



SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS

Week of September 22, 2019

Sat 4:00 PM +Earnest & Georgianna Delphia by Donna Young
Sun 7:30 AM St Agnes For the People
Sun 11:00 AM For the People
Wed 9:00 AM For the People
Thurs 9:00 AM For the People
Sat 4:00 PM For the People
Sun 7:30 AM St. Agnes +Germain Bilodeau by Anita Bilodeau
Sun 11:00 AM For the People

+ indicates deceased
 * indicates living

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of September 15, 2019
 (Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose	\$ 324.95
Envelopes	\$ 737.00
Total	\$ 1061.95
Utility Fund	\$ 386.05

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 22, 2019

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

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 Philipson, Katherine Bryant, Rene Hendricks, Brendan Holbriter, Rosa Santos, Ann Marie Ford, Laura Begnoche, Bertha Dolan, Jim Lofland, Peter Giancola, Fella Molina, Stanley Delorm, and Elaine Parmelee.

Ministry Schedule



<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
09/21 Robert Rojecki	Laurie Bertrand
09/22 Jean Lamarre	Wanda Murray
09/28 Dan St. Germain	Marge Munger
9/29 Trish Bertino	Aaron Boynton
<u>Gift Bearers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
09/21 L. O'Brien Family	David Bertrand
09/22 S. Ouelette Family	A. Hayes & M. Harding
09/21 R. Howland Family	Jordan Bertrand
09/22 Glenda & Bob Gearwar	A. & O. Depatie

Collection Counters



09/22 Donna Swington & Bob Gearwar
 09/29 Mike Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand
 10/06 Katherine Bryant & Carolyn Walker

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/Oct.:

09/29 Catholic University
10/06 Bldgs. & Maint. (Goal \$600)
10/13 Utility Fund (Goal \$500)

School Supply Drive: was a great success. Thank you so much to all who donated. Thank you to Jeannine Griffin who communicated with the Principal, Marcie Hayes for sorting and packing, and Fr. Moe who helped with the delivery.

TRANSITUS : Traditionally, every year on October 3rd, Franciscans commemorate the passage (death) of St. Francis of Assisi from his earthly life to eternal life in a service known as The Transitus, and so, on Thursday, October 3, at 7:00 PM at St. Peter's Church, this traditional Franciscan Observance consisting of prayers, hymns, readings, and meditation will take place. Light refreshments will follow the service. Please consider joining us in this very beautiful and prayerful service.

BLESSING OF PETS: Since Saint Francis is the patron saint of animals it is fitting that a blessing of pets take place close to his feast day. This year Father Moe will be available Sunday, October 6, at 1:00 PM at Saint Alphonsus parking lot in front of the Parish Hall. All are encouraged to bring their pets.

Month of October - Month of The Rosary: For the Tuesdays of the month of October, desserts and coffee will be offered in the rectory at 6 PM. We will pray the rosary in the church at 7 PM. All are invited to participate.

Canonization of Cardinal Newman: You are cordially invited to celebrate the canonization of Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman on Sunday, October 13th, at Holy Family Church Hall in Essex Junction, from 4 - 7:30 pm. The evening will include Solemn Vespers, dinner and dessert, and three brief presentations on the life and thought of Cardinal Newman, featuring a guest speaker from St. Thomas More College, as well as Fr. Kevin Chalifoux and Fr. Matthew Rensch. \$10 per person/\$15 for two/\$5 for each additional guest. For more information or to RSVP by October 6th: VermontNewman@gmail.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness in your life and marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 15-17, 2019 in Isle La Motte, VT and Oct 18-20, 2019 in LACONIA, NH. For more information, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://wwmevtw.org/>.

Reflections for the Week

The theme of suppression of the poor, and swindling flows into advice on assuring peace and quiet for practicing our religion, to dealing with shrewd business practices. None of these topics has ceased to be of concern to us; they may be even more pressing today than ever before. Amos describes those who suppress the poor: they tampered with the scales; bought up the allegiance of the poor with money, and the needy with a pair of sandals. Some would even sell the sweepings of the wheat, rather than give them to the poor. Amos admonishes those who do these things: "The Lord ...will never forget a thing they have done!" Jesus speaks to his disciples, and to us, about our inevitable conflicts when we are driven to weigh what seems to be demanded by society, and what we discern in our hearts to be the will of God. The parable of the crafty, shrewd, wasteful, cunning, tricky steward has always been a puzzle to me. He deserves the negative adjectives that we may assign him, but we meet him at a time in his life that causes an abrupt change in his actions. He essentially was accused by his master of unsound and wasteful business practices. He was a poor steward, because he could not even be trusted with small matters. Suddenly, however, he was faced with the loss of his job, his social standing, and even his future livelihood. This was no longer, in most people's estimation, a small matter. His response was unexpected, but shrewd. He made friends with those who owed his master. While he still had the power to do so, he slashed the amounts that they owed the master. He, thereby, assured that he would be asked into their homes, and possibly, would even be employed by them; he was saved from ruin and humiliation. Why did Jesus seem to praise the actions of this man? When I first heard this parable as a youngster, I imagined that it was because the steward saved himself, and at the same time exhibited a kind of financial kindness to the debtors. Jesus, I now believe, is telling us that this is an example of behavior that is considered to be good practice by those who are not "Children of the Light," i.e., not yet his followers. The steward did the best that he could while in the service of money and those who control it. Jesus warns us that we cannot serve two masters. While our allegiance is divided between what pleases God, and what will merely increase our personal wealth, or social standing, we are not "in the light". We are constantly being measured, and we measure others by what riches and property they do or do not have. It is clear from Jesus' words that we should try to recognize by our actions, words, and thoughts, the goodness of God in each person. Discern the spirit of God in our hearts. St Paul was aware of the affects that kings, and others in authority can have on us and our religious practices. He reminds Timothy to offer prayers, petitions, and intercessions, especially for kings and others in authority..."so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet." God wants all of us to be saved. Pray for times of peace and quiet. Pray for times that allow us to serve just one master, God. onlineministries.creighton.edu

Diocesan News: He Speaks in the Silence: Once again, I sit here playing Bible roulette. I don't know what to say to you, Lord, and the silence is deafening. I slowly thumb through the pages, my eyes closed, each page passing like a hope for some question unanswered. What do you expect of me? Where do you want me to turn?

Each question flows like a light breeze through my soul as I pray that you pierce my heart with your words. We clutter the silence with questions and distractions. We live in a society in which every space, every moment must be filled with activities and noise. But it is in silence that God speaks the loudest, touching the deepest parts of our broken hearts. No matter what we are doing we need to take time to stop, reflect and realign our thoughts and action with Him and let Him lead us forward Living in the noise of daily life, as an intensive care physician, my job has taught me the importance of silence. All of a sudden, the lights are flashing. All of the monitors are beeping. Twenty people are rushing around. One conversation over another blends into a cloud of noise. The family cries in the background. Everyone waits for instructions to direct the next steps of this orchestrated chaos. In front of me a person, lying in stillness, completely exposed, holds onto the last breaths of life. This is what we are trained for, to make sense of the noise, to focus on what we can fix, to command a team of many, to put out the next fire. The patient is now hooked up to many pieces of equipment; the chaos subsides. Now what? That is when the work really begins. It is in the moments of silence, when everyone leaves, that I can take it all in. I watch the monitors. I look at every breath. I look at all the bags hanging, synthesizing my next steps. I look at the person, their face, and ground myself in the fact that this is a human being, with a past, a present, a family. I look at the pictures of their children on the windowsill - they have a beautiful life. It is in the silence of those moments, when the chaos subsides, that I can connect to this person, to understand what happened, to help them move forward in their care. Whatever our profession, vocation, age or capabilities we are asked one thing — to open our hearts and listen in the silence. Into the open heart God whispers His desires; in silence God gives us the gifts to carry on His work; God sees our truest selves which He so much desires. This is the importance of the White Mass for healthcare professionals. It is a time to gather under the patronage of St. Luke (the patron saint of physicians) to ask God's blessing upon us, our patients and our work. Healthcare professionals have the great privilege and responsibility of serving the sick and this allows us to revive and enrich our call in unity with the Lord. It is a time for us to reflect on the moment Jesus called us to this vocation. It is an important reminder that we also need to take care of our spiritual needs in order to be able to properly serve with full hearts, to be still and listen to God's voice. — *Dr. Marta Kokoszynska*