

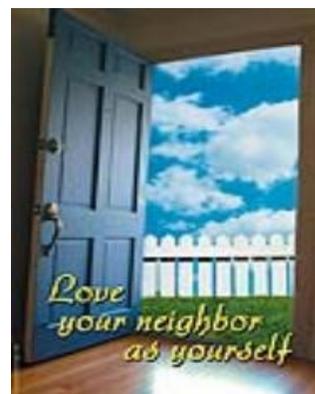
**Offertory:** July 30, 2017 OLM \$721, OLV \$528, COS \$752, Total \$2,001  
 July 31, 2016 OLM \$1,014, OLV \$705, COS \$719, Total \$2,438 (incl. online giving)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, Oct. 28, OLM 4:00 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
 Sunday, Oct. 29, OLM 8:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
 Sunday, Oct. 29, OLV 10:30 AM For Michael Martino and family, requested by Mike and Pat Adrian  
 Sunday, Oct. 29, COS 12:30 PM For Nancy Delio, requested by Mr. and Mrs. J. Villano  
 Saturday, Nov. 4, OLM 4:00 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
 Sunday, Nov. 5, OLM 8:30 AM For Ruth Gorius, requested by her family  
 Sunday, Nov. 5, OLV 10:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
 Sunday, Nov. 5, COS 12:30 PM For Matteo Aquilino, requested by Scotty Aquilino

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Oct. 28 & 29: Special Collection: Priest Benefit Fund**  
**Nov. 1: Special Collection: All Saints Day, Holy Day of Obligation—**  
**OLM 5:30 PM OLV 7:30 PM**  
 Nov. 3: First Friday Mass, 5:30 PM, St. Edmund's, Saxtons River  
**Nov. 4 & 5: Special Collection: Fuel #4**  
**Nov. 5: Daylight Saving Time ends**  
**Nov. 11 & 12: Special Collection: Christmas Flowers**



**What is the priest Benefit Retirement Fund?**  
 The Priests' Benefit Retirement Fund was originally established in the 1950's to provide a retirement pension for senior priests, as well as for the healthcare expenses of the priests of the Diocese of Burlington

**Who does it benefit?**  
 The Priests' Benefit Retirement Fund benefits are intended for diocesan priests who are incardinated into the Diocese and belong to the Priests' Benefit Retirement Fund

**What are our goals for the fund?**  
 The Fund's goal is to cover its pension liability to the retired priests, enabling them to live their senior years with a suitable income, not contingent upon having to do supplemental work, as many of them are unable to do so because of health issues.

**What can you do to help?**  
 Bishop Salvatore R. Matano established the annual collection for the Priests' Benefit Retirement Fund as a way for the faithful of the diocese to contribute toward their parish priests' pension in gratitude for the priestly ministry rendered by these dedicated priests to the faithful whom they served in parishes and continue to serve in sacramental ministry. The Priests' Benefit Fund needs generous gifts to cover the future liability and to cover the pensions of the senior priests into the future.

**Weekly Intention:**  
 For the grace this week to love God and to love our neighbor without fail.

 Thank you to our parish for participating so faithfully in the 2017 Annual Appeal. If you have yet to make a pledge or gift, you may do so through December 31, 2017. Please visit <https://vermontcatholic.org/annualappeal/> for updated information on how your gift distribution is allocated as well as ministries currently dependent upon the generosity of all parishioners throughout our diocese. We're at 94% of the Appeal Goal – please help us to get to 100%

**6th Annual Vermont Catholic Women's Retreat—Where:** Holy Family Parish Center, 28 Lincoln Street, Essex Junction, VT  
**When:** Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
 You are invited to join women from all over Vermont for a day filled with prayer, fellowship, and encouragement - focused on the teachings of Pope John Paul II on the gift of being a woman! **Keynote Speaker:** Mother Mary Catherine of the Divine Word M.W. Visit [www.vermontcatholic.org](http://www.vermontcatholic.org) for more information.

## From Fr. Fred:

I am indebted to Sister Macrina Wiederkehr OSB for this beautiful meditation.

### *God Calls us by Name*

*“For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not.” (Isaiah 45, 3-4) This quote from Isaiah reminds me of something I recently read. When a group of professionals posed the question “What does love mean?” to young children, one of the most profound responses they received came from a four year-old boy. “When someone loves you, “ he observed, “the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth.”*

*Hopefully, we’ve all had the experience of being beloved and hearing our name uttered with tenderness over and over by someone significant to us. Isaiah challenges us to imagine a God who goes so much further, even “though you knew me not.” We may forget to acknowledge God’s presence and concern, but God is continually, unfailingly pouring out loving care for our wholeness and well-being. Having our name called with such absolute and unconditional love invites us into profound gratitude every moment of our lives.*



## Just for Fun:

Once there was a priest who was a terrible preacher. The Bishop received so many complaints that he called the priest in to try to help him. After listening to him the Bishop said: “I know how difficult it is to preach. But you need to start by getting people’s attention. Let me give you an example. Once I started a sermon this way: ‘I’m in love! I’m in love with a beautiful woman! Her name is Mary!’ Then I went on to preach about the Blessed Virgin. Could you try something like that?” The priest said he would try it.

The following Sunday he certainly got everyone’s attention when he began this way: “The Bishop is in love! He’s in love with a beautiful woman! But for the life of me I can’t remember her name!”



### Quote of the week:

“Jesus breaks through the boring categories to which we try to limit Him.” Pope Francis