



**SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Week of January 14, 2018**

<b>Sat</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Pro Populo
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Pro Populo
<b>Mon</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	No Mass
<b>Wed</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	No Mass
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	No Mass
<b>Fri</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	No Mass
<b>Sat</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Intentions of Fr. Vincent by Angela & Dean
<b>Sun</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Benware Family by Diane Benware

**Parish Support**

Offering for the weekend of **January 7, 2018**  
(Our Goal is \$1,800.00 each week)

**Sunday Collection**

<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$136.00</b>
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$603.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$739.00</b>
<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>	<b>\$224.75</b>

*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 January 7, 2018**

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21

**Next Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20



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, Francine Leary, 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 Holbritter, Rosa Santos and Jean Pfenning.*

**Ministry Schedule**



<b><u>Eucharistic Ministers</u></b>	<b><u>Lectors</u></b>
01/13 Mary Bugnacki	Pike Mitchell
01/14 Jeannine Griffin	Bernie Carr
01/20 Jerry Flint	Laurie Bertrand
01/21 Joe Flynn	Guy Beck
<b><u>Gift Bearers</u></b>	<b><u>Altar Servers</u></b>
01/13 Karen Decker	Brook Bertrand
01/14 T. Depatie Family	N. Depatie & M. Harding
01/20 T. Howland Family	David Bertrand
01/21 Glenda & Bob Gearwar	A. & O. Depatie

**Collection Counters**



01/14 Tina Wiles & Glenda Gearwar
01/21 D. Swington & Carolyn Walker
01/28 Tina Wiles & 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](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).

**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 Jan.:**

**01/14 Restoration Fund**

**01/21 Utility Fund**

**01/28 Catholic Education Collection**

**Contribution Envelopes and Calendars for 2018** will be available for pick-up at the back of the church after mass. Please remember to get yours or sign up for one if you are not already on the list. Thank you

**Annual Financial Contribution Statements** for 2017 taxes will be provided upon request. You may sign up at back table after masses or stop by the office, phone, or email if you would like one. Thank you.

**Fr. Vincent will be on vacation from January 22nd to February 22nd.** For emergencies such as funerals, anointing of the sick- Fr. Richard Tinney- Tel: 802-773-7648(Rutland) or our deanery priests Fr. Yvon Royer- 802-334-6810 (Vergennes) or Fr. Luke Austin- 802-388-2943 (Middlebury).

The Parish Office will be open on Wednesdays and Thursdays. There will be no adoration on First Friday of February. Please pray for my safe travels.

**World Marriage Day 2018 Celebration with Bishop Coyne**

The celebration of World Marriage Day in the Diocese of Burlington will take place on **Sunday, February 4th, 2018 at the 10:00 AM** Sunday Mass at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral in Burlington with recognition being given to those couples celebrating their Milestone Anniversaries in the year 2018 (5, 10, 15, etc....). Couples can also choose to be recognized in their parish and receive a certificate on the following Sunday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>. Please register through the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, Marriage and Family Life at: [ljudelin@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:ljudelin@vermontcatholic.org) or online: [www.vermontcatholic.org](http://www.vermontcatholic.org)

**Diocesan News: 1st Ever Catholic Men's Conference in Vermont!** In 2017, there were 93 Catholic Men's Conferences around the country. All seeking to address a need. What does it mean to be a Catholic man of faith today? How can I be the husband, father, son, brother and man that the Lord is calling me to be? These are good questions! And so growing numbers of men have been coming together to learn, to pray, to be inspired and to be strengthened to live out their faith in their families and in the wider world. The Diocese of Burlington is very excited to announce that it will be hosting our 1st ever Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference on **Saturday, February 17, 2018**. Dr. Ray Guarendi will be our keynote presenter. Dr. Ray is a father of ten, clinical psychologist, author, professional speaker and national radio and television host. His radio show, "The Dr. Is In" can be heard on over 440 stations and Sirius XM channel 130. His TV show, "Living Right With Dr. Ray" is aired in 140 countries. In addition, Fr. Tim Naples, author of "You Are That Man" will speak on male spirituality and David Allbee, husband, father and teacher, will offer practical tips and advice. This past November, the Diocese of Burlington hosted its 7th annual Women's Retreat, which sold out. The question came up, why don't we do something similar for the men? Wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, perhaps this men's conference can be given as a gift to the husband, dad, son, or brother in your life. Perhaps even as a Valentine's Day Gift this year. Pope Francis in his document on family life, "The Joy of Love" offers some strong words of encouragement to men. Let us take the opportunity, in this Diocesan "Year of the Family" to step up to the plate and become the Catholic men of faith that we are called to be. More information and registration information can be found at:

[vermontcatholic.org/men](http://vermontcatholic.org/men) — **Deacon Phil Lawson is the Executive Director of Evangelization, Catechesis, Divine Worship, Marriage and Family, & Respect Life**

**Reflections for the week**

As we settle into the new year, the gratitude I experienced over the Christmas holiday stays with me. One of my abundant blessings in my life is the presence of mentors. My life is better because of spiritual mentors, career mentors, parenting mentors and others who have guided, supported, taught and challenged me throughout my life. A source of wisdom, a mentor takes the long view and offers encouragement and challenge at key times in life. The term comes from Homer's Odyssey in which Odysseus entrusts the care of his kingdom, Ithaca, and his son, Telemachus, to the wise Mentor. The readings today feature many powerful mentors. The first reading from Samuel tells of the Lord calling out to Samuel but Samuel does not understand who was calling to him. Each time the Lord calls out, Samuel runs to Eli to answer. Eli finally pieces everything together and as a mentor to Samuel he helps Samuel understand how he should answer by instructing Samuel to say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." Eli's encouragement helped the young Samuel to be open to the word of God that guided Samuel throughout his life. Another spiritual mentor, Paul, speaks to the Corinthians in the second reading. Paul says: "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body." Hearing these words through a lens of mentorship brings new meaning to the phrase "your body is a temple" which sadly has become a bit of a cliché. Excuses to not eat certain foods or to exercise a particular way can be framed in the "my body is a temple" phrase, but somehow the call to glorify God gets lost in the translation. Paul is challenging the Corinthians to consider their attitudes and practices about sexuality. Hearing Paul challenge the Corinthians breathes new life into this phrase and invites me to explore what attitudes about my life I need to pray about. John the Baptist is a model of a spiritual mentor into today's Gospel from John. Just as a mentor can help someone find a life changing path, he declares to two of his disciples to "Behold the Lamb of God" when he sees Jesus. Trust is essential to a relationship between a mentor and the person being mentored and it is obvious John's disciples had great trust in him as they were open to his guidance and willingly followed Jesus as the Messiah they had been waiting for. The trust also extended among family as Andrew brings his brother to follow Jesus. The Gospel response says it so clearly, "We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace." Today I am inspired to look for opportunities to be a spiritual mentor to others. When can I invite someone to hear God's call? How can I challenge someone who might be making a choice that does not glorify God? What are some ways I can support those who appreciate the truth and grace of our Messiah? And how can I be open to the mentors in my life who urge me to behold the Lamb of God?

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