't spell!"

Pilgrimage to Canada

August 3-6, 2015. \$425 per person based upon **double occupancy**. Visiting the Shrines of St. Joseph Oratory in Montreal, St. Anne de Beaupre in Quebec and more! Cost includes Coach Bus transportation from Plaistow, Manchester, Derry and Claremont. **Two full meals** a day, **accommodations with private facilities**, taxes, etc. For information contact Juanita (603) 826-4486 or juanitajoy@comcast.net