



SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS
Week of August 25, 2019

Sat 4:00 PM + Robert Forguites by his Family
Sun 7:30 AM St Agnes For the People
Sun 11:00 AM Tom & Donna Depatie 20th Anniversary
 by Jeannine Griffin
Wed 9:00 AM For the People
Thurs 9:00 AM For the People
Sat 4:00 PM + Mike Keith by his Family
Sun 7:30 AM St. Agnes + For the People
Sun 11:00 AM + Daniel Olsen by Jeannine Griffin

+ indicates deceased
 * indicates living

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of August 18, 2019
 (Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose	\$ 323.50
Envelopes	\$ 1344.00
Total	\$ 1667.50
Utility Fund	\$ 515.50

Please Note:

Please make out all checks to St. Mary Parish .Thank you.

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

Readings for the Week of August 25, 2019

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
Monday: 1Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mk 6:17-29
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13
Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a



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, Betty Ferraro, Joseph Duprey, Charlotte Swain, Marilyn Morris, Mary Doherty, David Philipsen, Katherine Bryant, Rene Hendricks, Brendan Holbriiter, Rosa Santos, Ann Marie Ford, Laura Begnoche, Bertha Dolan, Jim Lofland, Peter Giancola, Fella Molina, Stanley Delorm, Phyllis Aitchison and Elaine Parmelee.

Ministry Schedule



Eucharistic Ministers

08/24 Robert Rojecki
 08/25 Jean Lamarre
 08/31 Dan St. Germain
 09/01 Robert Gearwar

Lectors

Pike Mitchell
 Wanda Murray
 Laurie Bertrand
 Aaron Boynton

Gift Bearers

08/24 K. Decker & C. Mitchell
 08/25 S. Ouelette Family
 08/31 E. Parmelee & S. Munger
 09/01 Glenda & Bob Gearwar

Altar Servers

Brooke Bertrand
 B. Thornton & B. Stanley
 David Bertrand
 A. Hayes & M. Harding

Collection Counters



08/25 Bob Gearwar & Carolyn Walker
 09/01 Carolyn Walker & Paula Bizon
 09/08 Helen Williams & Katherine Bryant



St. Mary's Cemetery

Location: RT. 73 E. Forest Dale Rd, Brandon
 Contact Information - Please call St. Mary's Rectory.

PARISH WEBSITE

Please visit our parish website: 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.

Office is open on Wednesday

10:00 am—3:00 pm

Thursday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

2nd Collection for weekends in Sept:

09/01 Bldgs. & Maint. (Goal \$600)
09/08 Vermont Catholic Magazine
09/15 Utility Fund (Goal \$500)

Annual Raffle: It's time for our Annual Raffle. We need your help selling tickets! If you sell at least 18 tickets, you will receive a free ticket at the raffle. We will start selling tickets the weekend of Mother's Day, May 11th at the back of the church. Tickets will be available in the church for you to buy and pick up to sell in May. Please continue to sell tickets throughout the summer as the success of the raffle depends on all of you. The prizes and drawing date are as follows: **1st Prize:** 15" laptop computer w/HD

2nd Prize: 32" LED Color TV

3rd Prize: \$50 Gift Certificate to Brandon Motor Lodge

4th Prize: \$20 Gift Certificate to Mae's Place

5th Prize: \$20 Gift Certificate to Café Provence

Drawing September 8, 2019 after the 11:00 AM Mass

Winner need not be present. **Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50.**

Any questions or concerns, please call Jean Lamarre at 353-7881.

School Supply Drive: Please help collect school supplies for Neshobe School. There is a box in the back of the church. The needed supplies are:

*Pencils (kids really like having those special ones, not the standard school supply) / *Crayons (regular size packs) *Crayola markers *Notebooks

Any questions please call Donna Young at 247-8072.

Town Wide Yard Sale: The August Town Wide Yard Sale was a great success! We profited a total of \$1425.81. Thank you to all our bakers for the pies, cookies, etc, the cooks, those that worked the tablethe grills that were donated, Mike, Bob, Ed and John for set-up and tear down. Thank you also to Pat & Mike Howland for donating the sausages and Makenzie for donating the hot dogs. Also a big thank you for Tina & Mike Coombs for providing the space and facilities. Thank you all for the support you have given! Thank you, Jean Lamarre

Pot Luck Supper: Our next pot luck will take place on Saturday, September 7th after the 4:00 PM Mass in the Church Hall. Come one! Come All! Share in the fellowship, good food, and chance to spend time with new and old friends. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church.

Reflections for the Week

I see today's readings focusing on the spread of the message beyond its initial audience. In the passage from Isaiah, God calls his people together, promises them a sign, and then expects individuals to go out and share the message of His glory. The Psalm refrain is a call to tell the Good News of the Lord. Paul's letter to the Hebrews encourages one to view suffering and challenges as personal development. The Gospel implies that salvation is not guaranteed and is not limited to first to receive an invitation. I read this collection of passages as emphasizing the breadth of God's welcoming call. Salvation History is not limited to the people of Zion. The problems that Paul encounters frequently grow out of the lack of Jesus' acceptance within his own people and their institutions. The Gospel seems to make the point that the first (Jesus' own people) may fail to get what the last invited (the Gentiles) may receive. A loving God who is eager to expand the fold may not have been the easiest message which a prophet might bring. I think that many of us enjoy being special. I am ashamed to say that I have caught myself feeling better because I have things that others do not. Opening up the God's kingdom to outsiders may not have been something that was welcome in the first century and my sense is that it is not universally welcome now. I often wonder how I would have reacted as a Jew during Jesus' lifetime. Religious leaders had a certain amount of autonomy under the Roman prefect. I can see both Jesus and Paul running up against the institutional authorities. Their message called for change and reform. I can imagine how Jesus and Paul were characterized. I think that I can safely assume that varying narratives are not unique to today's point in time. My prayer today is for openness and wise discernment. *Dear Lord, Heal me from desires to have what some do not. Help me to want what is good for all people. Open my ears and my heart so that I might be able to separate the wheat from the chaff. Give me the strength and courage to live the life to which I am called.* onlineministries.creighton.edu

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the parish to express our appreciation to Guy Beck who served as Religious Education Director for the last year. He has chosen to relinquish the position at this time. Guy graciously took on the responsibility at the request of Fr. Vincent. Guy's dedication as Religious Education Director was demonstrated in many ways: his physical presence every Sunday morning, the numerous handouts he prepared for both students and teachers, and his attention and care of the Parish Hall. These deeds and others all exhibited his concern for the success of the program. The parish is grateful and indebted to Guy for his service to our youth. May God reward him for his service.

Wanda Murray has agreed to take on the responsibility of Religious Education Director. She held this position prior to Guy. The generosity of spirit(s) is what makes Our Lady of Good Help the great parish it is. Guy and Wanda, thank you for your willingness to serve.

Fr. Moe

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2019: So far our parish has pledged \$9,095.00 which is 70.07% of our goal of \$12,979.00. Thank you for your generosity and support . For more info or to make a donation please go to: bishopsappealvt.org