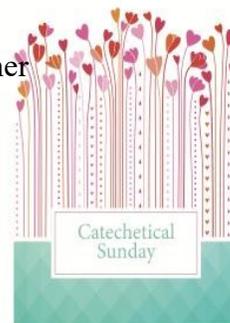


**Offertory:** August 01, 2015 OLM \$475, OLV \$651, COS \$509 Total \$1,635  
 July 24, 2016 OLM \$1,014, OLV \$630, COS \$619 Total \$2,263 (incl. online giving)

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, Sept. 17, OLM 4:00 PM For Teresa Blood, requested by Marie Lee  
 Sunday, Sept. 18, OLM 8:30 AM For Stan Golec, requested by Pauline Golec  
 Sunday, Sept. 18, OLV 10:30 AM For the Shipman and Sorrentino families, requested by Ray and Claire Sorrentino  
 Sunday, Sept. 18, COS 12:30 PM For Nancy and Vincent Delio, requested by their family  
 Saturday, Sept. 24, OLM 4:00 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
 Sunday, Sept. 25, OLM 8:30 AM For s Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.  
 Sunday, Sept. 25, OLV 10:30 AM For the Shipman and Sorrentino families, requested by Ray and Claire Sorrentino  
 Sunday, Sept. 25, COS 12:30 PM For the Fischer Family, requested by Don and Judy Fischer



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

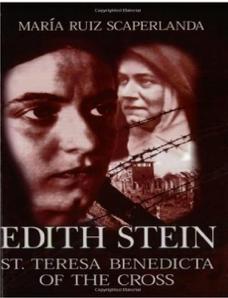
Sept. 21: Cursillo Ultreya, 7 PM, at the Cagneys’  
**Sept. 24 & 25: Special Collection: Catholic University of America**  
**Oct. 1 & 2: Special Collection: Fuel #3**  
 Oct. 5: Parish Council Meeting, 7 PM, OLV  
 Oct. 7: First Friday Mass, 5:30 PM, St. Edmund’s, Saxtons River  
 Oct. 12: Book Club, 7 PM, OLV

~The Office of Safe Environment Programs staff wishes to extend a **thank you** this Catechetical Sunday to all of the directors of religious education, catechists, aides, and other volunteers working in the field of religious education. Their generous gifts of time and talent for the education of children in the Faith are truly remarkable. It is our honor to support your ministry through educational programs, policies, and guidelines which help maintain safe environments for all children and young people.

~**6-Day Pilgrimage to Mexico** including **Our Lady of Guadalupe** and other religious and cultural sites (**April 24-29, 2017**): Join Father Dwight Baker, UVM Chaplain and Vermont Cursillo Spiritual Advisor, departing from Boston. Daily Mass at all Holy Sites. Brochures available at the church entrance.

~**INSPIRE: Called to Love, Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016** “Catholics. . . Whether you’re young or old, married or single, religious or ordained, **INSPIRE: Called to Love** is for you! Join thousands in Lake Placid on Sunday, September 25, 2016, to reflect on your baptismal call to holiness. The Vocations Summit will **INSPIRE** you with dynamic prayer, world-renowned speakers including Bishop Robert Barron, and will conclude with the celebration of Mass. Together we can cultivate a culture of vocations.”  
**Join us on Sunday, September 25th, 2016** For more information and to register go to: [www.inspirecalledtolove.com](http://www.inspirecalledtolove.com).

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 María 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 reach out with mercy to those who are poor.

“A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness reaps love.” -Saint Basil the Great Bishop Of Cesarea

**From Fr. Fred:**

## **LUNCH WITH GOD**

A little boy wanted to meet God. He knew it was a long trip to where God lived, so he packed his suitcase with cookies and a six-pack of root beer and he started his journey.

When he had gone about three blocks, he met an old man. He was sitting in the park just staring at some pigeons. The boy sat down next to him and opened his suitcase. He was about to take a drink from his root beer when he noticed that the old man looked hungry, so he offered him a cookie.

He gratefully accepted it and smiled at him. His smile was so pleasant that the boy wanted to see it again, so he offered him a root beer. Again, he smiled at him. The boy was delighted! They sat there all afternoon eating and smiling, but they never said a word.

As it grew dark, the boy realized how tired he was and he got up to leave, but before he had gone more than a few steps, he turned around, ran back to the old man, and gave him a hug. He gave him his biggest smile ever.

When the boy opened the door to his own house a short time later, his mother was surprised by the look of joy on his face. She asked him, "What did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I had lunch with God." But before his mother could respond, he added, "You know what? He's got the most beautiful smile I've ever seen!"

Meanwhile, the old man, also radiant with joy, returned to his home. His son was stunned by the look of peace on his face and he asked, "Dad, what did you do today that made you so happy?" He replied, "I ate cookies in the park with God." However, before his son responded, he added, "He's a lot younger than you think!"

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. People come into our lives for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Embrace all equally!



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

"We cannot be saved by seeking just our own individual salvation. We need to look first to the good of others."  
St John Chrysostom."

### **Just for Fun:**

Some years ago a priest stood up to begin Mass and his lapel microphone fell apart. He spread his arms in frustration and said: "There's something wrong with this mike." And everyone answered: "And also with you."

