

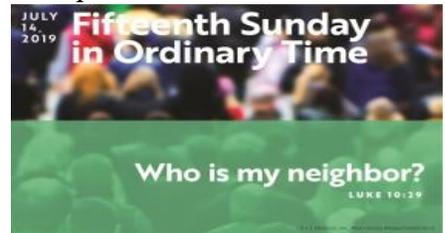
Offertory: May 19, 2019 OLM \$483, OLV \$533, COS \$431, Total \$1,447
May 20, 2018 OLM \$514, OLV \$570, COS \$349, Total \$1,433

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 13, OLM 4:00 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, July 14, OLM 8:30 AM For Alex Charles Raymond, requested by Alex’s family
Sunday, July 14, OLV 10:30 AM For Walter Meyer, requested by Shirley Sherman
Sunday, July 14, COS 12:30 PM For all the people I’ve hurt, requested by Karen Shaw
Saturday, July 20, OLM 4:00 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.
Sunday, July 21, OLM 8:30 AM For Joyce and Bill Scheuerman, requested by Sheila Scheuerman and Jeff Karlin
Sunday, July 21, OLV 10:30 AM For Terese Heard, requested by Eleanor Crombie
Sunday, July 21, COS 12:30 PM For Michael Gaffney, requested by Denise Lipkovich

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 17: Cursillo Ultreya, Brattleboro, 7:00 PM
July 19: Adoration, 3 PM, OLV —Cancelled
July 20: Parish Picnic, rescheduled until July 2020
Aug 2: First Friday Mass, 5:30 PM, St. Edmund’s, Saxtons River



Weekly Intention:
For the grace this week to live in a way that gives constant glory and praise to God .



Learning never exhausts the mind.”
~Leonardo da Vinci

Bishops Annual Appeal 2019
“Communication is part of God’s plan for us and an essential way to experience fellowship.” –Pope Francis
Improving communication was a key Diocesan Synod priority and an important evangelization tool. The Bishop’s Annual Appeal supports Vermont Catholic magazine, online news, eNews and many other communication efforts. Please help us sustain these vital programs by contributing to the 2019 annual appeal. If you have been unable to respond to the appeal, Father (Monsignor) will reach out to you soon to ask you to consider a donation. Pulpit Announcement (before Mass begins): Thanks to all those who have made a pledge to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal.

“To understand more fully how to defend and protect human life, we must first consider who we are, at the deepest level. God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in loving relationship with him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God.” ~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“How to Build a Culture of Life”

Rosary at Planned Parenthood
Please join us on *Tuesdays at 4:15PM* as we peacefully pray the rosary near **Planned Parenthood at 6 High Street in Brattleboro, Vermont**. Everyone is welcome to park at St. Michael Parish and walk over. Our purpose is to pray for all men, women, families, and babies who have been hurt by contraception and abortion. Thank you.

Totus Tuus

It’s not too late to sign up! Join us for a week of faith and fun as St. Michael’s Parish hosts a high school camp from **7:30-9:30PM Sunday, July 7th through Thursday, July 12th** and a grade school camp (1st-8th) from **9:00AM-3:00PM Monday, July 8th through Friday, July 12th**, which includes songs, games, snacks, Mass and a water fight to close out the week. Both programs are led by high-energy college-age young adults who help campers grow in their love of God and the Church. The cost for the day camp is \$60 per student and the high school evening camp is \$25 per student with a \$150 maximum per family. This year, the Diocese is offering camp t-shirts with your tuition, so register now to enter your child(ren)’s sizes. Registration forms can be found in the back of the Church or on the Parish website at stmichaelvt.com. Completed forms should be turned into the Rectory. Please contact Tina Crocker at 413-896-8576 with any questions.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jesus calls us to love the Lord and to love one another. Deepen your communication, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 15-17, 2019 in Isle La Motte, VT and Sep 13-15, 2019 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://wwwmevtw.org/>.

From Fr. Fred:

On the aluminum cap, atop the Washington Monument in Washington DC, are displayed two words: Laus Deo. No one can see these words. In fact, most visitors to the monument are totally unaware they are even there and for that matter, probably couldn't care less.

Once you know Laus Deo's history, you will want to share this with everyone you know. But these words have been there for many years; they are 555 feet, 5.125 inches high, perched atop the monument, facing skyward to the Father of our nation, overlooking the 69 square miles which comprise the District of Columbia, capital of the United States of America. Laus Deo! Two seemingly insignificant, un-noticed words. Out of sight and, one might think, out of mind, but very meaningfully placed at the highest point over what is the most powerful city in the most successful nation in the world.

So, what do those two words, in Latin, composed of just four syllables and only seven letters, possibly mean? Very simply, they say "Praise be to God!"

Though construction of this giant obelisk began in 1848, when James Polk was President of the United States, it was not until 1888 that the monument was inaugurated and opened to the public. It took twenty five years to finally cap the memorial with a tribute to the Father of our nation, Laus Deo...Praise be to God!"

From atop this magnificent granite and marble structure, visitors may take in the beautiful panoramic view of the city with its division into four major segments. From that vantage point, one can also easily see the original plan of the designer, Pierre Charles l'Enfant... a perfect cross imposed upon the landscape, with the White House to the north. The Jefferson Memorial is to the south, the Capitol to the east and the Lincoln Memorial to the west.

A cross you ask? Why a cross? What about separation of church and state? Yes, a cross; separation of church and state was not, is not, in the Constitution. So, read on. How interesting and, no doubt intended to carry a profound meaning for those who bother to notice.

Praise be to God! Within the monument itself are 898 steps and 50 landings. As one climbs the steps

and pauses at the landings the memorial stones share a message. On the 12th Landing is a prayer offered by the City of Baltimore; on the 20th is a memorial presented by some Chinese Christians; on the 24th a presentation made by Sunday School children from New York and Philadelphia quoting Proverbs 10:7, Luke 18:16 and Proverbs 22:6. Praise be to God! When the cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid on July 4th, 1848 deposited within it were many items including the Holy Bible presented by the Bible Society. Praise be to God! Such was the discipline, the moral direction, and the spiritual mood given by the founder and first President of our unique democracy "One Nation, Under God." I am awed by Washington's prayer for America. Have you never read it? Well, now is your unique opportunity, so read on!

"Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large." And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Laus Deo!

When one stops to observe the inscriptions found in public places all over our nation's capitol, he or she will easily find the signature of God, as it is unmistakably inscribed everywhere you look.

You may forget the width and height of "Laus Deo", it's location, or the architects but no one who reads this will be able to forget it's meaning, or these words: "Unless the Lord builds the house its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain." (Psalm 127:1)



Just for Fun: A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied: "They couldn't get a baby sitter."

Quote of the week: "The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need." ~Pope Francis