

Offertory: June 24, 2018
June 25, 2017

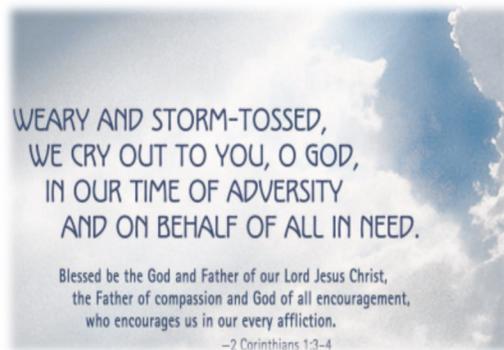
OLM \$391, OLV \$469, COS \$441, Total \$1,301
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MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, Sept. 22, OLM 4:00 PM For Tom Rowley, requested by Fr. Francis McMahon
- Sunday, Sept. 23, OLM 8:30 AM For Tom Rowley, requested by Fr. Francis McMahon
- Sunday, Sept. 23, OLV 10:30 AM For Roneta Gal, requested by Carol and Martin Bemis
- Sunday, Sept. 23, COS 12:30 PM For all Suicide victims and their families, requested by Karen Shaw
- Saturday, Sept. 29, OLM 4:00 PM For Tom Rowley, requested by Fr. Francis McMahon
- Sunday, Sept. 30, OLM 8:30 AM For our youth to know that Jesus is real, requested by Karen Shaw
- Sunday, Sept. 30, OLV 10:30 AM For Tom Rowley, requested by Fr. Francis McMahon
- Sunday, Sept. 30, COS 12:30 PM For all children who are victims of sexual abuse, requested by Karen Shaw

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Sept. 29 & 30: Special Collection: Catholic University of America
- Oct. 3: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM, OLV
- Oct. 5: First Friday Mass, 5:30 PM, St. Edmund's, Saxtons River
- 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
- Oct. 19: Adoration, 3 PM, OLV



"The most rewarding things you do in life are often the ones that look like they can't be done."— Arnold Palmer

Weekly Intention:
For the grace this week to be selfless and humble, eagerly serving others.



This fall, the **177 Project** is partnering with 22 different artists to bring an evening of Eucharistic Adoration and music to every single diocese in the US! On October 6th at 6:45pm, we'll be at St. Michael Parish in Brattleboro, VT and we want you to join us. The evening begins with a rosary at 6:45, followed by Adoration at 7, and a small concert at 8:15. The evening is free to attend but does require a ticket. Tickets to the evening are completely free and can be picked up in St. Michael's church office or by visiting www.itickets.com/events/402201. Can't wait to see you there!



PRESENTS
THE 177 PROJECT
ADORATION ACROSS THE NATION

SPECIAL GUESTS
TAYLOR TRIPODI BEN WAGNER

Saturday, October 6th
St. Michael Catholic Church
47 Walnut Street
Brattleboro, VT 05301

6:45p - Rosary
7:00p - Eucharistic Adoration
8:15p - Concert

FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE177PROJECT.COM

2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Thank you for supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal in the past and in this 2018 Campaign! To date, our parish has pledged \$17,608 or 77.27% toward our goal of \$22,789. We are closely approaching the end of the largest phase of the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal. You will be able to make a gift through Dec. 31. If you have yet to participate, please use this time to prayerfully consider doing so to support your Church, community, friends and neighbors. For more information and to make your gift, please visit bishopsappealvt.org.



Pilgrimage to Medjugorje
A pilgrimage to Medjugorje will leave on November 4 and return on November 12, 2018. We will stay with the visionary Mirjana near Apparition Hill. Our Spiritual Directors will be Fr. Timothy Campoli and Deacon John Leary. Many spiritual activities will take place, including daily Mass. A day trip to Dubrovnik on the beautiful Adriatic Sea, is included. The cost is \$2,399 which includes airfare, tour guide, hotel, and two meals a day. A bus to and from Logan Airport will be arranged if there is interest. For more information, contact Helen Shea Murphy at: www.pilgrimages.com/helensheamurphy or helensheamurphy@verizon.net or 413-773-8890.

From Fr. Fred *It can be tough now to be a Christian. But it was much tougher during the time of persecution. On the feast day of St. Lawrence, a martyr who endured a cruel death, St. Augustine preached an inspiring sermon.*

“The Roman Church commends to us today the anniversary of the triumph of Saint Lawrence. For on this day he trod the furious pagan world underfoot and flung aside its allurements, and so gained victory over Satan’s attack on his faith.

As you have often heard, Lawrence was a deacon of the Church at Rome. There he ministered the sacred blood of Christ; there for the sake of Christ’s name he poured out his own blood. Saint John the apostle was evidently teaching us about the mystery of the Lord’s supper when he wrote: *Just as Christ laid down his life for us, so we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.* My brethren, Lawrence understood this and, understanding, he acted on it. Just as he had partaken of a gift of self at the table of the Lord, so he prepared to offer such a gift. In his life he loved Christ; in his death he followed in his footsteps.

Brethren, we too must imitate Christ if we truly love him. We shall not be able to render better return on that love than by modeling our lives on his. *Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow in his steps.* In saying this, the apostle Peter seems to have understood that Christ suffered only for those who follow in his steps, in the sense that Christ’s passion is of no avail to those who do not. The holy martyrs followed Christ even to shedding their life’s blood, even to reproducing the very likeness of his passion. They followed him, but not they alone. It is not true that the bridge was broken after the martyrs crossed; nor is it true that after they had drunk from it, the fountain of eternal life dried up.

I tell you again and again, my brethren, that in the Lord’s garden are to be found not only the roses of his martyrs. In it there are also the lilies of the virgins, the ivy of wedded couples, and the violets of widows. On no account may any class of people despair, thinking that God has not called them. Christ suffered for all. What the Scriptures say of him is true: *He desires all men to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.*

Let us understand, then, how a Christian must follow Christ even though he does not shed his blood for him, and his faith is not called upon to undergo the great test of the martyr’s sufferings. The apostle Paul says of Christ our Lord: *Though he was in the form of God he did not consider equality with God a prize to be clung to.* How unrivaled his majesty! *But he emptied himself, taking on the form of a slave, made in the likeness of men and presenting himself in human form.* How deep his humility!

Christ humbled himself. Christian, that is what you must make your own. *Christ became obedient.* How is it that you are proud? When this humbling experience was completed and death itself lay conquered, Christ ascended into heaven. Let us follow him there, for we hear Paul saying: *If you have been raised with Christ, you must lift your thoughts on high, where Christ now sits at the right hand of God.*”

Quote of the week: “Let your chief study be to acquaint yourself with God, because it is the only knowledge that can fill the heart with a peace and joy that nothing can disturb.” ~St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Just for Fun: After a holy life in New York City, a priest died and found himself at the “Pearly Gates” of heaven. The line that day was particularly long and he had to wait. When he was about halfway there, St. Peter looked up at the line, his face lit up and he jumped up and went to the back of the line. He came back escorting a man right up to the front of the line.

When the priest finally got to the front of the line he was not happy.

Priest: “St. Peter, before you say anything I have a question for you. I know that guy you brought up to the front of the line. He was a taxi driver in the city. How come he got to go into heaven before me?”

St. Peter: “Father, you have to realize that up here we judge by results. When you preached, people fell asleep. When he drove his taxi, people prayed!”

