



SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS
Week of December 29, 2019

Sat 4:00 PM + Guy Joseph Chicoine by the Family
Sun 11:00 AM + Gil, Ellie & Mike Kupfer by Laura & Pam
Tues 4:00 PM Vigil Mass - For the People
Wed 11:00 AM Mass—Solemnity of Mary— For the People
Thurs 9:00 AM For the People
Fri 1-3 PM Adoration
Sat 4:00 PM For the People
Sun 11:00 AM For the People
 + indicates deceased
 * indicates living

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of December 22 ,2019
 (Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose	\$359.36
Envelopes	\$895.00
Total	\$ 1254.36

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

Readings for the Week of December 29, 2019

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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, Joel Rivera, Betty Ferraro, Joseph Duprey, Charlotte Swain, Marilyn Morris, Mary Doherty, David Philipsen, Rene Hendricks, Brendan Holbritter, Rosa Santos, Laura Begnoche, Bertha Dolan, Peter Giancola, Fella Molina, and Stanley Delorm.



Ministry Schedule

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
12/28 Joe Flynn	Diane Benware
12/29 Bob Gearwar	Trish Bertino
12/31 Marge Munger	Laurie Bertrand
01/01 Kathie Bryant	Bernie Carr
<u>Gift Bearers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
12/28 K. Decker & C. Mitchell	David Bertrand
12/29 Glenda & Bob Gearwar	A. & O. Depatie
12/31 * Please see Fr. Moe if you are available	
01/01 * Please see Fr. Moe if you are available	

Collection Counters

	12/29 Mike Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand
	01/05 Katherine Bryant & Carolyn Walker
	01/12 Donna Swinington & Bob Gearwar

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 Jan.:

01/01 Solemnity of Mary Offering
01/12 Bldgs. & Maint. (Goal \$600)
01/19 Utility Fund (Goal \$500)

Contribution Envelopes and Calendars: Are available at the back of the church. Please pick up and check that the information is correct. If you don't have envelopes, please choose one from the bottom of the list and add your information. Thank you

Happy New Year to all !

Thank you: I WANT TO THANK everyone who has made our Advent and Christmas liturgies so special: ushers, altar servers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, sacristans, decorators, cleaners, and the music ministry. God's blessings be with you in the new year!

-Father Moe

Three Kings Potluck Dinner: We will be having our next Parish potluck dinner on Saturday, January 4, 2020 following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. There will also be something special for the children of the parish. Please join us to begin the new year with friends and fellowship and bring a dish to share if you are able.

Reflections for the Week

Falling Down and Being Lifted Up. In the Nativity scenes we set up in churches and homes we are familiar with the three figures that make their appearance today, joining the figures of Jesus, Mary, Joseph, shepherds and various creatures. In many such scenes these visitors from the east, bearing their gifts, stand in awe, though perhaps one or more of them may bend a knee. But rarely, gazing at these figures, do we feel the power of the scripture that today proclaims, "They prostrated themselves and did him homage." To be prostrate is to be flat on the floor, face down, disarmed, immobile, vulnerable. Much more than a nod of the head, or a quick genuflection, this gesture expresses the heart's conviction of being in the Presence of "One mightier than I." These "foreigners" express through their bodies, the inner stance of deep humility, the only true response in the presence of God in the flesh in Jesus. St. Augustine, reflecting back on his long, tortuous journey to faith, acknowledged that the ultimate block to his final conversion came in the form of pride. It was what he learned through grasping the truth of the Incarnation that provided the way forward: "In this lower world, he built for himself a lowly habitation of our clay . . . so that [people] might go on no further in self-confidence but rather consent to become weak, seeing the Deity before their feet, made weak by taking on our mortality; and wearied, might cast themselves down on him, so that rising again, he might lift them up." St. Augustine learned through the infant Jesus to surrender to the power of God and to let himself be lifted up. Perhaps today, as we gaze at these visitors who come to the stable, we might be moved to imitate them, at least in our hearts. And gazing at them, we might ask ourselves where we need to surrender to the power of God today so that he might lift us up? onlineministries.edu

Otter Valley Roman Catholic
 Community Events!

Mon Dec 30: RCIA Program, Our Lady of Good Help Rectory, 7PM.

New Year's
 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Tues. Dec. 31: Vigil Mass
 4:00 PM Our Lady of Good Help

Wed. Jan. 1: New Year's Day
 9:00 AM-Saint Alphonsus
 11:00 AM - Our Lady of Good Help

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER "Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another." Work to live in your marriage as God desires by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020 in Huntington, NY and Mar 13-15, 2020 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://wwmewtw.org/>.