

November 15, 2015

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Offertory: October 19, 2014 OLM \$475, OLV \$556, COS \$335, Total \$1,366
October 18, 2015 OLM \$487, OLV \$522, COS \$295, Total \$1.304 (incl. online giving).

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Nov 14, OLM 4:00 PM For Mary Tarantino, requested by Arlene Tarantino
Sunday, Nov 15, OLM 8:30 AM For Helen Flood, requested by Patricia Holtz
Sunday, Nov 15, OLV 10:30 AM For George Crombie (27th anniversary), requested by Eleanor C. Crombie
Sunday, Nov 15, COS 12:30 PM For Elvira and Candido Beccari, requested by Anna Weiser
Saturday, Nov 21, OLM 4:00 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, Nov 22, OLM 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, Nov 22, OLV 10:30 AM For Sr. Marguerite Schaefer (2nd anniversary), requested by Eleanor C. Crombie
Sunday Nov 22, COS 12:30 PM For Pedro Bravo, requested by Jose Bravo

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 18: Cursillo Ultreya, 7PM OLV
November 19: Finance Council Meeting, 4:30 PM, Rectory
November 20: Adoration, 3:00 PM OLV
November 21 & 22: Special Collection for Bishop DeGoesbriand Appeal for Human Advancement
November 26: Thanksgiving Day
November 28 & 29: Special Collection, fuel #4



In the past the Christmas collection and the Easter collection went to the Pastor as part of his salary. In recent years this has changed. The Easter collection now goes to the Parish. The Christmas collection is divided into three parts. One part goes to the Pastor, one part goes to the Parish and one part goes to the Diocese. The Diocese part is kept in a special fund, called the Parish Support Fund, and is used to help poor Parishes when they need financial help.
This year we had an unexpected expense that we had not budgeted for. The Putney fire chief mandated that we install a new alarm system in the Rectory because I wear hearing aids. It costs \$5,000.00. We asked the Bishop if he could help in any way from the Parish Support Fund. He did help, and sent us a check for \$2,500.00. Thank you Bishop Coyne and may God continue to bless you.



Our December book club selection is *The Joy of the Gospel* by Pope Francis I. **Book details:** Pope Francis, *The Joy of the Gospel* (2013), 152 pages. Available in paperback (ISBN 978-1601374585). Also available in eBook and in a specially-priced hardcover edition. Please read this unforgettable teaching on Christ's love in action. Then, join us for an hour of lively discussion on Wednesday, December 9th, 7-8 pm, at Our Lady of the Valley in Townshend. **Contact** Carol Bemis (802-779-6412) with any questions. Hope to see many of you at our club meeting!!!



St. Edmunds of Canterbury Thrift Shop, Saxtons River, **\$3 BAG SALE!** (excludes jewelry) Thrift Shop hours: Wednesday 10a.m.-4p.m.; Friday 10a.m.-5p.m.; Saturday 10a.m.-5p.m.



~November 15-21, 2015

From November 15-21, 2015, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops invites families, parishes, schools, and other Catholic groups to participate in National Bible Week in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, *Dei Verbum*. This year's theme, "The Bible: A Book for the Family," builds on this year's Synod of Bishops on the Family and Pope Francis's visit to Philadelphia for the World Meeting of Families.

~Last year at Christmas time our parishes helped those incarcerated, at the Southern State Correctional Facility in Springfield, Vt., to get some of the basic necessities they need and would like. They are limited as to what they are allowed to have, things we take for granted in our everyday lives. Other Churches in our area pitch in also and choose items off a list they can have. Prisoners are asked to sign up if they want to take part and this year the number was 70.

Our Parish Council has chosen to continue again this season. The items we picked off the list were: WHITE SOCKS - 70 pr. various sizes & white only. BATH SOAP - 70 bars large soap; MICRO-WAVE POP CORN - individually sealed packages

We will have boxes at each Church to drop items into. The closing date is SUNDAY DECEMBER 13. They will be delivered the following day. Please help us to fill the boxes.

Remember, the Apostles Paul & Peter and the Prophet Jeremiah all went to prison because they knew God. May our prayers and actions help prisoners come to know God also! — Deacon Richard

Weekly Intention:

For the grace this week to be effective witnesses to God's Word.

"All life is an experiment. **The more experiments you make, the better.**"
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

From Fr. Fred:

Ruth went to her mail box and there was only one letter. She picked it up and looked at it before opening, but then she looked at the envelope again. There was no stamp, no postmark, only her name and address. She read the letter:

Dear Ruth:

I'm going to be in your neighborhood Saturday afternoon and I'd like to stop by for a visit.
Love Always,
Jesus

Her hands were shaking as she placed the letter on the table. "Why would the Lord want to visit me? I'm nobody special. I don't have anything to offer."

With that thought, Ruth remembered her empty kitchen cabinets. "Oh my goodness, I really don't have anything to offer. I'll have to run down to the store and buy something for dinner."

She reached for her purse and counted out its contents. Five dollars and forty cents. "Well, I can get some bread and cold cuts, at least." She threw on her coat and hurried out the door.

A loaf of French bread, a half-pound of sliced turkey, and a carton of milk...leaving Ruth with a grand total of twelve cents to last her until Monday. Nonetheless, she felt good as she headed home, her meager offerings tucked under her arm.

"Hey lady, can you help us, lady?"

Ruth had been so absorbed in her dinner plans, she hadn't even noticed two figures huddled in the alleyway. A man and a woman, both of them dressed in little more than rags.

"Look lady, I ain't got a job, ya know, and my wife and I have been living out here on the street, and, well, now it's getting cold and we're getting kinda hungry and, well, if you could help us lady, we'd really appreciate it."

Ruth looked at them both. They were dirty, they smelled bad and frankly, she was certain that they could get some kind of work if they really wanted to.

"Sir, I'd like to help you, but I'm a poor woman myself. All I have is a few cold cuts and some bread, and I'm having an important guest for dinner tonight and I was planning on serving that to Him."

"Yeah, well, okay lady, I understand. Thanks anyway."

The man put his arm around the woman's shoulders, turned and headed back into the alley. As she watched them leave, Ruth felt a familiar twinge in her heart. "Sir, Wait!"

The couple stopped and turned as she ran down the alley after them.

"Look, why don't you take this food. I'll figure out something else to serve my guest." She handed the man her grocery bag.

"Thank you lady. Thank you very much!"

"Yes, thank you!" It was the man's wife, and Ruth could see now that she was shivering.

"You know, I've got another coat at home. Here, why don't you take this one." Ruth unbuttoned her jacket and slipped it over the woman's shoulders. Then smiling, she turned and walked back to the street...without her coat and with nothing to serve her guest.

"Thank you lady! Thank you very much!"

Ruth was chilled by the time she reached her front door, and worried too. The Lord was coming to visit and she didn't have anything to offer Him.

She fumbled through her purse for the door key. But as she did, she noticed another envelope in her mailbox. "That's odd. The mailman doesn't usually come twice in one day." She took the envelope out of the box and opened it.

Dear Ruth:

It was so good to see you again. Thank you for the lovely meal. And thank you, too, for the beautiful coat.

Love always, Jesus

The air was still cold, but even without her coat, Ruth no longer noticed.

Quote of the week:

**"What sin is there so deadly that it cannot be pardoned by the death of Christ?"
St. Bernard**



Just for Fun:

Do you know why you should never tell a secret in the garden?

Because the potatoes have eyes, the corn has ears, and the beanstalk!

