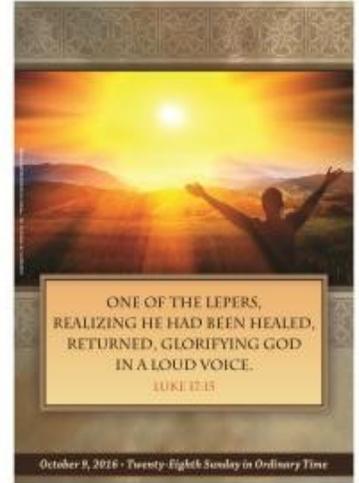


**Offertory:** August 08, 2015 OLM \$529, OLV \$755, COS \$476 Total \$1,760  
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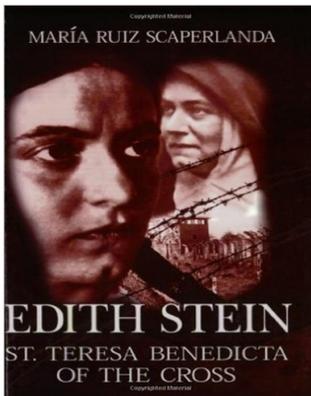
**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, Oct. 8, OLM 4:00 PM For Teresa Blood, requested by Marie Lee  
 Sunday, Oct. 9, OLM 8:30 AM For Karen Shaw, requested by Karen Shaw  
 Sunday, Oct. 9, OLV 10:30 AM For the Shipman and Sorrentino families requested by Ray and Clair Sorrentino  
 Sunday, Oct. 9, COS 12:30 PM For Paul Wieser, requested by Anna Wieser  
 Saturday, Oct. 15, OLM 4:00 PM For Teresa Blood, requested by Marie Lee  
 Sunday, Oct. 16, OLM 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
 Sunday, Oct. 16, OLV 10:30 AM For Joseph and Patricia Boyle, requested by their family  
 Sunday, Oct. 16, COS 12:30 PM For Nancy Delio, requested by her family



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Oct. 12: Book Club, 7 PM, OLV  
 Oct. 19: Cursillo Ultreya, 7 PM, at the Anderbergs  
 Oct. 20: Finance Council Meeting, 4:30 PM, Rectory  
 Oct. 21: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, OLV 3-4 PM



Our October book club selection is *Edith Stein: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross* by Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda.  
 Teresa Benedicta of the Cross is a Catholic saint. She was also a brilliant professor, intellectual, philosopher, feminist, and a Jew. She converted to our faith. She became a contemplative nun and a Holocaust martyr. Better

known as Edith Stein, she is perhaps the most controversial saint in recent history. Award-winning journalist Maria Ruiz Scaperlanda shows how this complex woman, her culture, and the pivotal period of history in which she lived and died can lead us to holiness today. More than a biography, this gripping account calls to mind the struggle with truth, faith, and prayer all of us must ultimately face.

**Book details:** Available in hardcover, paperback, and digital versions. Length: 207 pages. ISBN (paperback): 978-0879738327.

Please consider reading this faith-affirming and deeply moving life of a modern-day saint. Then, join us for an hour of sharing and discussion on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm at Our Lady of the Valley.

**Contact** Carol Bemis (802-779-6412) with any questions. Hope to see many of you at our club meeting!!!



**Weekly Intention:**

**For the grace this week to live in a spirit of sincere and constant thankfulness.**

**-SPANISH MASS**

There will be a Spanish Mass Sunday, October 16, 2016 at 2:30 PM at LA SALETTE SHRINE in ENFIELD, NH. Confessions in Spanish before Mass. Fr. John Patrick Sullivan, M.S., the new director of the La Salette Shrine in Enfield, NH, will celebrate Mass in Spanish.

-You are all invited to attend a very special Jubilee Celebration for the Year of Mercy. There will be a healing service on October 16 at 3:00PM at the St. Joseph Co-Cathedral. It will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, witness talks and three types of healing stations. One station will be for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for Catholics; another will be for the biblical laying on of hands in the more Charismatic tradition; and, the third will be Confessions available throughout the celebration for those able to receive it. The focus will be on the Blessed Sacrament so you may come just for the holy hour if you're not sick.

This event is open to the public, and especially those suffering physically, mentally, spiritually, with addictions and/or other problems requiring God's mercy and healing. It will surely be an afternoon filled with grace.

**-Have you heard of The Charter for the Protection for Children and Young People?**

In June 2002, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) approved The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People as they committed themselves to providing a "safe environment" for all children and youth in Church-sponsored activities. This defining document is comprised of seventeen articles, which outline the American Roman Catholic bishops' pledge to respond to allegations of victims of sexual abuse by clergy, promote healing and reconciliation, ensure accountability in procedures, and protect children and youth in the future. To learn more about the Charter, or to read it yourself, click on the "Child Safety" section of [vermontcatholic.org](http://vermontcatholic.org) and view the page "USCCB Charter."

Each year, dioceses and archdioceses across the nation are audited by an independent auditor to assess whether they are in compliance with the Charter. The Diocese of Burlington has been found compliant with the Charter since 2007. Please help us to continue our efforts to protect God's children through awareness and prevention of child abuse and neglect.

## **From Fr. Fred:**

2015-2016 is the Year of Mercy. How interesting it is to hear from one of our saints, about the year 500A.D., speaking about mercy!

From a sermon by Saint Caesarius of Arles, bishop

*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.* My brothers and sisters, sweet is the thought of mercy, but even more so is mercy itself. It is what all men hope for, but unfortunately, not what all men deserve. For while all men wish to receive it, only a few are willing to give it.

How can a man ask for himself what he refuses to give to another? If he expects to receive any mercy in heaven, he should give mercy on earth. Do we all desire to receive mercy? Let us make mercy our patroness now, and she will free us in the world to come. Yes, there is mercy in heaven, but the road to it is paved by our merciful acts on earth. As Scripture says: *Lord, your mercy is in heaven.*

There is, therefore, an earthly as well as heavenly mercy, that is to say, a human and a divine mercy. Human mercy has compassion on the miseries of the poor. Divine mercy grants forgiveness of sins. Whatever human mercy bestows here on hearth, divine mercy will return to us in our homeland. In this life God feels cold and hunger in all who are stricken with poverty; for, remember, he once said: *What you have done to the least of my brothers you have done to me.* Yes, God who sees fit to give his mercy in heaven wishes it to be a reality here on earth.

What kind of people are we? When God gives, we wish to receive, but when he begs, we refuse to give. Remember, it was Christ who said: *I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat.* When the poor are starving, Christ too hungers. Do not neglect to improve the unhappy conditions of the poor, if you wish to ensure that your own sins be forgiven you. Christ hungers now, my brethren; it is he who deigns to hunger and thirst in the persons of the poor. And what he will return in heaven tomorrow is what he receives here on earth today.

What do you wish for, what do you pray for, my dear brothers and sisters, when you come to church? Is it mercy? How can it be anything else? Show mercy, then, while you are on earth; and mercy will be shown to you in heaven. A poor person asks you for something; you ask God for something. He begs for a morsel of food; you beg for eternal life. Give to the beggar so that you may merit to receive from Christ. For he it is who says: *Give and it will be given to you.* It baffles me that you have the impudence to ask for what you do not want to give. Give when you come to church. Give to the poor. Give them whatever your resources will allow.



### **Quote of the week:**

“Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the most tender of friends with souls who seek to please him. His goodness knows how to proportion itself to the smallest of his creatures as to the greatest of them. Be not afraid then in your solitary conversations, to tell him of your miseries, your fears, your worries, of those who are dear to you, of your projects, and of your hopes. Do so with confidence and with an open heart.” St. Damien de Veuster

### **Just for Fun:**

A woman noticed her husband standing on the bathroom scale, sucking in his stomach. “Ha! That’s not going to help,” she said. “Sure, it does,” he said. “It’s the only way I can see the numbers.”

