

Offertory: March 4, 2018 OLM \$338, OLV \$553, COS \$1,068, Total \$1,959
 March 5, 2017 OLM \$407, OLV \$656, COS \$1,440, Total \$2,503

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 19, OLM 4:00 PM For Ben and Rina Sofka, requested by Karen Shaw.
 Sunday, May 20, OLM 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, May 20, OLV 10:30 AM For Margaret and William A. Schaefer, requested by Eleanor Crombie
 Sunday, May 20, COS 12:30 PM For Joan Kopins, requested by Karen Shaw
 Saturday, May 26, OLM 4:00 PM For Wayne Weible, requested by Karen Shaw
 Sunday, May 27, OLM 8:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, May 27, OLV 10:30 AM For Eleanor Crombie, requested by Ruth Van Houten
 Sunday, May 27, COS 12:30 PM For Lorraine Shaw, requested by Karen Shaw



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 20: Pentecost

May 20: First Communion, 10:30AM OLV

May 23: Book club, *The Case for Jesus: The Biblical and Historical Evidence for Christ* by Brant Pitre, 7-8PM, OLV

May 26 & 27: Special Collection, Fuel #2



Charles Cyr, Hanna Cyr, Hilary Cyr, Brooke Weber and Morgan Weber will be receiving First Holy Communion today at Our Lady of the Valley. Please pray for these students and their families at this special time.

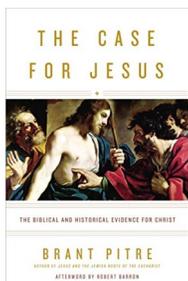


Weekly Intention: For the grace this week to live with the new energy and self-awareness bestowed on us by the Holy Spirit.

“The power for creating a better future is contained in the present moment: You create a good future by creating a good present.” ~ Eckhart Tolle



This weekend is the In-Pew Commitment Weekend phase of the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Love is always a gift from God and with these gifts we are able to help so many families –more than 2,000 people in financial crisis receive emergency aid and those that cannot afford tuition at our Catholic schools receive \$340,000 in subsidizes. We ask that you prayerfully consider donating to the appeal to support the Catholic Church in Vermont. Visit bishopsappealvt.org for more information about your gift at work.



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!!!

Services for Dr. Terry L. Kauffman will be held at 11:00AM on Saturday, May, 26th at ST. Michael's Catholic Church, in Brattleboro, VT. A reception will follow.

From Fr. Fred

A Prayer for Healing and Hope

*Almighty God, we give you thanks, for
You are the Creator of all life and good-
ness. We praise You for the world You
have made us to build up and enjoy.*

*Loving God, help us to be faithful her-
alds of Healing and Hope. Grant us the
awareness of the healing needs of those
around us and the compassion to re-
spond willingly to those needs. We ask
this through Christ, Our Healer and
Source of all Hope.*

Amen

Healing Prayer

*God, I know You have the power to re-
store me to good health. I await your
healing with much hope. Do not allow
the sickness of the body to weaken my
spirit. It is the health of our spirit, Lord,
which is most important.*

Amen

Quote of the week:

This is from a Letter to the Corinthians, written by our fourth Pope, St Clement the First, who knew both St. Peter and St. Paul and likely some other Apostles as well.

“Let us, then, preserve the unity of the body that we form in Christ Jesus, and let everyone give his neighbor the deference to which his particular gifts entitle him. Let the wealthy assist the poor and the poor man thank God for giving him someone to supply his needs. The wise man should show his wisdom not by his eloquence but by good works; the humble man should not proclaim his own humility, but have others to do so; nor must the man who preserves his chastity ever boast of it, but recognize that the ability to control his desires has been given him by another. To Him be glory for ever and ever.”



Just for Fun: Q: What happened to the little duck when he tried to fly upside down?
A: He quacked up.

