

Offertory: June 10, 2018 OLM \$549, OLV \$619, COS \$685, Total \$1,853
June 11, 2017 OLM \$424, OLV \$637, COS \$341, Total \$1,402

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Sept. 8, OLM 4:00 PM For Tom Rowley, requested by Fr. Francis McMahon
Sunday, Sept. 9, OLM 8:30 AM For Stan Golec, requested by Pauline Golec
Sunday, Sept. 9, OLV 10:30 AM For Irene Vaiana, requested by Eleanor Crombie
Sunday, Sept. 9, COS 12:30 PM For Brendan Shannon, requested by Bill and Rosemary Warden
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



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sept. 12: Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, 7 PM, OLV
Sept. 19: Cursillo Ultreya, at the Anderberg's, 7 PM
Sept. 20: Finance Council Meeting, 6:30PM, OLV
Sept. 21 Adoration, 3 PM, OLV
Sept. 29 & 30: Special Collection: Catholic University of America

 **REGISTRATION** is open for the 2018-2019 year of Religious Education at Our Lady of the Valley for grades K- 8. We will meet two times each month, September- May. Forms are available at the church. For more information contact Deacon Richard Anderberg at 802-365-4012 or email at: anderbergdr092571@gmail.com.

Weekly Intention: For the grace this week to reach out to the poor with kindness and compassion.  "Happiness and success depend on an interior reality of love, joy, and peace that is always within us." ~ John Michael Talbot

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. Tickets to the evening are completely free and can be picked up in the church office or by visiting www.itickets.com/events/402201. Can't wait to see you there!

 Thank you for supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal in the past and in this 2018 Campaign! To date, our pledge goal progress is \$17,528, toward a total goal of \$22,789. For more information and to make your gift, please visit bishopsappealvt.org.

Youth Ministry 101 Talk

The Diocese of Burlington is offering a series of Youth Ministry trainings throughout Vermont this coming year. Saint Michael Parish in Brattleboro, VT is hosting a Youth Ministry 101 presentation given by Bill Gavin, Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry, on **Wednesday, September 12th**, from **6-8PM**. This foundation in Youth Ministry workshop will include an overview of the USCCB document "Renewing the Vision," as well as basic concepts in Youth Ministry. This workshop will be helpful for anyone working with young people here in Vermont and beyond. There is no cost to the presentation, but please RSVP to wgavin@vermontcatholic.org or to the parish office.

Eucharistic Adoration is available each week in the adoration chapel of St. Michael Church in Brattleboro. It is held each Tuesday through Friday from 8am to 5pm and you are welcome to come and pray in the presence of Our Lord. We are currently in need of more adorers who can commit to coming each week and we also need those who would like to sign up as substitutes when regulars are unable to come and pray. Two hours that are now available are Tuesdays from 9-10 and Thursdays from noon to 1. If you are interested, please contact Pete Nero at 254-4818. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

From Fr. Fred The other night I had a wonderful dream. The Lord and I were in a beautiful big stadium watching a baseball game. The Lord's team was playing Satan's team.

The Lord's team was at bat, the score was tied zero to zero, and it was the bottom of the 9th inning with two outs. We continued to watch as a batter named Love stepped up to the plate. Love swung at the first pitch and hit a single, because "Love never fails."

The next batter was named Faith. He also got a single, because "Faith works with Love."

The next batter up was named Godly Wisdom. Satan wound up and threw the first pitch. Godly Wisdom looked it over and let it pass. Ball one. Three more pitches and Godly Wisdom walked, because he never swings at what Satan throws.

The bases were now loaded. The Lord then turned to me and told me He was now going to bring in His star player. Up to the plate stepped Grace. I said: "He sure doesn't look like much!" Satan's whole team relaxed when they saw Grace. Thinking he had won the game, Satan wound up and fired his first pitch. To the shock of everyone Grace hit the ball harder than anyone had ever seen! But Satan was not worried. His center fielder let very few get by. At the fence he went up for the ball. But it went right through his glove, hit him on the head and sent him crashing to the ground. The roaring crowd went wild as the ball continued over the fence for a home run! The Lord's team won the game!

The Lord then asked me if I knew why Love, Faith and Godly Wisdom could get on base, but couldn't win the game. I answered that I didn't know why. The Lord explained: "If your love, faith and wisdom had won the game, you would think that you had done it by yourself. Love, Faith and Wisdom will get you on base, but only My Grace can get you Home."

"For by Grace are you saved. It is a gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephes.2,9)

Quote of the week: "Lasting peace flows from the recognition that the world is ultimately not our own, but rather the horizon within which we are invited to participate in God's love." ~Pope Benedict XVI

Just for Fun: Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, of happy memory, told this story about himself. He was scheduled to do a parish mission in a small Midwestern town. The impossible happened—the train was early. When he stepped off the train there was no one to meet him. The town was small but he couldn't see the church. The only person nearby was a little boy. So he went over and spoke to the boy.

"Good morning son. Can you tell me where the Catholic Church is?"

The little boy said, "I've never seen you before. Who are you?"

"I'm a bishop. I've come to preach a mission."

"What's a bishop?"

"A bishop is someone who shows people how to get to heaven." The little boy thought about this and said, "How can you tell people how to get to heaven if you don't even know how to get to church?"