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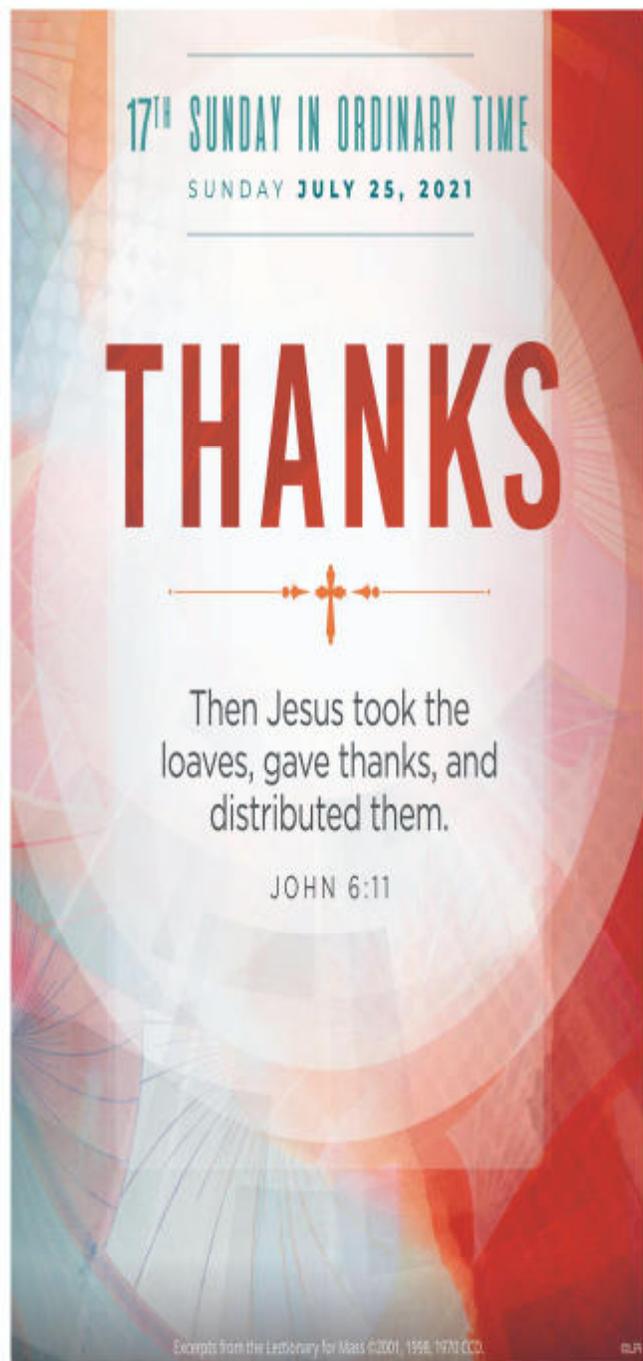
MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday	9:00 AM
Monday & Tuesday	9:00 AM
Holy Days	9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS – upon request

BAPTISMS - Contact Parish Office well in advance.

WEDDINGS – Contact Parish Office at least six months in advance to make arrangements for marriage.



OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Tuesday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Dee Daly
Administrative Assistant

FINANCE COUNCIL

Third Tue of the month 5:45 PM

PARISH COUNCIL

Third Tue of the month 6:30 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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**SAINT ALPHONSUS
CEMETERY ASSOCIATION**

Jon Keith (483.6489) work
Jon Keith (483.2029) home

ONLINE GIVING <https://osvhub.com/st-alphonsus-liguori-parish/funds>

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASS INTENTIONS

25 SUN Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

✠ 9:00 AM **Carol L'Herault** by Brent & Robbin Gifford

26 Mon Sts Joachim and Anne, Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35

✠ 9:00 AM **Robert & Joseph Hale** by their family

27 Tue Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43

✠ 9:00 AM **Queen Family** by the Estate

28 Wed Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46

29 Thu Saint Martha Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 /Jn 11:19-27

30 Fri Blessed Solanus Casey (OFM, Cap) Saint Peter

Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58

31 Sat Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12

1 SUN Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

✠ 9:00 AM **Carol L'Herault** by Monica Senatore

July 26th



Mary had good, faithful parents who raised her with a love and devotion to God like none other except Jesus Christ Himself.

Legend has it that Joachim was a rich and pious man, who regularly gave to the poor. However, at the temple, Joachim's sacrifice was rejected, as the couple's childlessness was interpreted as a sign of divine displeasure. Joachim consequently withdrew to the desert, where he fasted and did penance for 40 days. Angels then appeared to both Joachim and Anne to promise them a child (whom will become the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus).

Saints for grandparents and infertile couples, Joachim is remembered (with Anne) in the Church of England with a Lesser Festival on 26 July

ST. ALPHONSUS 2021 HARVEST DINNER

PLANNING MEETINGS



St. Alphonsus Harvest Dinner will be on
Sunday **October 10, 2021.**

The **two** planning meetings will be held on
Tuesday, August 10th and **Tuesday September 07th.**

The meetings will be held in the Parish Hall at 7:00 pm.

We **NEED** volunteers, new and seasoned individuals to make this dinner as successful as it has been in the past. Please consider volunteering. Come to the short informational meetings. If unavailable to make the meetings and are interested in helping, please contact Bill or Mary Gladski at 802-483-2391.

Church Offertory

Last Sunday's Offertory \$ **1,326.00**

Online Giving \$ 50.00

Total \$ **1,376.00**

Last Year this Date \$ 1,907.00

Initial Offering \$ -

Building & Maintenance \$ -

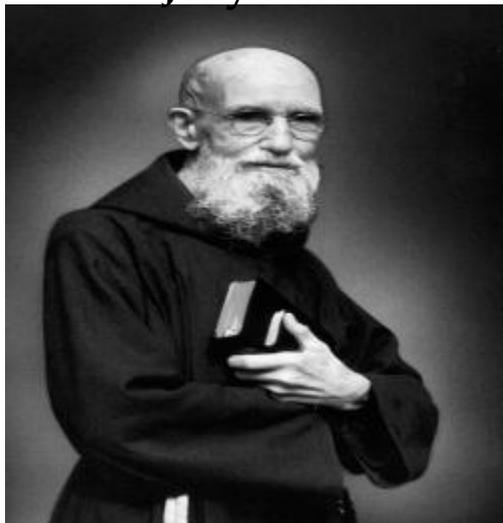
Thanks for making up your envelopes.

Our **garage sale** on Saturday, July 17th was a huge success in spite of the rain. Thanks to everyone who graciously donated items and to those who worked many hours preparing for the sale. A special thanks to Barb Carrara for her tireless effort in organizing this year's sale.

Outdoor Mass

9:00 am Sunday Mass will be celebrated outside in the upper parking lot. We will continue holding Sunday Mass outside throughout the summer. If it is raining, Mass will be held in the church.

July 30th



Father Solanus was a simple man; a simple priest; not a man of letters although he sometimes wrote like a poet; not a man of degrees, yet his thought reached to profound depths.

Born on a farm on November 25, 1870 in Oak Grove, Wisconsin to God-fearing parents, where from an early age he learned obedience, diligence, and piety. Life on the farm taught him to be practical and resourceful. At 17, eager to supplement the family income after several crop failures he left the farm.

In 1891 at the age of 21, he was able to pursue his dream of becoming a priest and entered St. Francis Seminary High School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he dedicated himself to his spiritual and academic formation. Called by God to the Capuchin Order in 1896, Bernard was given the new name of Solanus. He soon became a model of religious observance, ever-faithful to the holy vows of Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience. He experienced difficulty with his studies, but so edified his superiors that he was found worthy of ordination to the holy Priesthood. On July 24, 1904, he was ordained as a "simplex" priest, who could preside at a Mass but would not have the faculties for public preaching or hearing confessions.

He served for two decades in a succession of friaries in New York. His first assignment was at Sacred Heart Friary in Yonkers. He was later transferred to New York City, where he first served at Saint John's Church next to Penn Station and later at Our Lady Queen of Angels in Harlem. Fr. Solanus fulfilled the humble duties of Sacristan and Doorkeeper, Director of Altar Boys, and other pastoral duties. He soon impressed the parishioners by his prayerful example at Mass, by his great charity toward the sick, the children, the non-Catholics and the poor

Always available to the poor, the sick, and the troubled souls, he brought comfort to people from every age and walk of life. He was ready and willing to listen to anyone anytime. His ministry of charity and comfort was especially noted during the great Depression of 1929 when his concern for the poor inspired the Detroit Capuchins to establish their Soup Kitchen, a service of charity that continues to this day.

He passed at the age of 86 on July 31, 1957 and was beatified on November 18, 2017.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP —LPI

A Thought from Tracy Earl Welliver

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

It's All in the Basket

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket.

Bishop Appeal

The Bishop's Appeal is 40% to its overall goal!

St. Alphonsus is at 29% of our Parish goal of \$10,072.85.

Thank you for all those who have made a gift or pledge.

On July 29, we will celebrate Founder's Day of Giving in memory of our first bishop, Bishop de Goesbriand, and raise money to support the mission of our Diocese. We have received a matching grant that will match any gift made online on this day up to \$20,000. If you have not yet made a gift to the appeal or would like to make an additional gift online, visit vermontcatholic.org/giveonline.

New Web site

Per request of the Bishop, all Vermont Parishes are required to join e-catholic in hosting their website. As a means of being cost efficient and promoting the Otter Valley Catholic Community brand name, we have joined Our Lady of Good Help in this endeavor. Our new web site address is: ovcc.vermontcatholic.org.

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