

November 8, 2015

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Offertory: October 12, 2014 OLM \$549, OLV \$760, COS \$774, Total \$2,083  
October 11, 2015 OLM \$611, OLV \$937, COS \$1,191, Total \$2,739 (incl. online giving).

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, Nov 7, OLM 4:00 PM For Ken Heilo, requested by Arlene Tarantino  
Sunday, Nov 8, OLM 8:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
Sunday, Nov 8, OLV 10:30 AM For Lois and Edward Dillistin, requested by Deacon Richard and Daisy Anderberg  
Sunday, Nov 8, COS 12:30 PM For Renato Beccari, requested by Anna Weiser  
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 Holz  
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



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

November: Adoration at OLM has been cancelled for now until further notice

**November 7 & 8: Special Collection for Christmas Flowers**

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**

Our December book club selection is *The Joy of the Gospel* by Pope Francis I.



In this much-anticipated and inspiring book, Pope Francis teaches us about what it means to truly live the Gospel. With his signature grace, dynamic faith, and engaging prose the Pope urgently calls us to action. The time for New Evangelization is now and Pope Francis is here to tell us why!

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!!!

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

~The women of the Diocese of Burlington are cordially invited to the 4th Annual Vermont Catholic Women’s Retreat on Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at Holy Family Church and Parish Center, Essex Junction. Registration will open soon. For more information please contact the Office Catechesis and Evangelization at: <http://catholicformation@vermontcatholic.org>

~**Christmas in New York** with Fr. Michael Monette, **St. Patrick Church • Newport, NH** December 4-5, 2015 Join Fr. Michael Monette at the beginning of the Advent Season for an overnight adventure to New York City for a time of prayer, visiting the shrines of some famous saints, taking in the sites of the Big Apple. For more information and to sign up go to the St. Patrick Parish website at [www.saintpatrickparish.net](http://www.saintpatrickparish.net). • **Mass and Prayer at the tomb of Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney • Mass & tour at St. Patrick Cathedral & prayer in the crypt • Radio City Music Hall • Ground Zero Memorial & Museum • St. Elizabeth Anne Seton Home • and much more!**

**Weekly Intention:**

For the grace this week to be generous in giving of ourselves to God and neighbor.



**Notice in local eatery:**

“Unattended children will be given a free espresso and a puppy”



**From Fr. Fred:**

Each of us has a special Guardian Angel. Perhaps we don't think much about it, but this wonderful reflection by St. Bernard may help us see them in a new light.

FROM A SERMON BY ST. BERNARD, ABBOT

*He has given his angels charge over you to guard you in all your ways. Let them thank the Lord for his mercy; his wonderful works are for the children of men.* Let them give thanks and say among the nations, the Lord has done great things for them. O Lord, what is man that you have made yourself known to him, or why do you incline your heart to him? And you do incline your heart to him; you show him your care and your concern. Finally, you send your only Son and the grace of your Spirit, and promise him a vision of your countenance. And so, that nothing in heaven should be wanting in your concern for us, you send those blessed spirits to serve us, assigning them as our guardians and our teachers.

*He has given his angels charge over you to guard you in all your ways.* These words should fill you with respect, inspire devotion and instill confidence; respect for the presence of angels, devotion because of their loving service, and confidence because of their protection. And so the angels are here; they are at your side, they are with you, present on your behalf. They are here to protect you and to serve you. But even if it is God who has given them this charge, we must nonetheless be grateful to them for the great love with which they obey and come to help us in our great need.

So let us be devoted and grateful to such great protectors; let us return their love and honor them as much as we can and should. Yet all our love and honor must go to him, for it is from him that they receive all that makes them worthy of our love and respect.

We should then, my brothers, show our affection for the angels, for one day they will be our coheirs just as here below they are our guardians and trustees appointed and set over us by the Father. We are God's children although it does not seem so, because we are still but small children under guardians and trustees, and for the present little better than slaves.

Even though we are children and have a long, a very long and dangerous way to go, with such protectors what have we to fear? They who keep us in all our ways cannot be overpowered or led astray, much less lead us astray. They are loyal, prudent, powerful. Why then are we afraid? We have only to follow them, stay close to them, and we shall dwell under the protection of God's heaven.



**Quote of the week:**



“A *CHURCH* without *charity* does not exist.”

—Pope Francis

**Just for Fun:**

One beautiful summer day three middle-aged ladies, who were good friends, decided to go for a ride in a convertible. All three, however, were hard of hearing.

Lady #1: “It’s windy, isn’t it!”

Lady #2: “It’s not Wednesday, it’s Thursday!”

Lady #3: “I’m thirsty too. Let’s stop for a drink!”