

September 27, 2015

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Offertory: September 01, 2014 OLM \$559, OLV \$646, COS \$731, Total \$1,936
August 30, 2015 OLM \$586, OLV \$667, COS \$463, Total \$1,716 (incl. online giving).

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Sept 26, OLM 4:00PM For Louis Fedora, requested by Betty Fedora
Sunday, Sept 27, OLM 8:30AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, Sept 27, OLV 10:30AM For Roneta Gal, requested by Carol Bemis
Sunday, Sept 27, COS 12:30PM For Aloysius Weimer, requested by Rosemary and William Warden
Saturday, Oct 3, OLM 4:00PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, Oct 4, OLM 8:30AM For Bill and Marcia Aloisi, requested by Dick Aloisi
Sunday, Oct 4, OLV 10:30AM For Jackie Giumelli, requested by Her family
Sunday, Oct 4, COS 12:30PM For Susan Van Horn, requested by the Van Horn family

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 26 & 27: **SPECIAL COLLECTION, CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY**
September 30: Parish Book Club Meeting, 7:00PM OLV
October 2: First Friday Mass, 5:30PM, St. Edmund's, Saxtons River
October 3 & 4: **SPECIAL COLLECTION, Fuel #3**
October 7: Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM, Our Lady of the Valley
October 15: Finance Council Meeting, 4:30PM, Rectory



Stanley J. Golec, Jr., beloved husband of Pauline Golec, who runs our Thrift Store at St. Edmund of Canterbury Church, left this world to meet his heavenly father on September 11, 2015. May he rest in peace. A funeral mass will be said at St. Edmund's at 11:00a.m. on October 3, 2015.

~SPECIAL COLLECTION for The Catholic University of America
The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education, guided by Catholic intellectual tradition, to nearly 7,000 students every year. *More than 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this Collection, including many from our diocese.*

~Parish Book Club September Selection: We are reading PEACE IS EVERY STEP: THE PATH OF MINDFULNESS IN EVERYDAY 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. 7PM at OLV

~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



 OUR LADY OF EPHEBUS HOUSE OF PRAYER INVITES YOU TO COME AND CELEBRATE **THE FEAST OF THE ROSARY**
Sunday, October 4, 2015
Rosary Cenacle
of the Marian Movement of priests and Laity in the Replica of the Blessed Mother's Last Home
Pot Luck Supper Following Mass
For more information Phone: 802-896-6000

Weekly Intention:
For the grace this week to be cleansed from our unknown faults, we pray to the Lord.

Each day I look for a kernel of excitement. In the morning, I say: "What is my exciting thing for today?" Then I do the day.
~Barbara Jordan



From Fr. Fred:

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection, from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the great works of art. When the Vietnam conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son.

About a month later, just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands. He said, "Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart and he died instantly. He often talked about you, and your love for art.

The young man held out his package. "I know this isn't much. I'm not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this."

The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture.

"Oh, no sir. I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift."

The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected.

The man died a few months later. There was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collection. On the platform sat the painting of the son.

The auctioneer pounded his gavel. "We will start the bidding with this picture of the son. Who will bid for this picture?"

There was silence. Then a voice in the back of the room shouted, "We want to see the famous paintings! Skip this one!"

But the auctioneer persisted. "Will someone bid for this painting? Who will start the bidding: \$100, \$200?"

Another voice shouted angrily, "We didn't come to see this painting! We came to see the Van Gogh's, the Rembrandt's! Get on with the real bids!"

But still the auctioneer continued. "The son! The son! Who'll take the son?"

Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the longtime gardener of the man and his son. "I'll give \$10 for the painting." Being a poor man, it was all he could afford.

"We have \$10, who will bid \$20?"

"Give it to him for \$10! Let's see the masters!"

"\$10 is the bid, won't someone bid \$20?"

The crowd was becoming angry. They didn't want the picture of the son. They wanted the more worthy investments for their collections.

The auctioneer pounded the gavel. "Going once, twice, SOLD for \$10!"

A man sitting in the second row shouted, "Now, let's get on with the collection!"

The auctioneer laid down his gavel. "I'm sorry, the auction is over."

"What about the paintings?"

"I am sorry. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings. The man who took the son gets everything!"

God gave His son 2,000 years ago to die on a cruel cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message today is, "The son, the son, who'll take the son?"

Because, you see, whoever takes the Son gets everything.

Just for Fun: (This one is from the Reader's Digest)

One Sunday Morning, a preacher told his congregation, "Everyone who wants to go to heaven come down to the front!" The whole church came forward except one man. Thinking that maybe the man hadn't heard him, the preacher repeated the invitation. Again, the man just sat there. "Sir," said the preacher, "don't you want to go to heaven when you die?" The man replied, "Oh, when I die! I thought you were getting a group ready to go right now."



Quote of the week:

"God does not ask for the impossible but wants everyone to offer their good intentions, their day's work, and some prayers; that will help them a lot. The best Way of the Cross is when people accept willingly the crosses that are sent to them." ~St. Andre Bessette

