**Offertory:** May 26, 2019 OLM \$661, OLV \$680, COS \$522, Total \$1,863 May 27, 2018 OLM \$524, OLV \$683, COS \$442, Total \$1,649

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, July 27, OLM 4:00 PM For Bill and Joyce Scheuerman, requested by Sheila Scheuerman and Jeff Karlin

Sunday, July 28, OLM 8:30 AM For the Souls in Purgatory, requested by John Nappi, Jr.

Sunday, July 28, OLV 10:30 AM For Walter Meyer, requested by Cindy and Tom Rahmlow

Sunday, July 28, COS 12:30 PM For Chuck McMahon, requested by Nancy McMahon

Saturday, Aug. 3, OLM 4:00 PM For Walter Meyer, requested by Arlene Tarentino

Sunday, Aug. 4, OLM 8:30 AM For Tom Lee (6th anniversary), requested by Marie Lee

Sunday, Aug. 4, OLV 10:30 AM For Walter Meyer, requested by Ken and Martha Hoffmann

Sunday, Aug. 4, COS 12:30 PM For a Special Intention, requested by John Nappi, Jr.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Aug 2: First Friday Mass, 5:30 PM, St. Edmund's, Saxtons River

Aug. 7: Parish Pastoral Council meeting, 7 PM, OLV

Aug. 10: Mass on the Mountain, Stratton Mountain, 12:00 PM-Gondola ride is free for those going to Mass

Aug. 14: Finance Council Meeting, 6:30PM, OLV

Aug. 15: ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY-Holy Day of Obligation

MASS: OLM 5:30 PM OLV 7:30 PM

Aug. 16: Adoration, 3 PM, OLV

# **Weekly Intention:**

For the grace this week to live with all humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another through love.



"Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude." ~Denis Waitley

Loretto Home and St. Joseph Kervick Residence, Rutland, VT

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#### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"Knock and the door will be opened to you." Discover the amazing plan God has for you and your marriage 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 <a href="https://wwmevtw.org/">https://wwmevtw.org/</a>.

"If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple. Seek his guidance, and let the healing power of prayer, a conversation in which 'heart speaks unto heart,' strengthen you." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility"

<u>Just for Fun</u>: Having children is hereditary. If your parents never had any children it's almost certain that you will never have any either.



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

## From Fr. Fred: EVERYONE NEEDS TO READ OFF OF THIS and HAVE YOUR CHILDREN READ IT TOO!

After tossing her books on the sofa, she decided to grab a snack and get online. She logged on under her screen name ByAngel213. She checked her Buddy List and saw GoTo123 was on. She sent him an instant message:

**ByAngel213**: Hi. I'm glad you are on! I thought someone was following me home today. It was really weird!

GoTo123: LOL You watch too much TV. Why would someone be following you? Don't you live in a safe neighborhood?

ballpark that day. She didn't want them to make a scene and stop her from walking home from the softball games. Parents were always overreacting the soft of t

ByAngel213: Of course I do. LOL I guess it was my imagination cuz' I didn't see anybody when I looked out.

GoTo123: Unless you gave your name out on-line. You haven't done that have you?

**ByAngel213:** Of course not. I'm not stupid you know.

**GoTo 123:** Did you have a softball game after school today?

**ByAngel213:** Yes and we won!!

GoTo123: That's great! Who

did you play?

ByAngel213: We played the

Hornets. LOL. Their uniforms are so gross! They look like bees. LOL

**GoTo123:** What is your team called?

**ByAngel213:** We are the Canton Cats. We have tiger paws on our uniforms. They are really cool.

GoTo123: Did you pitch?
ByAngel213: No I play second base. I got to go. My homework has to be done before my parents get home. I don't want them mad at me. Bye!

Meanwhile....GoTo123 went to the member menu and began to search for her profile. When it came up, he highlighted it and printed it out. He took out a pen and began to write down what he knew about Angel so far.

Her name: Shannon Birthday: Jan. 3, 2006

**Age**: 13

State where she lived: North Caroli-

**Hobbies**: softball, chorus, skating and going to the mall. Besides this information, he knew she lived in Canton because she had just told him. He

knew she stayed by herself until 6:30pm every afternoon until her parents came home from work. He knew she played softball on Thursday afternoons and on the school team, and the team was named the Canton Cats. Her favorite number 7 was printed on her jersey. He knew she was in the eighth grade at the Canton Junior High School. She had told him all this in the conversations they had on-line. He had enough information to find her now.

Shannon didn't tell her parents about the incident on the way home from the ballpark that day. She didn't want them to make a scene and stop her from walking home from the softball games. Parents were always overreacting and hers were the worst. It made her wish she was not an only child. Maybe if she had brothers and sisters, her parents wouldn't be so overprotective.

By Thursday, Shannon had forgotten about the footsteps following her. Her game was in full swing when suddenly she felt someone staring at her. It was then that the memory came back. She glanced up from her second base position to see a man watching her closely.

After the game, he sat on a bleacher while she talked to the coach. She noticed his smile once again as she walked past him. He nodded and she smiled back. He noticed her name on the back of her shirt. He knew he had found her.

Quietly, he walked a safe distance behind her. It was only a few blocks to Shannon's home, and once he saw where she lived he quickly returned to the park to get his car. Now he had to wait. He decided to get a bit to eat until the time came to go to Shannon's house. He drove to a fast food restaurant and sat there until time to make his move.

Shannon was in her room later that evening when she heard voices in the living room.

"Shannon, come here," her father called. He sounded upset and she couldn't imagine why. She went into the room to see the man from the ballpark sitting on the sofa.

"Sit down," her father began, "this man has just told us a most interesting

story about you."

Shannon sat back. How could he tell her parents anything? She had never seen him before today!

"Do you know who I am, Shannon?" the man asked. "No," Shannon answered.

"I am a police officer and your online friend, GoTo123."

Shannon was stunned. "That's impossible! GoTo is a kid my age! He's 14. And he lives in Michigan!"

The man smiled. "I know I told you all that, but it wasn't true. You see, Shannon, there are people online who pretend to be kids; I was one of them. But while others do it to injure kids and hurt them, I belong to a group of parents who do it to protect kids from predators. I came here to find you to teach you how dangerous it is to talk to people on-line. You told me enough about yourself to make it easy for me to find you. You named the school you went to, the name of your ball team and the position you played. The number and name on your jersey just made finding you a breeze."

Shannon was stunned. "You mean you don't live in Michigan?" He laughed. "No, I live in Raleigh. It made you safe to think I was so far away, didn't it?" She nodded.

"I had a friend whose daughter was like you. Only she wasn't as lucky. The guy found her and murdered her while she was home alone. Kids are taught not to tell anyone when they are alone, yet they do it all the time online. The wrong people trick you into giving out information a little here and there on-line. Before you know it, you have told them enough for them to find you without even realizing you have done it. I hope you've learned a lesson from this and won't do it again. Tell others about this so they will be safe too?"

"It's a promise!"

That night Shannon and her Dad and Mom all knelt down together and thanked God for protecting Shannon from what could have been a tragic situation.