

May 7, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Easter

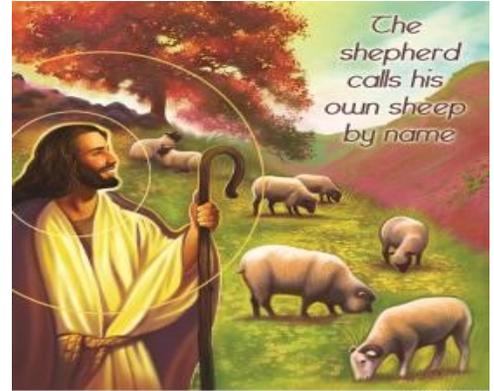
Offertory: March 19, 2016 OLM \$554, OLV \$614, COS \$1,163, Total \$2,331
March 18, 2017 OLM \$616, OLV \$704, COS \$1,035, Total \$2,355 (incl. online giving)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 6, OLM 4:00 PM For Lorraine Shaw, requested by Karen Shaw
Sunday, May 7, OLM 8:30 AM For Kathy Wojciechowski, requested by Marianne and Frank Sanders
Sunday, May 7, OLV 10:30 AM For Edward Gal, requested by Carol Bemis
Sunday, May 7, COS 12:30 PM For the Herron Family, requested by the Zimmermann family
Saturday, May 13, OLM 4:00 PM For Eveline Jennings, requested by Marie Lee
Sunday, May 14, OLM 8:30 PM For Julia Sanders, requested by Marianne and Frank Sanders
Sunday, May 14, OLV 10:30 AM For Michael Gal, requested by Carol Bemis
Sunday, May 14, COS 12:30 PM For Dean Robert Ziegler, requested by Anna Marie Neyzo

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 6 & 7: Special Collection for Basilica
May 13 & 14: Special Collection, Church in Eastern Europe
May 14: Mothers Day



-Catholic Summer Camps

Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette for girls is now accepting registrations for the 2017 summer season. The camps, located in the Lake Region of NH, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children, ages 6-15. For more information, please contact Michael Drumm at 603-364-5851 or email mdrumm@campsfatimabernadette.org, or visit the website at www.campsfatimabernadette.org

-Do you work or volunteer with youth in the Church? Please read the following: As part of the Diocese of Burlington's continuing commitment to protect children and young people, all adults who work with children and youth are required to participate in child abuse prevention training, submit background check paperwork, read the Diocesan Policies on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry, and sign a Code of Conduct. The training program for adults currently used within the Diocese of Burlington is Safe and Sacred by Proud to Protect, Inc. To learn more, or to participate in the program, visit the "Child Safety" section of www.vermontcatholic.org.

-Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in over 20 countries, many of which are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support **restores the Church and builds the future** in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

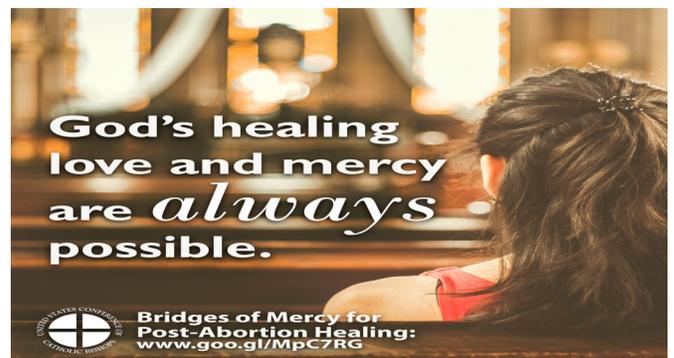


Weekly Intention:

For the grace this week to live by the power of the name of Jesus.

TOTUS TUUS

Totus Tuus is Latin for "Totally Yours" and the motto of Pope St. John Paul II. It represents our desire to give ourselves entirely to Jesus Christ through the hands of His Immaculate Mother. The Totus Tuus children's summer camp at St. Michael Church on Walnut Street in Brattleboro endeavors to show youth that a humble and courageous desire to know God must be based upon a steadfast and disciplined life of prayer combined with the reception of the sacraments. The focus at camp this year will be on the Joyful Mysteries and the mystery of salvation. We invite children entering 1st through 8th grades to attend our day program from 9-3 on July 10-14 and our high school students to attend the evening program from 7:30-9:30 from July 9-13. The cost is \$50. per student or for two or more family members a total of \$75.00. For more information or to register please contact Pete and Judith Nero at 254-4818 or email us at neros75@comcast.net. We pray you will be able to join us this summer for faith and fun!



From Fr. Fred:

When children are very young, food is absolutely essential for everything else to be able to work. Yet every parent knows that it takes infinite patience to get them to eat regularly. Our heavenly parent, speaking through Jesus, uses the whole New Testament to tell us how vitally important the Eucharist is for our physical, emotional, mental, spiritual and eternal life. Yet we resist eating regularly. Receiving Communion weekly with our children is the *most* important thing we can do for the health of our family.

Here is a meditation on the Eucharist by the only person on earth who was able to bring the brilliant St. Augustine back to the practice of his Catholic faith.

**From the treatise *On the Mysteries*
by Saint Ambrose, bishop**

To the newly baptized on the Eucharist

“Fresh from the waters and resplendent in these garments, God’s holy people hasten to the altar of Christ, saying: *I will go in to the altar of God, to God who gives joy to my youth. They have sloughed off the old skin of error, their youth renewed like an eagle’s, and they make haste to approach that heavenly banquet. They come and, seeing the sacred altar prepared, cry out: You have prepared a table in my sight. David puts these words into their mouths: The Lord is my shepherd and nothing will be lacking to me. He has set me down there in a place of pasture. He has brought me beside refreshing water. Further on, we read: For though I should walk in the midst of the shadow of death, I shall not be afraid of evils, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff have given me comfort. You have prepared in my sight a table against those who afflict me. You have made my head rich in oil, and your cup, which exhilarates, how excellent it is.*

It is wonderful that God rained manna on our fathers and they were fed with daily food from heaven. And so it is written: *Man ate the bread of angels.* Yet those who ate that bread all *died* in the desert. But the food that

you receive, that *living bread which came down from heaven*, supplies the very substance of eternal life, and whoever will eat it will never die, for it is the body of Christ.

Consider now which is the more excellent: the bread of angels or the flesh of Christ, which is indeed the body that gives life. The first was manna from heaven, the second is above the heavens. One was of heaven, the other is of the Lord of the heavens; one subject to corruption if it was kept till the morrow, the other free from all corruption, for if anyone tastes of it with reverence he will be incapable of corruption. For our fathers, water flowed from the rock; for you, blood flows from Christ. Water satisfied their thirst for a time; blood cleanses you forever. The Jew drinks and still thirsts, but when you drink you will be incapable of thirst. What happened in symbol is now fulfilled in reality.



If what you marvel at is a shadow, how great is the reality whose very shadow you marvel at. Listen to this, which shows that what happened in the time of our fathers was but a shadow. *They drank*, it is written, *from the rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. All this took place as a symbol for us.* You know now what is more excellent: light is preferable to its shadow, reality to its symbol, the body of the Giver to the manna he gave from heaven.”

Just for Fun: A man loved to bet on the horses. One day an amazing thing happened. It was the fifth month of the year and the fifth race was scheduled to start at five minutes past five. So he bet five hundred and fifty five dollars and fifty five cents on horse #5. Did he win? Nope. The horse came in fifth.



Quote of the week:
“The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect.”
Pope Francis