

Offertory: July 8, 2018
July 9, 2017

OLM \$626, OLV \$689, COS \$406, Total \$1,721
OLM \$484, OLV \$495, COS \$714, Total \$1,693

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Oct. 6, OLM 4:00 PM For Tom Rowley, requested by Fr. Francis McMahon
Sunday, Oct. 7, OLM 8:30 AM For Tom Rowley, requested by Fr. Francis McMahon
Sunday, Oct. 7, OLV 10:30 AM For the Holy Spirit to touch all parishioners here today, requested by Karen Shaw
Sunday, Oct. 7, COS 12:30 PM For Paul Wieser, requested by Anna Wieser
Saturday, Oct. 13, OLM 4:00 PM For all the Souls in Purgatory, requested by Karen Shaw
Sunday, Oct. 14, OLM 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, Oct. 14, OLV 10:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, Oct. 14, COS 12:30 PM For my special intention, requested by Karen Shaw

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Oct. 6 & 7: Special Collection: Fuel #3

Oct. 17: Cursillo Ultreya, at the Cagney's, 7 PM
Oct. 18: Finance Council Meeting, 6:30PM, OLV

"I have found the paradox that if I love until it hurts, then there is no hurt, but only more love." —Mother Theresa

Weekly Intention: For the grace this week to be childlike in our relationship with God.



The final solicitation phase of the Bishop's Annual Appeal will soon be sent your way. Please prayerfully consider supporting the ministries that depend on your participation. If you have given in the past, know that your continued contributions are very much needed, and appreciated. If you have not participated in the Appeal, please visit www.bishopsappealvt.org for important information about the many lives, including those in our parish, that are touched by efforts funded in the diocese of Burlington by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. As of today, our diocese is at 89% of our total pledge goal. Help us reach the same level of great success from the 2017 Appeal!

Opening Mass for Diocesan Synod:
October 13th , 9:00 am
at The Immaculate Conception Parish, Burlington, VT Catholics throughout the Diocese are invited to join us for the celebration of the Eucharist with Bishop Coyne and the clergy of the diocese to officially open the Diocesan Synod.

Father Fred and your Parish Council are hoping to get a West River Missions team together to participate in Grace Cottage Hospital's Poker Walk. It is a free and fun way to support our hospital while at the same time building fellowship and raising awareness of our faith community. We are hoping for a group of at least 4 walkers. Full details are below. If interested, please contact Carol Bemis (802)-779-6412; cabemis@icloud.com). Once we have a team, we can determine which sign up time works best for all. Let's honor Father Fred's request and enjoy one another's company at this fun event.

With thanks for everyone's consideration,
Our Lady of Mercy and the West River Missions Parish Council

Poker walk Wednesday, October 10, 2018 Townshend, VT

Celebrate National Physical Therapy month by participating in the Grace Cottage Rehab Department's 19th Annual Poker Walk on Wednesday, October 10, 2018.

This free, fun, two-mile walk/run is held each year, rain or shine. Playing cards are distributed along the way; and a grand prize for the best poker hand is awarded at the end. All participants are also eligible for a variety of terrific prizes donated by local businesses and individuals. Winners will be chosen at random. You may do the course as often as you wish, collecting a new poker hand each time.

Start any time 9:00 am – 2:30 pm. Register at the Grace Cottage Wolff Outpatient Building, 163 Grafton Road (Route 35), Townshend. The course goes north for one mile on Route 35, then back again to the Wolff Building. It's relatively flat by Vermont standards!

The event draws as many as 150 walkers. Join in – it's fun! Put on your walking shoes and come out for a healthy, good time. **How To Register** No need to pre-register! Just come check in anytime between 9:00 and 2:30 at the Wolff Outpatient Porch, 163 Grafton Road. **Cost:** Free! For more information, call (802) 365-3637.

Children

Learn What They Live

If a child lives with criticism,
he learns to condemn.
If a child lives with hostility,
he learns to fight.
If a child lives with ridicule,
he learns to be shy.
If a child lives with shame,
he learns to feel guilty.
If a child lives with tolerance,
he learns to be patient.
If a child lives with encouragement,
he learns confidence.
If a child lives with praise,
he learns to appreciate.
If a child lives with fairness,
he learns justice.
If a child lives with security,
he learns to have faith.
If a child lives with approval,
he learns to like himself.
If a child lives with acceptance and
friendship,
he learns to find love in the world.

Quote of the week:

“When we handle the sick and the needy, we touch the suffering body of Christ. We need the eyes of deep faith to see Christ in the broken body and dirty clothes under which the most beautiful one among us hides.”

~St. Teresa of Calcutta

Just for Fun:

A newly ordained priest was faced with the challenge of doing his first funeral. What scared him the most was doing the homily. He prepared as best he could and then began the service, but he was still nervous about the homily. He had planned to say that even though the body of the deceased was here in the church, his soul had gone to heaven. As he began to preach the thought suddenly occurred to him that he could use an example to illustrate his point. He said: “It’s sort of like a peanut. The shell is still here among us, but the nut is gone!”

