



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 Philipson, Katherine Bryant, Gloria Peduto, Rene Hendricks, Brendan Holbritter, Rosa Santos, Brian Kilpeck (Wanda Murray's son), Alison Walter, Emilie Rasmussen, Ann Marie Ford, Laura Begnoche and Jim Lofland.*

**SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS**

**Week of March 10, 2019**

**Sat 4:00 PM** Joseph Sprague by his Family  
**Sun 11:00 AM** Gil, Ellie, and Mike Kupfer by Laura & Pam  
**Wed 9:00 AM** For the People  
**Thurs 9:00AM** For the People  
**Sat 4:00 PM** Francis Ricard by Jean Pfenning & Family  
**Sun 11:00 AM** For the People

**Parish Support**

Offering for the weekend of March 3, 2019  
 (Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

**Sunday Collection**

<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$447.00</b>
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$965.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1412.00</b>
<b>Bldgs. &amp; Maint.</b>	<b>\$522.00</b>



**Ministry Schedule**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

03/09 Joe Flynn  
 03/10 Kathie Bryant  
 03/16 Robert Rojecki  
 03/17 Jean Lamarre

**Lectors**

Pike Mitchell  
 Aaron Boynton  
 Marge Munger  
 Guy Beck

**Gift Bearers**

03/09 K. Decker & C. Mitchell  
 03/10 Glenda & Bob Gearwar  
 03/16 T. Howland Family  
 03/17 R. Doty Family

**Altar Servers**

David Bertrand  
 A. Depatie & M. Harding  
 Brooke Bertrand  
 N. Depatie & A. Hayes



**Collection Counters**

03/10 Mike Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand  
 03/17 Donna Swington & Paula Bizon  
 03/24 Helen Williams & Tina Wiles



**St. Mary's Cemetery**

Location: R1T 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**

**2nd Collection for weekends in Mar.:**

**03/17 Utility Fund (Goal \$500)**  
**03/31 Catholic Relief Services**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**March 10, 2019**

**Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers:** The Diocese is asking those that currently serve churches in Rutland County attend a ministry formation workshop :

**Lector Workshops:**

Wednesday, March 20 from 5:30-7:30 pm at St. John the Baptist, Castleton

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Wednesday, March 20 from 1:00-3:00 pm at St. John the Baptist in Castleton

Monday, April 1 from 1:00-3:00 pm at Christ the King Church, Rutland

Monday, April 1 from 5:30-7:30 at Christ the King, Rutland

\*You are asked to RSVP by filling out the form that will be available at the back of the church.

**Soup and Stations:** This Wednesday the parish will have our first Soup, Bread, and Stations of the Cross for Lent of 2019. All are invited to attend. Soup and bread will take place at 6:00pm in the rectory with Stations at 7:00pm in the church. I will supply a hearty corn chowder this week. If some attending could supply the bread it would be deeply appreciated. Fr. Moe

**Lenten Theme:** "Come back to me" is this year's theme for Lent. The theme is rooted in the parable of the prodigal son. The story of the prodigal son is read ever third year on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. It is a part of cycle "C" scriptural texts for Mass. To highlight this theme a large print of Rembrandt's painting of the prodigal son hangs on the back wall of the sanctuary. Throughout the season we will be singing the song "Hosea" composed by Western Priory. Printed below are the lyrics to be used as a source for meditation in the coming week.

*Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart. Trees do bend, though straight and tall; so, must we to others' call. Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.*

*The wilderness will lead you to your heart where I will speak. Integrity and justice with tenderness you shall know. Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.*

*You shall sleep secure with peace; faithfulness will be your joy. Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our new life.*

**Catholic Relief Services' Annual Rice Bowl:** *Encounter Norma* In Guatemala, we encounter Norma, who as a young mother, supports her family and shares her skills with her community. Reflect on the importance of family in your life. How can you contribute to support families in your community? Visit [crsrice-bowl.org](http://crsrice-bowl.org) for more. Rice Bowls are available at the entrances to the church. Please be sure to take one.

**LENTEN PRACTICES:**

**9:00am Weekday Mass**

Monday & Tuesday – Saint Alphonsus', Pittsford  
 Wednesday & Thursday - Saint Mary's Rectory Chapel, Brandon

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

3:15-3:45pm – Saturdays – Saint Mary's, Brandon  
 8:30-8:45am – Sundays of Lent – Saint Alphonsus', Pittsford

**Stations of the Cross**

7:00pm – Wednesdays – Saint Mary's, Brandon  
 7:00pm – Fridays – Saint Alphonsus', Pittsford

*On Wednesdays, prior to the Stations of the Cross in Brandon, a meal of soup and bread will be offered in the rectory.*

*On Fridays, prior to the Stations of the Cross in Pittsford, a simple meatless meal is shared in the Parish Hall.*

**Days of Abstinence**

Catholics fourteen years of age and above are obliged to refrain from eating meat on Fridays of Lent unless health reasons dictate otherwise.

**ROSARY WORKSHOP, this Friday, March 15, 4-5:30PM,** in the St. Alphonsus' Parish Hall. Join us as we make a large paper mâché rosary that will be displayed in the Church for the month of May. While starting the paper mâché process (it will need to dry and be painted another day) we will learn about the prayers of the Rosary.

**DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY** As stated in last week's bulletin, **Catholic Leadership Institute** has been contracted by the Diocese of Burlington to assist the parishes in identifying their needs in becoming a vibrant parish community. Our parish will participate in a parish in-pew survey this weekend. The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** allows parishioners to reflect on their own spiritual growth and identify the ways in which the parish effectively supports that growth.

**PREPARING FOR THE EASTER VIGIL** The parishes of Saint Alphonsus and Saint Mary's will come together to celebrate the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, April 20, at 8PM, at Saint Mary's in Brandon. Both Folk Groups, and anyone else wishing to participate, are asked to attend practices. You do not need to be a member of the Folk Group but you will need to attend both practice sessions held Thursday, March 28, and Thursday, April 4, 6:30PM, at Saint Mary's Church

**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 checks to St. Mary Parish** from now on. Thank you.

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

**Readings for the Week of March 10, 2019**

**Sunday:** Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

**Next Sunday:** Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36