



SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS
Week of September 1, 2019

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
Wed 9:00 AM No Mass– Fr. Moe is attending a
 Presbyterian retreat
Thurs 9:00 AM No Mass– see above
Fri 1:00-3:00 PM Adoration
Sat 4:00 PM For the People
Sun 7:30 AM St. Agnes +Gil, Ellie & Mike Kupfer by
 Laura & Pam
Sun 11:00 AM +Deacon Gary Griffin by Jeannine Griffin

+ indicates deceased
 * indicates living

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of August 25, 2019
(Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose	\$ 499.00
Envelopes	\$ 767.00
Total	\$ 1266.00

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 September 1, 2019

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33



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

08/31 Dan St. Germain
 09/01 Robert Gearwar
 09/07 Donna Swington
 09/08 Jeannine Griffin

Lectors

Laurie Bertrand
 Aaron Boynton
 Marge Munger
 Terry Zimmer

Gift Bearers

08/31 E. Parmelee & S. Munger
 09/01 Glenda & Bob Gearwar
 09/07 T. Howland Family
 09/08 R. Doty Family

Altar Servers

David Bertrand
 A. Hayes & M. Harding
 Jordan Bertrand
 Ashlyn & Olivia Depatie

Collection Counters



09/01 Carolyn Walker & Paula Bizon
 09/08 Helen Williams & Katherine Bryant
 09/15 Glenda Gearwar & Tina Wiles



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: The Drawing is fast approaching! It will take place next Sunday, September 8, 2019 after the 11:00 AM Mass so you need to buy them now! Winner need not be present. **Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50.** Any questions or concerns, please call Jean Lamarre at 353-7881. **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

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.

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.

Please Note: Evening Family Sessions, 5-7 PM, will begin Sunday., September 15th. Religious Education will take place in the evening for Grades 6-9. However, all grades (parents and students) are invited. Classes will take place at Saint Alphonsus Parish Hall, beginning with a Potluck dinner at 5PM.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE From September 25 through November 3, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside "Planned Parenthood", 11 Burnham Avenue, Rutland, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information - and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Delia Warnecke, (802-287-0354, havefaith180103@yahoo.com).

Reflections for the Week

Sirach Chapter 3 *My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God. Luke 14 7-14* "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." Humility is at the heart of this weeks readings both in Sirach Chapter 3 and Luke 14 7-14. Humility defined from Merriam Webster is "freedom from pride or arrogances humble has its origin in the Latin word *humilis*, meaning "low." Father Andy Alexander defines it beautifully in a previously written reflection (August 29, 2010 archives) "*humility rarely just comes naturally. It is often born and nurtured in an environment of faith and respect for others, and, quite often, it has come from some suffering.*" Humility can come from experiences in life in which suffering has occurred. Job demotion or termination, failure of a class, dismissal from high school or college, arrests with time in jail, lost friendships, failed marriage, and more. Processing and reflecting on these failures provides rich, humbling learning experiences and major opportunities for personal and professional change. Recently I watched a movie made from a non-fiction book *Same Kind of Different as Me* by Ron Hall. The major theme of the book/movie revolved around a millionaire art dealer Ron Hall who had made mistakes in his marriage, had lived a life of self-centeredness with a 'blind eye' toward others who were less fortunate. With his wife's encouragement he begins to volunteer in a shelter and befriends an ex-felon and murderer Denver "Suicide" Moore. His wife is diagnosed with a terminal illness and dies. These life events, a new friendship with Denver and suffering with his wife's death leads to a transformation in Ron Hall. This transformation includes a change in his focus, assumptions, how he spends his time and spends his money. His life has changed. I pray for myself and for others who suffer to recognize the value of humility in this experience of suffering and to have my/our hearts and eyes opened to learn, be humbled and to be changed. onlineministries.creighton.edu

Diocesan News: **The Vermont Catholic Community Foundation Inc.** invites the faith community to attend its third annual meeting Sept. 13 to celebrate the contributions made by individuals and/or groups to the community through their acts of charity, service and faith. **Date: Friday, September 13, 6–8 p.m. Place: Old Lantern Inn & Barn, 3260 Greenbush Road, Charlotte, VT 05445** Thanks to the extreme generosity of Old Lantern Inn and Barn, Misty Knoll and other sponsors, this event is free to the faith community, but there is limited sitting. You must register by Sept. 10, at vtcatholicfoundation.org/annualmeeting. The Vermont Catholic Community Foundation is a separate nonprofit from the Diocese of Burlington that was established in 2015 to build a strong foundation for the Catholic Church in Vermont. During the last four years, the foundation has grown to more than 67 funds supporting schools, parishes, cemeteries, ministries and charitable causes throughout the state. Each fund established in the foundation is restricted to a specific cause or ministry to provide funding in perpetuity based on the donors' intentions. Funds like the Gokey Fund help people like Sandy, a mother of three who had her teeth extracted years ago, receive dentures which, she said, changed her life: "I am now comfortable attending my kid's events. I am confident at my job. My health is better as I can eat a broader range of nutritional foods. I am smiling at everyone all the time! I have never been happier." John Fitzgerald and Mary Ellen Fuller, classmates at Cathedral High School, sent their eight children and nine grandchildren to Rice Memorial High School and established the Rice Memorial High School Fuller Fitzgerald Fund to ensure others could afford to attend. All eight of the Fitzgerald children surprised their mother with a gift doubling the fund and financial aid capacity. The Dr. Thomas G. Howrigan Fund, established with a bequest, leaves a beautiful legacy of faith and on-going operational support for St. Patrick Parish in Fairfield. The foundation reflects the core values of the Catholic faith and brings the Catholic community together to express those values in various ways. Whether it is providing support for dentures; financial aid to students who could not otherwise afford a Catholic education; or resources to care for Catholic cemeteries, the foundation provides many pathways for individuals and Catholic entities to create funds that will support specific purposes now and in the future. To learn more about VCCF visit vtcatholicfoundation.org.