

Offertory: September 20, 2020 OLM \$281.00, OLV \$337.00, COS \$265.00, OLG \$415, Total - \$1298.00



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 9-26-2020 - For all Parishioners OLM
 9-27-2020 - For Susan Mary Carlson by Dan Daigler OLV
 9-27-2020 - For Gerda Kreppin by Bill & Barbara Schwaner COS
 9-30-2020 - For Susan Daigler by Dan Daigler OLV
 10-1-2020 - For Patricia Nagel by Dan Daigler OLM
 10-2-2020 - For St Margaret Schaefer by Eleanor Crombie OLV

Christ our Hope Campaign



Philippians 4:19: "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Now is the time for all of us to contemplate how we can offer support to the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign. As you consider your commitment, please review the gift chart on page 11 of the case statement for guidance. Remember a successful campaign provides great benefits to Our Lady of Mercy Parish. Most of the funds — 60% — will return to our parish allowing us to address repairs to Church and Rectory. The remaining funds raised will be directed into two endowments, including one to support Catholic education. Our school system educates roughly 2,000 students yearly. Some families need tuition assistance. Funding an endowment to support education allows us to continue to offer financial support to those who need it. Our volunteers will continue with outreach calls to discuss the campaign and answer your questions. Once you identify your gift, please complete and return your pledge form or give online by visiting this website: christourhopevt.org

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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.

Readings for the Week of September 28, 2020

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1b-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10b-15/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-9c, 13-14/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14b/ Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

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.

Pope Francis Speaks.....to the Family...

Is There Joy in Your Family?

In the responsorial psalm, we find these words: "Let the humble hear and be glad" (34:2). The entire psalm is a hymn to the Lord, who is the source of joy and peace.

What is the reason for this gladness? It is that the Lord is near; he hears the cry of the lowly and he frees them from evil. As St. Paul himself writes, "Rejoice always... The Lord is near" (cf. Philippians 4:4-5).

I would like to ask you all a question today. But each of you keep it in your heart and take it home. You can regard it as a kind of "homework." Only you must answer. How are things when it comes to joy at home? Is there joy in your family? You can answer this question.

Dear families, you know very well that the true joy which we experience in the family is not superficial; it does not come from material objects, from the fact that everything seems to be going well.... True joy comes from a profound harmony between persons, something which we all feel in our hearts and which makes us experience the beauty of togetherness, of mutual support along life's journey. But the basis of this feeling of deep joy is the presence of God, the presence of God in the family and his love, which is welcoming, merciful, and respectful towards all. And, above all, a love which is patient: patience is a virtue of God, and he teaches us how to cultivate it in family life, how to be patient, and lovingly so, with each other. To be patient among ourselves; a patient love. God alone knows how to create harmony from differences.

But if God's love is lacking, the family loses its harmony; self-centeredness prevails and joy fades. But the family which experiences the joy of faith communicates it naturally. That family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world; it is the leaven of society as a whole.

Homily for Family Day,

St. Peter's Square, October 27, 2013

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 us who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Confirmation

Let us pray for the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the candidates who are going to be confirmed on October 4th in St. Michael's Church, Brattleboro at 4.00 pm.

Candidates from our Parish:

1. Haidyn Anderberg

2. Carson Brown

3. Ruth Wright

Holy Mass Timings (Weekends)

Our Lady of Mercy, Putney - Saturday 4.00 PM

Our Lady of the Valley, Townsend - Sunday
10.30 AM

Chapel of the Snow, Stratton Mt. - Sunday 12.30
PM

Weekdays

OLM - All Thursdays & First Saturday 8.30 AM

OLV - All Wednesdays & Friday 8.30 AM