

Offertory: July 9, 2017 OLM \$484, OLV \$495, COS \$714, Total \$1,693
 July 10, 2016 OLM \$483, OLV \$654, COS \$624, Total \$1,761 (incl. online giving)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Sept. 23, OLM 4:00 PM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi
 Sunday, Sept. 24, OLM 8:30 AM For Gus Laub, requested by Jake and Dahlia Schroeder
 Sunday, Sept. 24, OLV 10:30 AM For Ronetta Gal, requested by Carol Bemis
 Sunday, Sept. 24, COS 12:30 PM For Nicholas Melfi III, requested by Frank and Rosa Cannella
 Saturday, Sept. 30, OLM 4:00 PM **OPEN FOR YOUR REQUEST**
 Sunday, Oct. 1, OLM 8:30 AM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
 Sunday, Oct. 1, OLV 10:30 AM For the Shipman and Sorrentino families, requested by Ray and Claire Sorrentino
 Sunday, Oct. 1, COS 12:30 PM For Donny Gioffre, requested by Frank and Rosa Cannella

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sept. 23 & 24: Special Collection: Catholic University of America
Sept. 30 & Oct. 1: Special Collection: Fuel #3
 Oct. 4: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM, OLV
 Oct. 6: First Friday Mass, 5:30 PM, St. Edmund's, Saxtons River



Weekly Intention:



For the grace this week to conduct ourselves in a way worthy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Seen in a church bulletin
 (Thank you Judy!)- "Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands."



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.* Next week is the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Please be generous.

Catholic Variety Show
 The Challengers will be hosting our first ever Catholic Variety Show on October 13, 2017 7pm at the McCarthy Arts Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester VT. This event will feature nationally renowned Catholic Comedian Judy McDonald - a very funny lady who shares stories about Catholic Dating, Family, Life and just being Catholic. Throughout the evening there will be a medley of very gifted priests sharing their many talents. And this whole evening will be a benefit show to help support our Diocesan Seminarians. More information and tickets available for \$15/ea. at www.VTChallengers.org.



Action for Ecological Justice: Celebrating a Year of Creation
September 30, 2017 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, **St. Michael's College.** \$35.00 per person, Students: FREE, breakfast & lunch included. Registration & Info: vermontcatholic.org/actionforecojustice.
 Join Bishop Coyne at this one-day conference hosted by the Catholic Church of Vermont as part of the Year of Creation, which will explore, reflect upon and respond to the message of Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*. With a keynote address by Dr. Carolyn Woo (former CEO & President of Catholic Relief Services) and perspectives from scientists, politicians, activists, economists, professionals, academics and people of faith, the day promises dynamic conversations about the state of creation and how we can work together for a sustainable future.



2017 Bishop's Fund Parish Update
 Thank you to all our faithful parishioners for your support of the Bishop's Fund Annual Appeal. The Bishop's Fund Office is still hard at work processing your generous pledges from a successful In-Pew Commitment Phase, and will continually post updates on our progress at www.bishopsfund.org. To date, our parish has pledged \$14,420 or 63.28% toward our goal of \$22,789.

From Fr. Fred: Aesop's fables taught a lot about morality and life. Even today, a story, funny or serious, can teach a lot about morality and life. Like the fables, this never actually happened, but let me tell you a story.

A young priest was hearing confessions one Saturday afternoon. A man came in and sat down, but didn't say anything.

Priest: "Welcome. You may begin."

Man: "It's been a very long time since I went to confession. I don't remember the prayers I'm supposed to say, and I'm not sure how to get started."

Priest: "That's okay. I'll help you. Don't worry about the prayers. Why don't you just tell me what's on your mind and why you came here today?"

Man: "Thanks Father. That's easier. Well, it's like this. I'm a carpenter. I work for a big construction company. I've been there 20 years. At the end of the day a lot of the guys just pick up whatever wood is lying around and take it home. I did that too. I'd throw a few boards in the back of my truck, cover them with a tarp, and bring them home with me. I never thought much about it. Well, the other day I was in my basement, and it's full of lumber, and I got to thinking that I never really bought any of it. Does that mean that I stole it? I'm not sure what to do."

Priest: "You're right. You did steal it. If you're sorry and want to be forgiven you should try to make restitution."

Man: "What's that mean?"

Priest: "You stole it. It's not yours. You should give it back."

Man: "But Father, I can't do that. If I give it back they'll know I stole it. I'll probably lose my job. I'm too old now to find another good job like that."

Priest: "You're right. It wouldn't be wise to do it that way. Let's see. Suppose you gave it back a little at a time, the same way you stole it."

Man: "Nope. That wouldn't work either."

Priest: "Why not?"

Man: "Well, it took me 20 years to steal it! I won't be with the company that long."

Priest: "Well, this is not an easy one." (The priest thought about the possibility of sending the company an anonymous gift, or making a large donation to charity. He knew now that the man was truly sorry and intended to absolve him. But he wanted to make sure that he was serious about trying to make things right. And he also wanted to suggest that the man could pray for guidance and help. So he continued.)

Priest: "Tell me. Have you ever made a novena or a retreat?"

Man: "No Father, I haven't. But if you have the plans, I've got the wood!"



Just for Fun:

Do you know why the National Weather Bureau took so long to start naming hurricanes after men instead of just after women?

No, why?

Because they were afraid that they would have to call those himmacanes instead of hurricanes.



Quote of the week:

"We need no wings to go in search of God but have only to look upon God present within us." St. Teresa of Avila