

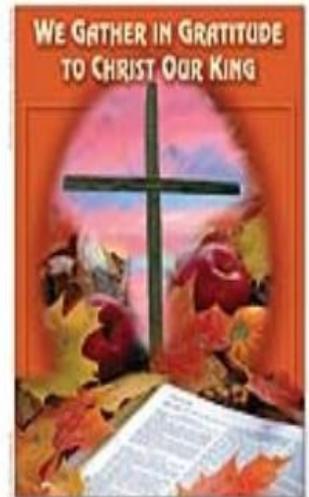
Offertory: October 4, 2015 OLM \$611, OLV \$937, COS \$1,190 Total \$2,738
October 2, 2016 OLM \$1,114, OLV \$1,036, COS \$1,001 Total \$3,151 (incl. online giving)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Nov. 19, OLM 4:00 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, Nov. 20, OLM 8:30 AM For Arnold and Jean Pierre, requested by his daughter Arnelle Hanley
Sunday, Nov. 20, OLV 10:30 AM For George E. Crombie-28th anniversary, requested by Eleanor C. Crombie
Sunday, Nov. 20, COS 12:30 PM For Chuck McMahon, requested by Nancy McMahon
Saturday, Nov. 26, OLM 4:00 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Saturday, Nov. 26, COS 4:30 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Saturday, Nov. 26, COS 6:00 PM **OPEN FOR YOUR REQUEST**
Sunday, Nov. 27, OLM 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, Nov. 27, OLV 10:30 AM For Kerry Winters, requested by Dennis and Mary Wiswall
Sunday, Nov. 27, COS 12:30 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Nov. 19 & 20: Special Collection: Fuel #4
Nov. 24: Thanksgiving
Nov. 26 & 27: Special Collection, Bishop DeGoesbriand for Human Advancement
Nov. 26: Winter Mass Schedule for the Chapel of the Snows begins with Mass on Saturdays at 4:30PM in addition to COS Mass on Sundays at 12:30PM
Nov. 27: First Sunday of Advent
Dec. 2: First Friday Mass, 5:30 PM, St. Edmund’s, Saxtons River
Dec. 7: Parish Council Meeting, 7 PM, OLV
Dec. 8: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Masses: COS 4:30PM, OLM 5:30PM, OLV 7:30PM
Dec. 10 & 11: Special Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious
Dec. 14: Parish Book Club, 7-8 PM OLV, *Rediscover Jesus: An Invitation* by Matthew Kelly.



 **Weekly Intention:**
For the grace this week to surround ourselves in obedience to the Kingdom of God.



Rosary—OLM-Fridays 3-4PM

“All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make, the better.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

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: 70 BARS SOAP – ANY KIND 3 to 5oz—must be sealed; 70 ANTIPERSPIRANT DEODORANT- 4 oz., must be solid (no liquid roll on) Degree is a good example. There will be boxes at each Church to drop items into. The closing date is SUNDAY DECEMBER 4th. Please help us to fill the boxes.**



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



We are falling short of our already-reduced Bishop’s Fund Annual Appeal goal for 2016. We need your help! The work performed by our diocese on behalf of our entire community must have financial support so it is sustained, and growing. We’ve secured a matching gift of up to \$20,000. If we can get just 1,000 families to give \$100, we’ll be able to achieve the level of gifts received last year. Additional information, including online giving, can be found at www.bishopsfund.org.

From Fr. Fred:

A water bearer in India had two large pots; each hung on either end of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the master's house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water in his master's house.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect to the end for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you."

"Why?" asked the bearer. "What are you ashamed of?"

"I have been able, for these past two years, to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your master's house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts," the pot said.

The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot, and in his compassion he said, "As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path."

Indeed, as they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it some. But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load, and so again the pot apologized to the bearer for its failure.

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of your path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and everyday while we walked back from the stream, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his house."

Each of us has our own unique flaws. We're all cracked pots. But if we will allow it, the Lord will use our flaws to grace His Father's table. In God's great economy, nothing goes to waste. Don't be afraid of your flaws. Acknowledge them, and you too can be the cause of beauty. Know that in our weakness He finds our strength.



Quote of the week:

"Extensive learning or great wealth are not at all necessary for the service of God. On the contrary, they are often a very big obstacle to it." St John Vianney

Just for Fun:

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away.

"Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayers," his mother said. "I don't need to," the boy replied. "Of course you do," his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house." That's at our house," Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house, and she knows how to cook!"

