

September 13, 2015

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Offertory:** August 17, 2014 OLM \$524, OLV \$364, COS \$579, Total \$1,467  
August 16, 2015 OLM \$408, OLV \$750, COS \$464, Total \$1,622 (incl. online giving).

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, Sept 12, OLM 4:00PM For a Special Intention, requested by Marie S. Lee  
Sunday, Sept 13, OLM 8:30AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
Sunday, Sept 13, OLV 10:30AM For the Pulaski and Dillistin families, requested by Deacon Richard and Daisy Anderberg  
Sunday, Sept 13, COS 12:30PM For Blandine Horbelt, requested by Mr. and Mrs. Guenter Lauk  
Saturday, Sept 19, OLM 4:00PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
Sunday, Sept 20, OLM 8:30AM For Aloysius Weiner, requested by Rosemary and William Warden  
Sunday, Sept 20, OLV 10:30AM For Dominic Tagariello, requested by Ray and Clair Sorrentino  
Sunday, Sept 20, COS 12:00PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

September 13: Spanish Mass at St. Joseph in Chester, VT 12:30PM  
September 16: Cursillo Ultreya, 7PM, at the Anderbergs  
September 17: Finance Council Meeting, 4:30PM, Rectory  
September 18: Adoration at OLV 3PM  
September 20: First day of CCD classes  
September 26 & 27: SPECIAL COLLECTION, CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY  
September 30: Parish Book Club Meeting, 7:00PM OLV



**OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY'S SPAGHETTI SUPPER: SEPTEMBER 25, 2015 5PM-7PM**

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT OF DOMINIC TAGARIELLO WITH AN ITALIAN DINNER DOM WOULD BE PROUD OF—MARINARA SAUCES, HARVEST FRESH SALADS AND VEGETABLES ALONG WITH BREADS, ROLLS, DESSERTS, AND COFFEE AND TEA. BUT BRING YOUR OWN WINE AND BEERS.

SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$7.00

CALL DOUG TWEEDY @ 221-0498 IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND. WE'LL NEED TO KNOW HOW MUCH TO PREPARE.

**~Parish Book Club September Selection:** We are reading *PEACE IS EVERY STEP: THE PATH OF MINDFULNESS IN EVERY-DAY LIFE* by Thich Nhat Hanh. Hanh, a Vietnamese Buddhist Monk, is widely regarded as the best known apostle of the practical ideas of Buddhism. Now in his 90s, Hanh has been living in exile in France since 1963 when he urged both parties to the Vietnam conflict to wage peace instead of war. This short (134 pages) book is a guide to living mindfully in all of our relationships: with self, family, friends, community, and the natural world around us. The discussion will focus on how these Buddhist ideas are consistent with our Christian faith and how we can make realistic use of Hanh's ideas in our Catholic lives. We look forward to a lively discussion.

**~Bus to World Meeting of Families Closing Mass** A bus to the closing Papal Mass for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia is scheduled to leave St. Thomas Church in Underhill Center, Sunday, September 27 at 3:00 AM arriving in Philadelphia about 11:15 AM. The closing Mass is 4:00 PM. The returning bus will leave Philadelphia at 8:00 PM, arriving at St. Thomas Church about 4:15 AM, Monday morning. The cost is \$120. Register online at <http://rallybus.net/burlington-papal-pilgrimage/#city>. For information contact Laura Lynch Wells 802-899-4770. \*\*Please note price changes for the bus in these locations: From Underhill Center—the price is now \$165; from the Diocesan Offices in South Burlington—it is now \$160; from Shaw's Supermarket in Fair Haven—it is now \$125. Please check the website for availability.

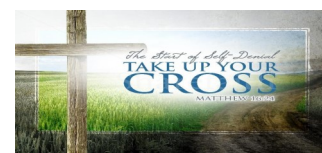
**~VT Catholic Conference Bulletin Announcement**

On November 7th, 2015 from 8am to 5pm at St. Monica Church in Barre, VT - Catholics from all over New England will be gathering for the 9th Annual VT Catholic Conference to celebrate - "**Joy of the Good News.**" - a call by our new bishop - Christopher Coyne, Bishop of Burlington, to show VT Catholics that we should exude Joy to the world in our faith. Our Keynote Speaker is **Fr. William (Bill) Kiel**, returning to us again this year from Pennsylvania. He will present on topics of "*Joy of Mary the First Christian*" and "*I am a Sinner.*" This year's conference will also include general session presentations on "*Crisis in the Middle East*" and "*Joy of the Parish*" as well as workshops on "*Sainthood - Our Ultimate Joy*", "*Touched by an Angel*" and a "*Life in the Spirit Seminar.*" More information and registration available at

[www.VTChallengers.org](http://www.VTChallengers.org)

**Weekly Intention:**

**For the grace this week to deny ourselves and to take up Christ's cross, we pray to the Lord.**



Don't lower your expectations to meet your performance. Raise your level of performance to meet your expectations.

By [Ralph Marston](#)

### **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.



### **Just for Fun:**

A man spoke frantically into the phone:  
"My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!"

"Is this her first child?" the doctor asked.

"No!" the man shouted, "This is her husband!"



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

"Blessed Jesus, you are always near in times of stress, always there to help and watch over us. Nothing in heaven or on earth can separate you from us."

~Margery Kempe