

May 29, 2016

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Offertory: May 2, 2015 OLM \$553, OLV \$488, COS \$380 Total \$1,421
May 1, 2016 OLM \$540, OLV \$523, COS \$533 Total \$1,596 (incl. online giving)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 28, OLM 4:00 PM For Patsy Hope, requested by Betty Fedora
Sunday, May 29, OLM 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, May 29, OLV 10:30 AM For Ruth Dickerman, requested by her family
Sunday, May 29, COS 12:30 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Saturday, June 4, OLM 4:00 PM For Susan Burkot Lucier, requested by Betty Fedora
Sunday, June 5, OLM 8:30 AM For Charlie Rosinski, requested by Marianne and Frank Sanders
Sunday, June 5, OLV 10:30 AM For Sr. Marguerite Schaefer, SND (birthday), Requested by Eleanor C. Crombie
Sunday, June 5, COS 12:30 PM For Susan VanHorn, requested by the VanHorn Family

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 1: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM, OLV
June 3: First Friday Mass, 5:30 PM, St. Edmund's, Saxtons River
June 4 & 5: Special Collection, Catholic Communications
June 15: Cursillo Ultreya, 7 PM, at the Cagney's
June 17: Adoration, 3 PM, OLV
June 18: Jubilee Day for Priests (no Saturday Mass)
June 19: Father's Day
June 19: Reminder to please bring the baby bottles back for CareNet



 **Weekly Intention:**
For the grace this week to adore the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. 

"When the Sisters are exhausted, up to their eyes in work; when all seems to go awry, they spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This practice has never failed to bear fruit: they experience peace and strength." ~Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

~All are invited to a **MEMORIAL DAY MASS** celebrated by Bishop Coyne at Resurrection Park Cemetery, 10:00 a.m. on May 30th! Parking is available in the cemetery or at St. John Vianney Church. Bring a chair and an umbrella (for shade), if you wish. In the event of rain, Mass will be celebrated at St. John Vianney Church.

~**Holy Door Trip to Burlington:** Space is available, first come first serve. A coach bus will be leaving St. Mary's Church in Springfield, Vermont at 10am on Sunday, June 26th to head to Burlington for lunch and to walk through the Holy Door. Father Peter Williams will be joining you for the day. The bus is scheduled to return about 5pm. Cost is \$40 per person. If you would like to join us or would like more information please contact St. Mary's rectory at 802-885-3400 or email stmarys@vermontel.net. Thank you so much. Deadline for the trip is June 22nd.

~Thank you to all of our faithful parishioners for your support of the **Bishop's Fund Annual Appeal** – the Bishop's Fund Office is still hard at work processing your generous pledges from a successful In Pew Commitment Phase, and will continually post updates on our progress at bishopsfund.org. To date, we have pledged 3.39% toward our goal of \$24,495.

~**St. Joseph in Chester, June 12th, 2016 at 2:30 pm** Fr. John Patrick Sullivan, M.S., the new director of the La Salette Shrine in Enfield, NH is very much looking forward to re-starting the Spanish Ministry here in Chester. He spent 18 years in ministry in Argentina with the La Salette Order, before returning to the United States. Refreshments will be offered after Mass. All are welcome.

~**A CALL FOR IDEAS AND ACTION**
Father Fred has asked the Parish Pastoral Council to develop some ideas about how we can further help those in need in our faith and geographical communities. We need your ideas to help us answer his question. We may also need your help in planning, carrying out some specific and short-term tasks, or aiding in managing whatever we all decide to do. We ask you to come to a meeting on June 1st at 7PM at Our Lady of the Valley in Townsend to share in this call to action. If you can't come but want to offer ideas and stay informed about the program, please contact John Bohannon (802-869-2961, johnrbo@sover.net), or Kristina Wright (802-365-4962, hddnorch@svccable.net). Thank you for joining this call to serve.

 Once again, the State of Vermont has given us the privilege of having a **Coffee Service** at the **Welcome Center on Friday, July 22, 2016 from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.**

Please consider helping out by donating baked goods (must be NUT-FREE) and/or your time by joining us at the **Welcome Center**. 

Contact Mollie Muldaur at the OLM Rectory 387-5861.

 **\$3.00**

Worn Again Thrift Shop
Donations of non-holiday greeting cards are needed. Thank you!

WORN AGAIN THRIFT SHOP BAG SALE!
WEDNESDAY- JUNE 1
FRIDAY- JUNE 3
SATURDAY- JUNE 4
(EXCLUDES JEWELRY)

From Fr. Fred:

Here is a short but inspiring homily by one of our great saints.

From a homily on the Gospels by Saint Gregory the Great, pope



My Lord and my God

Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. He was the only disciple absent; on his return he heard what had happened but refused to believe it. The Lord came a second time; he offered his side for the disbelieving disciple to touch, held out his hands, and showing the scars of his wounds, healed the wound of his disbelief.

Dearly beloved, what do you see in these events? Do you really believe that it was by chance that this chosen disciple was absent, then came and heard, heard and doubted, doubted and touched, touched and believed? It was not by chance but in God's providence. In a marvelous way God's mercy arranged that the disbelieving disciple, in touching the wounds of his master's body, should heal our wounds of disbelief. The disbelief of Thomas has done more for our faith than the faith of the other disciples. As he touches Christ and is won over to belief, every doubt is cast aside and our faith is strengthened. So the disciple who doubted, then felt Christ's wounds, becomes a witness to the reality of the resurrection.

Touching Christ, he cried out: *My Lord and my God. Jesus said to him: Because you have seen me, Thomas, you have believed. Paul said: Faith the guarantee of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen.* It is clear, then, that faith is the proof of what cannot be seen. What is seen gives knowledge, not faith. When Thomas saw and touched, why was he told: *You have believed because you have seen me?* Because what he saw and what he believed were different things. God cannot be seen by mortal man. Thomas saw a human being, whom he acknowledged to be God, and said: *My Lord and my God.* Seeing, he believed; looking at one who was true man, he cried out that this was God, the God he could not see.

What follows is reason for great joy: *Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.* There is here a particular reference to ourselves; we hold in our hearts one we have not seen in the flesh. We are included in these words, but only if we follow up our faith with good works. The true believer practices what he believes. But of those who pay only lip service to faith, Paul has this to say: *They profess to know God, but they deny him in their works.* Therefore James says: *Faith without works is dead.*

Quote of the week:

Pope John XXIII, who convoked Vatican Council II, was in his 80's when he was elected. He served at a particularly challenging time in the Church, yet he always got a good night's sleep. His secret? He ended his evening prayer like this: "It's your church now, Lord. I'm going to bed."



Just for Fun:

Years ago an American woman was visiting England for the first time. In a London shop she discovered a particularly interesting box of Belgian chocolates. Though she felt guilty she brought it to the cash register. The clerk said: "That will be four pounds, madam." She snapped back: "Yeah. Rub it in why don't you!"

