



**SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS**

**Week of November 11, 2018**

**Sat 4:00 PM** Katherine Delorm by Scott & Marge Munger  
**Sun 11:00 AM** Gil, Ellie, and Mike Kupfer by Laura & Pam  
**Wed 9:00 AM** All Souls  
**Thurs 9:00AM** All Souls  
**Sat 4:00 PM** Mr. & M.rs. Francis J. Leary 78th Wedding Anniversary by the Family  
**Sun 11:00 AM** All Souls

**Parish Support**

Offering for the weekend of November 4, 2018  
 (Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

**Sunday Collection**

<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$300.90</b>
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$1180.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1480.90</b>
<b>Bldgs. &amp; Maint.</b>	<b>\$548.00</b>
<b>All Saints</b>	<b>\$168.00</b>

**Important Change: Checks:** The Diocese has informed us that we are technically St. Mary Parish Charitable Trust in terms of financial matters and not Our Lady of Good Help. So please **make out any checks to St. Mary Parish** from now on. Thank you.

**GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER. - 2 Corinthians 9:7**

**Readings for the Week of November 4, 2018**

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44  
**Monday:** Ti 1:1-9/Lk 17:1-6  
**Tuesday:** Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10  
**Wednesday:** Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19  
**Thursday:** Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25  
**Friday:** 2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37  
**Saturday:** 3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8  
**Next Sunday:** Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32



Pray for .....

*The safety of our service men and women working as peacekeepers in today's trying times and for all who are ill, especially Lindsey Layn, Linda Bunn, Richard Barra, Mary McManus, Virginia Wolf, Carlita La Porte, Joel Rivera, Ginger Stearns, Betty Ferraro, Joseph Duprey, Charlotte Swain, Marilyn Morris, Mary Doherty, Ann-Marie Ford, David Philipson, Katherine Bryant, Gloria Peduto, Rene Hendricks, Brendan Holbritter, and Rosa Santos .*

**Ministry Schedule**



<b><u>Eucharistic Ministers</u></b>	<b><u>Lectors</u></b>
11/10 Bob Rojecki	Joe Flynn
11/11 Jeannine Griffin	Trish Bertino
11/17 Donna Swingleton	Pike Mitchell
11/18 Sally Foster	Bernie Carr
<b><u>Gift Bearers</u></b>	<b><u>Altar Servers</u></b>
11/10 T. Howland Family	David Bertrand
11/11 R. Doty Family	A. Depatie & M. Harding
11/17 R. Howland Family	Jordan Bertrand
11/18 T. Depatie Family	O. Depatie & A. Hayes

**Collection Counters**



11/11 Helen Williams & Paula Bizon  
 11/18 Donna Swingleton & Katherine Bryant  
 11/25 Carolyn Walker & Katherine Bryant

**St. Mary's Cemetery**



Location: RT 73 E. Forest Dale Rd, Brandon  
 Contact Information - Please call St. Mary's Rectory. The cemetery is closed for the winter.

**PARISH WEBSITE**

Please visit our parish website: [www.saintmaryagnes.org](http://www.saintmaryagnes.org) for updates, news, activities, schedules of liturgical ministries and various resources to help you. For suggestions on our website, send your ideas to: [gale@ottercreekmedia.com](mailto:gale@ottercreekmedia.com).

**Office is open on Wednesday**

**10:00 am—3:00 pm**

**Thursday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Parish Hall Library— by appointment.**

**Please call Emilie at 458-7962**

**2nd Collection for weekends in Nov/Dec.:**

**11/11 Utility Fund (Goal \$500)**

**11/18 Campaign for Human Development**

**\* 12/02 Bldg. & Maint.(Goal \$600)**

**\* Funds from this collection will go towards the much needed painting of the exteriors of the church and rectory.**

**Catholic Campaign for Human Development:** Next week, the second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). CCHD is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. This collection supports community and economic development initiatives that address the root causes of poverty. Learn more at: [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Vermont Catholic Women's Retreat:**

**"Women: The Heart of the Family" Speakers: Ann Koshute and Sister Clare Hunter, F.S.E.** Saturday, November 17, 2018 at Holy Family-St. Lawrence Parish Center, Essex Junction, Vermont 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost: \$40.00. For more information please contact Lori Daudelin at 802-658-6110 x1131 or [ldaudelin@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:ldaudelin@vermontcatholic.org)

**Social Concerns:** Meeting on Thursday, November 15, at 6 PM

**Parish Council:** Meeting on Thursday, November 15, at 7PM

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** Do we put our trust in God and allow him to be Lord in every area of our life like the widow did? Trust that God wants great things for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 30-Dec 2, 2018 in Isle La Motte, VT and Mar 15-17, 2019 in Isle La Motte, VT. For more information, call Gary & Lynn Root at 802-456-8114 or visit them at <https://wwwmevtw.org/>.

**Thanksgiving Mass:** On the Monday of Thanksgiving week, the Otter Valley Roman Catholic Community will gather for its first annual Thanksgiving Mass. The location of the Thanksgiving Mass will alternate from year to year. The planning committee made up of three parishioners from Our Lady of Good Help and three from Saint Alphonsus met in late October to plan this liturgy. The ministries for this Mass will be staffed by individuals from both parishes. The folk groups from Brandon and Pittsford will come together for the first time for this event. **This year's Thanksgiving Mass will take place at Saint Alphonsus Church, Pittsford, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm.** The committee encourages the parishioners from both parishes to attend this Mass where we recognize God's generosity. As an extension of this generosity, the committee is asking everyone attending the Mass to bring non-perishable food. That food (canned goods, pasta, puddings, etc.), will be brought up during the offertory procession and blessed. After the Mass, the food will be given to the Pittsford Food Shelf for distribution. If your schedule allows, please make the effort to join us for what will be a great joint communal celebration.

**Reflections for the Week**

The readings in today's liturgy present us with the stories of two women outstanding in their generosity. The first woman Elijah encounters in his travels. She is poor and is in survival mode with her son; famine has control of her country. The second is likewise a widow, the subject of the "widow's mite" in the gospel. In the first account, the prophet Elijah meets a woman who is gathering sticks for the fire to prepare a meal for herself and her son. Elijah approaches her and asks her to bring him some water to slake his thirst after his journey. As she moves away to get him the water he also requests some bread. She announces to the prophet that she is about to prepare food for herself and her son. It is to be her last supper, because she will have no more supplies to prepare any more food for her and her son to survive any longer. They are in dire straits. But Elijah has still another task for her to do, "but first make me a little cake and bring it to me, then you can prepare something for yourself and your son." He's got to be kidding! She's on her last steps and he adds still another job for her to do *for him*.? But then we get the saving message Elijah has been sent to deliver: Do Not Be Afraid. "The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry." She did what she was asked to do, and the flour and oil did not disappear. She and her son were able to ride out the drought fortified with God's gift given through the prophet. The gospel scene today recounts the story of Jesus observing people putting money into the treasury. Rich people put in large amounts for the treasury, but Jesus noted for his disciples to observe that the poor widow who added a couple of cents gave *more* than the rich people, because (the rich) gave from their surplus, but the widow gave from "her poverty. . . (from) her livelihood." The comparison between the two women is astounding. We observe that both gave *abundantly* from their poverty. We, too, give out of our own poverty of spirit. To give from one's poverty calls us to a leap of faith, hope and love. Elijah and Jesus/his disciples model for us our response to people in need. Who are the persons we serve today? To name but a few: those seriously sick among us; those who have lost lifetime jobs; Those who, like the widows, lack the necessities of life; the constant stream of people-migrants who wander our earth in search of a home, mercy and peace. *Dearest Lord, open our hearts that we will respond to the needs of our sisters and brothers in their call for healing and wholeness. Bless them through our openness and be present as your disciples. Help us to be abundant with our love as you have demonstrated to us in your superabundant care for us. onlineministries.creighton.edu*