



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, Rosa Santos, Jean Pfenning and Arthur Pfenning

SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS
Week of June 17, 2018

Sat 4:00 PM Anne Patricia Pfenning by Michael Pfenning
Sun 8:00 AM St. Agnes –Elizabeth Condon by Carmen Cram
Sun 10:00AM Sally Beck by Guy & Jane Beck & family
Mon 9:00 AM No Mass
Wed 9:00 AM No Mass
Thurs 9:00 AM William Cerutti by Angela & Dean
Fri 9:00 AM No Mass
Sat 4:00 PM Intentions of Fr. Vincent by Angela & Dean
Sun 8:00 AM St. Agnes–George Benware by Diane Benware
10:00 AM Mike & Charlotte Frankiewicz by Jeannine Griffin

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of **June 10, 2018**
(Our Goal is \$1,800.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose	\$201.00
Envelopes	\$771.00
Total	\$972.00
Restoration Fund	\$456.00

The Parish of St. Mary /St Agnes depends mainly on each parishioner's contribution of his or her fair share. A suggested minimum contribution for each working adult is one hour's wage per week. Many thanks to those who have contributed to the collection this past week. Your gifts are really essential to our parish. Please, let us continue supporting our parish!

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

Readings for the Week of June 17, 2018

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34
Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Ministry Schedule



Eucharistic Ministers		Lectors
06/16	Joe Flynn	Joe Flynn
06/17	Jeannine Griffin	Bernie Carr
06/23	Mary Bugnacki	
06/24		Wanda Murray
Gift Bearers		Altar Servers
06/16	L. Bertrand Family	Jordan Bertrand
06/17	T. Depatie Family	B. Stanley & A. Hayes
06/23	T. Howland Family	Brooke Bertrand
06/24	G.& B. Gearwar	B. Thornton & N. Depatie

Collection Counters



06/17 Glenda Gearwar & Tina Wiles
06/24 Carolyn Walker & Katherine Bryant
07/01 Mike Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand

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.

Reminders !

St. Mary's Church is officially named Our Lady of Good Help. If you are writing out a check, please write Our Lady of Good Help or O.L.G.H. Thank you!
Office is open on Wednesday
10:00 am—3:00 pm
Thursday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

2nd Collection for weekends in June/July:

06/17 Utility Fund and Mission Fund
07/01 Peter's Pence
07/08 Restoration Fund

Social Concerns Meeting: Monday, June 18 at 6 PM

Parish Council and Finance Council Meeting: Thursday, June 21 at 7 PM

Fr. Maurice (Moe) Moreau: After considerable consultation between Bishop Coyne and Fr. Michael Greco, OFM Cap., Provincial Minister of the New York/New England Province of Capuchins Franciscans, it was agreed that the Capuchins would take on the parochial responsibilities for the parish of Our Lady of Good Help (St. Mary's) in Brandon and the Mission of Saint Agnes in Leicester. Bishop Coyne has appointed Fr. Maurice Moreau, OFM Cap. to be pastor of Our Lady of Good Help and its mission of Saint Agnes as well as the pastor of Saint Alphonsus in Pittsford. Fr. Moe has been a Capuchin for over twenty-five years and arrived in Vermont last September. He has been ministering at Saint Peter in Rutland and Saint Alphonsus in Pittsford. Prior to his arrival to Vermont, Fr. Moe was Pastor of the Monastery Church of the Sacred Heart in Yonkers, NY. The effective date of the appointment is July 10, 2018.

Parish Fundraising: Please help us with our **Annual Raffle!** We need people to help sell tickets. Tickets are available before and after each mass. Winners need not be present to win. Drawing Sept. 16, 2018 after the 10 AM Mass. Prizes: 1st -100 Gals. Fuel oil from Mike's Fuel, 2nd - \$300 Cash, 3rd - \$25 Gas Card from Keyser Energy, 4th—\$25 Gas Card from Keyser Fuel, 5th—\$25 Gas Card from Keyser Fuel, 6th—Quilt & Pillow, 7th—Quilt & Jewelry, 8th—Box of Truffles from Keyser Energy. Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50. Thank you for your support! For Tickets call Jean Lamarre 247-8179 We also have a **50/50 Raffle:** Tickets \$1 each or 7 for \$5
June 2nd Dinner: We profited \$74.00 Thank you for your support by attending the dinner.

Mission Appeal: June 16th and 17th: Please Welcome Fr. Romanus Igweonu from the Diocese of Abakaliki, Nigeria. Fr. Romanus has been serving the Diocese of Burlington, VT since 2006. Currently, he is serving the Barre Faith Community. Due to local church needs in his home Diocese of Abakaliki, The Catholic Diocese of Burlington, Vermont has offered Fr. Romanus this opportunity to share the needs of his home diocese with us the weekends of June 16/17. Hence, at each Mass, there will be second collections to support Fr. Romanus Parish in Abakaliki Diocese in Nigeria. Your generous donations and contributions will make a difference in the lives of the people in the faith communities in Abakaliki diocese in Nigeria. Father Romanus can be reached at 8029526188 or Email: fadaroma@hotmail.com if you need more info regarding the needs of his home diocese in Abakaliki, Nigeria.
*Our **Utility Fund** collection on **June 16 & 17** will be put in the 1st collection and the 2nd collection will be for the Mission Appeal.

Diocesan News: An Update from the Office of Evangelization, Catechesis, Marriage & Family Life: Pope Francis calls for the Church to embark on a "path of pastoral and missionary conversion which cannot leave things as they presently are" ("Evangelii Gaudium," 25). Specifically, he calls for the Church to raise up missionary disciples, filled with the joy of the Gospel. Following are a few examples of the Diocese of Burlington's efforts to respond to the Pope's call. **Institute for Missionary Discipleship: Lay Formation Program** Missionary disciples are men and women who know how to sit at the feet of Jesus (disciples) and are equipped and inspired to go out into the world (missionaries). The 22 men and woman from around the state in this inaugural two-year formation program are being formed with spiritual, intellectual and pastoral tools to take back to their parishes and ministries. Applications for the second class will be available in spring 2019. **Parish Staff & Volunteer Retreats** The past few popes have taken their Curia staffs for a week long retreat each Lent. Instructing the retreatants to leave their work at the office, the retreat gives them the opportunity to "come away for a time with the Lord." This year the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis made this a possibility for our parish staffs and volunteers. Two retreat days were held, one at St Jude Parish in Hinesburg and one at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Ludlow. Both retreats reflected on Pope Francis' exhortation "The Joy of the Gospel" and how we are to live this joy as missionary disciples in our pastoral ministries. The retreats will become an annual offering. **Pre-Cana** The Church has called us to evaluate how we prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. The Diocese has carefully prepared a new formation process designed to equip couples in the spiritual and human skills necessary for marriage in today's world. One part of that shift was to move a portion of the formation to an online platform. Taking advantage of the next generation's comfort with online learning and considering the fact that roughly 1/3 of the Catholic marriages in Vermont are destination weddings, this is a helpful approach. In addition, a retreat day is offered to the couples in order to give them the opportunity to set a foundation of praying and reading the Scriptures together. Couples receive a blessed Crucifix, and the Church's formal "blessing for engaged couples." **Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist** At the invitation of the Diocese, the Franciscan Sisters have established a mission presence in Vermont. This vibrant community of women, based out of Meriden, CT has a strong focus on bringing the sacred into the secular world. Their presence has already been a gift at the UVM Catholic Center, at numerous vocations events around the diocese and as a part of our new Diocesan Lay Formation Program. In addition to their primary ministries, the sisters are available to speak at parishes, schools, religious education programs and other gatherings. **Other Initiatives** The first ever Diocesan Men's conference was held on February 17 and, like the Annual Women's Retreat, will be a yearly event. We are in our second year of offering the Adult Confirmation Program which culminates with Confirmation administered by Bishop Coyne on Pentecost. Parish and regional workshops are offered regularly by the Office of Worship for our lectors and other ministers. Parish missions, retreats and workshops are being offered regularly throughout the state. All of these initiatives are only possible through the generosity of the Bishop's Appeal and the good-will and prayers of the faithful in the Diocese of Burlington. — *Deacon Phil Lawson is the Executive Director of Evangelization, Catechesis, Divine Worship, Marriage and Family, & Respect Life for the Diocese of Burlington.*

Reflections for the week

It's spring where I live. Actually it feels like summer. We sort of went right from winter to summer with no spring in between. I live in the forest and it seems like one day my back yard was bare trees and the next it was a jungle, with no spring in between. I was out yesterday with some garden nippers cutting any branch I could reach to make a path through the yard. I can't see the back of the yard. I feel like the guy in the gospel who sows a seed and the next morning has a big plant. I didn't even technically sow the seeds but I sure have the big plants. The miracle that is my backyard is sort of overwhelming for me right now, but it's still a miracle. God created the world and all the plants. He takes the branch from the Cedar and creates the new tree. Planting a seed makes a new plant whether we do anything else with it or not. My back yard grows from seeds that fall from the trees already there. There are also squirrels that plant seeds and those can grow into new trees. I go to sleep one night and wake up the next morning in a jungle. Of its own accord, the land yields fruit. If I were singing Mass today I would sing Dan Schutte's lovely song "[Like Cedars They Shall Stand](#)." It's taken from today's Psalm. How good it is to thank and honor God. And the just people are like cedar trees, upright and fruitful, and rooted in God. The kingdom of God is like the flora. The small seed grows into the large plant. It only takes a speck to grow into something vast. The mustard seed is tiny, but the plant is like a tree. It starts small then blossoms and grows into something amazing, all the people like a forest loving and praising God. onlineministries.creighton.edu