

Offertory: August 30 OLM \$171, OLV \$639, COS \$295, \$600, Total - \$1705



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

9-5-2020 - For Poor Souls by John Nappi OLM
 9-6-2020 - For Eleanor Crombie by Florence Staats OLV
 9-6-2020 - For Souls in Purgatory by Karen Shaw COS
 9-9-2020 - For Eleanor Crombie by Florence Staats OLV
 9-10-2020 - For Fr. Frank by Jeffrey Larson OLM
 9-11-2020 - For Joan Engel by Bill Engel OLV



Christ our Hope Campaign

Deuteronomy 15:10 “You shall surely give to him, and your heart should not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the Lord your God will bless you in all your works and in all to which you put your hand.”

The *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign is now underway. This fundraising effort is our call to follow the earthly ministries of Christ —

healing, preaching and teaching. For details on how we’ll achieve this goal, please review the case statement you recently received in the mail. It’s worth noting that 60% of the funds we raise will return to Our Lady of Mercy.

God asks us as stewards to give with generosity and sacrifice in mind. So, please review your family budget. What purchase can you postpone? A new vehicle? Expensive coffee? Prayerfully consider the gift you can return to God, who’s given greatly to you.

Volunteers have begun to make outreach calls to discuss the campaign and answer questions. Once you identify your gift, please complete and return your pledge form. You may also give on line by visiting this website: christourhopevt.org.

Don’t forget you can join Bishop Coyne **Sept. 9 at 3 p.m.** for a virtual coffee hour as he discusses the campaign. Just click the link to register: christourhopevt.org/events
 “We — our faith family at Our Lady of Mercy — will define campaign success. Let’s join as one — as brothers and sisters in Christ — to reach our goal.” Daisy Anderberg

Covid-19 Note:

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains lifted until further notice, especially if you are part of a vulnerable population and/or have an underlying health condition. Please approach the celebration of Mass with charity and love for our clergy and faith community by following the protocols:

- Stay home if you are sick or not feeling well.
- **Wear a mask in Mass.**
- **Sanitize your hands upon entry. Due to shortages of sanitizer, please bring your own if possible.**
- Sit in designated pews and respect social distance between others of 6 feet or more unless you are one family unit.
- Refrain from congregating in tight areas or entering cordoned off areas.
- Follow the protocols to receive Holy Communion as directed at Mass.

For more details about church protocols visit: vermontcatholic.org/covid-19. *Bishop Coyne*

Cursillo Webinar - 3rd Wednesday of Each Month @ 7pm

The Permanent Meeting ID for Zoom: 83037321641, Password: Ultreya.

Online Giving



Please refer to our website, <https://ourladyofmercy.vermontcatholic.org/> for information regarding online giving, so that you may continue to support our church during this difficult time. Now online giving is easier than ever. Give online through our parish website or from the app. To get the online Giving app, go to OLGApp.com. Register the app with our organization ID#1345.

Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church

The Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign has officially kicked-off. This is a historic, first-ever statewide campaign for our Catholic community during extraordinary times. Based on the results of the recent Diocesan Synod and years of planning, this campaign is parish-centered and rooted in the works of Christ: "And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people" (Mt. 4:23).

The Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign will move our Church forward by supporting preaching in our parishes, strengthening our teaching ministries and expanding our healing ministries for those in need.

◆ 60% of your donations will directly support parish initiatives.

◆ 20% of funds will support an emergency assistance endowment to benefit emergency aid to those in financial crisis through Vermont Catholic Charities.

◆ 20% of funds will support a faith formation endowment for statewide initiatives, such as Catholic schools, youth and lay ministry and religious education.

These are challenging times for everyone, and many parishes have seen a downturn in support while the number of requests for emergency aid have increased and so many in our community are seeking the healing words of Christ. We cannot give up on the future of our parishes and ministries serving the faith community.

This week every household will receive a packet of information about the campaign and be invited to consider making a sacrificial gift over a three-year period to support their parish initiatives and statewide ministries above and beyond their usual offertory and Bishop's Annual Appeal contribution. This is an invitation not an expectation.

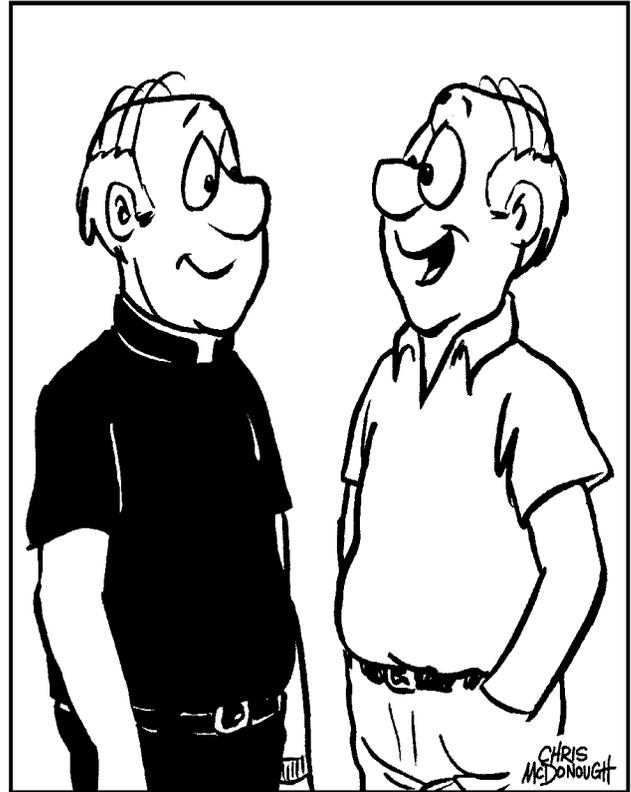
We understand some will not be able to contribute to this campaign, but for those that are able, we need your help. We ask that everyone pray the campaign prayer for the success of this campaign and support his or her local pastor and campaign volunteers in their efforts.

Please visit the campaign website to watch the campaign video and review other information about how this campaign will set us up for a vibrant future at christourhopevt.org or register for one of Bishop Christopher Coyne's virtual Christ Our Hope chats at christourhopevt.org/events on Aug. 31 or Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. or Sept. 9 at 3 p.m.

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (Isaiah 40:30)

— Ellen Kane, Executive Director, Development and

Pastor Al™



"Being your twin brother is great, Al. When I visit your town, everyone acts so nice."

Pope Francis' Prayer for a special Mass and act of prayer asking Mary to protect Italy and the world during of the coronavirus pandemic.

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.