



**Please note that the mass times on the bulletin cover do not yet reflect the current changes*

SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS
Week of September 16, 2018

Sat 4:00 PM For the People
Sun 7:30AM St. Agnes – For the People
Sun 11:00 AM Jerry & Doris Flint 50th Anniversary by Jeannine Griffin
Wed 9:00 AM Deacon Gary Griffin by Jeannine Griffin
Thurs 9:00AM For the People
Sat 4:00 PM For the People
Sun 7:30 AM St. Agnes– For the People
Sun 11:00 AM Deacon Gary Griffin by Jeannine Griffin

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of **September 9, 2018**
(Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)
Sunday Collection
Loose \$457.50
Envelopes \$1024.00
Total \$1481.50
Vermont Catholic \$306.00

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

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

Readings for the Week of September 16, 2018

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37



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 Philipsen, Katherine Bryant, Gloria Peduto, Rene Hendricks, Brendan Holbriiter, and Rosa Santos .



Ministry Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
09/15 Mary Bugnacki	Laurie Bertrand
09/16 Jeannine Griffin	Terry Zimmer
09/22 Donna Swingleton	Joe Flynn
09/23	Trish Bertino
Gift Bearers	Altar Servers
09/15 T. Howland Family	Jordan Bertrand
09/16 T. Depatie Family	B. Stanley & A. Hayes
09/22 L. Bertrand Family	Brooke Bertrand
09/23 Glenda & Bob Gearwar	BThorton&N.Depatie

Collection Counters

09/16 Glenda Gearwar
09/23 Katherine Bryant
09/30 Helen Williams & Paula Bizon



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.:

09/16 Utility Fund– Goal: \$500
09/30 Catholic University
*** 10/07 Restoration/ Bldg. & Maint.– Goal: \$600**

*** Funds from this collection will go towards the much needed painting of the exteriors of the church and rectory.**

Parish Finance Council: Meeting on Wednesday, September 19, at 6 PM.

Social Concerns Committee: Meeting on Thursday, September 20, at 6 PM

Parish Council : Meeting on Thursday, September 20, at 7 PM

Harvest Fest: Will be held September 30th at Estabrook Field from 1-4 PM. We will be setting up at noon with Baked Goods/Donuts/ Coffee and Hot Cider. If you would like to bake something it would be greatly appreciated. Or just stop by and say hello! Please contact Jean Lamarre at 353-7881 with any questions.

Parish Library: “ I want an informed, well-educated laity.” Starting on September 22, the parish library (in the basement of the hall) will be open on Saturdays from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Please take the opportunity to come and browse and/or borrow a book. If you have any questions, please call Emilie Rasmussen (802) 458-7962.

St. Alphonsus Parish, Pittsford, Vermont 2018 Harvest Dinner
October 14, 2018 Roast Turkey Dinner with all the fixings and Homemade Desserts will be held on October 14, 2018 in the Parish Hall. Serving between 4:00 – 6:00 PM. Adults: \$12.00, Children 12 and under \$7.00. Family of 4 (2 adults, 2 children under 12) \$30.00. Take outs available. Tickets sold at the door. All are welcome. Point of contact: Bill & Mary Gladski, Phone: 483-2391.

From the Pastor's Desk:

Holyday and Holiday Mass Schedule:

Committee Information

The ad hoc committee for the Holyday and Holiday Mass schedule met last week in the rectory in Pittsford and will meet again on Monday evening starting in the Church in Brandon. The fourteen people serving on the committee are your representatives.

The parishioners serving on the committee from Our Lady of Good Help are Karen Decker, Randy Denis, Joe Flynn, Jeannine Griffin, Cristy Harding, Chuck Memoe, and Marge Munger. The parishioners serving on the committee from Saint Alphonsus are Jon Carrara, Melanie Clerihew, Monica Keith, Kelley Mills, Kerri Polli, Gerry Sabol, and Kathy Shortsleeves.

The first meeting was an opportunity for the committee members to introduce themselves to one another. Time was taken to pray and the ten values to determine the new schedule were presented and discussed. If you have any concerns about the Holyday and Holiday schedule of Masses and services, please speak to the committee members.

Fr. Moe

The movie A Man of His Word is coming to Middlebury! From acclaimed director Wim Wenders, and an official entry at the Cannes Film Festival, *A Man of His Word*, which is about Pope Francis, will be playing **this Wednesday, September 19** at *The Marquis* in Middlebury. Show times 1:00 pm, 3:30 pm, 6:00 pm. We are grateful to *The Marquis* for obtaining this film, and to a parishioner who made inquiries about the possi-

Reflections for the Week

Years ago, when I professed my vows to live as a Sister of St. Francis, I added a tag line and said: "...and the power of the Cross will sustain me." Did I know or realize what I was saying? At the least, I trusted in the words as they were more than words, but a strong belief in an ever-present crucified Christ who had been, and still IS, resolutely faithful in our relationship. Jesus tells us *to deny oneself, take up our cross and follow him*. In other words, I can't let anyone or thing stand in the way of my relationship with him. He sternly scolds Peter, his friend and disciple, "get behind me Satan". What are the obstacles in life that interfere with my or our path to Jesus, to greater freedom and to ultimately becoming who we are meant to be. "Who do people say that I am?" Jesus in his own path to LIFE, touches base in a discerning way to seek information that will keep him faithfully on task. Saint Ignatius put it simply in his writing of the *Spiritual Exercises, First Principle and Foundation: Our only desire and our one choice should be this: I want, and I choose what better leads to God's deepening his life in me. (David Fleming, SJ translation)* The power of the cross? It is LIFE, LOVE, SURRENDER and an EMBRACE. It is a road map. I share these two images with you. One is the replica of the San Damiano Cross through which Jesus spoke to St. Francis of Assisi saying "rebuild My church". It is an image of a living Jesus, with eyes wide open and arms outstretched ready to embrace the world. "Whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." GOOD WORKS. The other image is a picture I took while on retreat this year of the corpus of Jesus in the chapel. It is an enhanced photo which gave me the illusion of the moment Jesus gives up his spirit. He surrenders, and pulls away from the cross, the instrument of death that leads to LIFE. The moment of resurrection--FAITH. In reflecting on the Cross, I can only do this in the light of the resurrection and the living God. While on retreat, I spent much time with Mary at the foot of the cross praying for parents who have lost a child. Mary's own surrender to God became a portal for the GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL that would comfort those who mourn for centuries to come. "For he has freed my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling... I shall walk before the Lord, in the land of the living."—Psalm 116 Heidi Russel in her recent address on the Trinity at the Leadership Conference of Women Religious National Assembly stated, "When our love is more fierce than our grief, death leads to resurrection." Today I will gather with the Christian Community around the table of Love. We celebrate the Eucharist with gratitude. As sign, symbol and presence of the living God who surrendered life in Jesus, who gave us the gift and knowledge of new life in his resurrection, we will receive the body and blood of Jesus in Communion. Here is unity and nourishment to pick up our crosses. We will go forth to "love and serve one another." Faith and Good Works! The Cross is a reality that has been part of our lives in many ways. I have no doubt as anyone who reflects on scripture today will identify this reality. My hope is that the resurrection is also a reality. For me, the symbol of the Cross has been before me throughout my life. My parents were married on the Feast of the Exultation of the Cross, 9/14. I lived in community with my Franciscan Sisters at St. Mary of Sorrows Parish whose feast is 9/15. As a Franciscan, the feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis is 9/17 as Francis himself desired to be in union with the crucified Christ. Living among and with people of developing nations, people on the margins in our own country, as well as meeting the pain in lives of those I have met in other ministries has put flesh and blood to the suffering Christ. While the images and symbols are strong, the lived reality is both grace and gift. It has been an experience of both faith and good works. There has been death and life. It is what picking up one's cross and following Jesus has been about and I will always believe that "the power of the Cross will sustain me."

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