



**SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Week of June 9, 2019**

**Sat 4:00 PM** Robert Forguites by Jean Pfenning  
**Sun 7:30 AM St Agnes** - Marjorie Ratcliffe by Sally Foster  
**Sun 11:00 AM-** Ellen Noonan Gallagher and Jerry Noonan by the Noonan Family  
**Wed 9:00 AM** For the People  
**Thurs 9:00 AM-** Marge Munger by Jeannine Griffin  
**Sat 4:00 PM -** Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet  
**Sun 7:30 AM St. Agnes-** Gil, Ellie and Mike Kupfer by Laura & Pam  
**Sun 11:00 AM-** Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet

**Parish Support**

**Offering for the weekend of June 2, 2019**  
**(Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)**

**Sunday Collection**

<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$413.50</b>
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$988.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1401.50</b>
<b>Catholic Communications</b>	<b>\$266.15</b>

**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 June 9, 2019**

**Sunday:** Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13  
**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Jn 19:25-34  
**Tuesday:** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Mt 5:13-16  
**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 3:4-11/Mt 5:17-19  
**Thursday:** 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Mt 5:20-26  
**Friday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 5:27-32  
**Saturday:** 2 Cor 5:14-21/Mt 5:33-37  
**Next Sunday:** Prv 8:22-31/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15



**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, Rene Hendricks, Brendan Holbriiter, Rosa Santos, Alison Walter, Emilie Rasmussen, Ann Marie Ford, Laura Begnoche, Bertha Dolan, Jim Lofland, Peter Giancola, Fella Molina and Stanley Delorm.



**Ministry Schedule**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

06/08 Dan St. Germain  
 06/09 Jean Lamarre  
 06/15 Robert Rojecki  
 06/16 Trish Bertino

**Lectors**

Marge Munger  
 Terry Zimmer  
 Joe Flynn  
 Wanda Murray

**Gift Bearers**

06/08 T. Howland Family  
 06/09 R. Doty Family  
 06/15 L. O'Brien Family  
 06/16 T. Depatie Family

**Altar Servers**

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



**Collection Counters**

06/09 Carolyn Walker & Paula Bizon  
 06/16 Glenda Gearwar & Tina Wiles  
 06/23 Donna Swington & Bob Gearwar



**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).

**Office is open on Wednesday**  
**10:00 am—3:00 pm**  
**Thursday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**2nd Collection for weekends in June/July:**

**06/09 Bldgs. & Maint. (Goal \$600)**  
**06/16 Utility Fund (Goal \$500)**  
**07/07 Peter's Pence Collection**

**Father's Day:** is Sunday, June 16th, the day we remember our fathers, living or deceased. There are envelopes at the front and back of the church. Please return to the Parish Office by Thursday, June 13th. Those remembered will be prayed for at several masses.

**Annual Raffle:** It's time for our Annual Raffle. We need your help selling tickets! If you sell at least 18 tickets, you will receive a free ticket at the raffle. We will start selling tickets the weekend of Mother's Day, May 11th at the back of the church. Tickets will be available in the church for you to buy and pick up to sell in May. Please continue to sell tickets throughout the summer as the success of the raffle depends on all of you. The prizes and drawing date are as follows: **Drawing** September 8, 2019 after the 11:00 AM Mass  
**1st Prize:** 15' laptop computer w/HD  
**2nd Prize:** 32' LED Color TV  
**3rd Prize:** \$50 Gift Certificate to Brandon Motor Lodge  
**4th Prize:** \$20 Gift Certificate to Mae's Place  
**5th Prize:** \$20 Gift Certificate to Café Provence  
 Winner need not be present to win. **Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50. !! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!** Any questions or concerns, please call Jean Lamarre at 353-7881.

**Diocesan Marriage Retreat:** Celebrate Marriage will be presented on Saturday, June 29, 2019, from 10:00am-4:30pm at Christ the King Parish Hall in Rutland. This is a day long retreat for married couples to renew, strengthen, and enrich their marriage. There is a \$30 registration fee for materials, lunch, and morning snacks. Registration is available at: <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/celebrate-marriage-enrichment/>

**Bishop's Annual Appeal 2019:** To date the people of our parish have pledged \$2900, which is 22.34% of our diocesan assessment of \$12,979. Please mail in your donations or visit: [www.vermontcatholic.org/giveonline](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/giveonline). Thank you for your generosity.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." Allow the Holy Spirit to fill your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 15-17, 2019 in Isle La Motte, VT and Jun 28-30, 2019 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://wwmevtw.org/>.

**Reflections for the Week**

As a former teacher, I remember vividly how the end of the school year gets crazy. Few types of tired rival the sheer fatigue found in a classroom in May. I found myself lacking the energy for long, elaborate prayers, but the one that always seemed to fit this season of stress was "Come Holy Spirit". Nothing helps calm my spinning brain than a deep breath and repeating "Come Holy Spirit". And the Holy Spirit always comes. Always. It may not be a tongue of fire or a strong driving wind, but it was the inspiration of what to say to a concerned parent. It was the peace that if I couldn't motivate a student, I could still pray for him, and ask the Holy Spirit to be with him. It was the breath of refreshment I needed to make it through the last period of a long day. It was even the gentle reminder within my heart that "we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him." The anxiety, the frustrations and the burdens of daily life are all opportunities for grace. It's the Holy Spirit whispering to me to see past the suffering and truly live the meaning of the Easter Season beyond Pentecost. In fact, as we leave the Easter season, we are commissioned to spread the joy of Easter. In today's Gospel, Jesus says "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." We are sent into the world, not empty handed, but overflowing with the peace and joy of the Spirit. We are called to trust that the Spirit will be with us in whatever suffering, confusion or anxiety we encounter, and when we don't know what to do or say, we can trust in the simplicity of the prayer "Come Holy Spirit". [onlineministries.creighton.edu](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu)

**Diocesan News: 'Veni Sancte Spiritus'** The first time I sensed the presence of the Holy Spirit, I was four years old. It was late. I'd had a difficult time falling asleep. My room had been invaded by shadows, each growing more and more sinister by the headlights of passing cars. I'd called for my parents several times. The last time they came in to comfort me, they made it clear it would be the last time or there would be consequences. Once the door was closed, it wasn't just shadows that frightened me. There was something there. Something awful. I remembered hearing at church, that the Holy Spirit was called "The Great Comforter." Knowing I couldn't call my parents again, I began to pray. I told the Holy Spirit I was frightened. There was something scary in my room, to please take it away and comfort me. I was surprised to suddenly feel cold as it was summer, goosebumps spread from my wrists to my shoulders. Then it was as if a balloon expanded with air, displacing the frightening atmosphere I had felt in my room, until my entire room was overtaken with peace. I knew my prayer had been answered. I fell asleep feeling calm and comforted. This is how I met and understood the third person of the Trinity, years ago, as a small, scared, vulnerable child. I learned to call upon him ever since. I call when I am frightened or need clarity and wisdom. On Pentecost, we celebrate the arrival of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. Before Christ ascended into heaven, he told them his Spirit would arrive to comfort them. It is through the Holy Spirit that we experience God here, with us. The liturgy of Pentecost includes one of the more striking medieval texts in the Roman Missal, "Veni Sancte Spiritus," or "Come Holy Spirit." The text is poetry. Its truth moves through my body as I read it, reacquainting me to the Holy Spirit. "Veni Sancte Spiritus" gives me new language to use as I call upon him. Through its words I learn more about who the Holy Spirit is and I learn to trust him. "Come, Holy Spirit, come! And from your celestial home/ Shed a ray of light divine!" In his First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul tell us that the gifts of the Holy Spirit include understanding and wisdom. We call upon the Holy Spirit to come from heaven, to bring light, "shed a ray of light divine," to enable us to see and understand the spiritual more clearly. "You, of comforters the best;/ You, the soul's most welcome guest;/ Sweet refreshment here below." "The soul's most welcome guest." Isn't he? St. Paul writes in his Letter to the Romans that our very crying out, our longing for God, is the Spirit affirming that we are his children. We belong to him. When we sense his presence, we catch a glimpse of God's glory even if just for a moment. What a refreshment that is to find comfort when we had none. "O most blessed Light divine,/ Shine within these hearts of yours,/ And our inmost being fill!" In the Acts of the Apostles, St. Paul says that in the Holy Spirit, "we live and move and have our being." He fills us up and without the Holy Spirit we are hollow. At Pentecost, we remember that first arrival of the Holy Spirit. The "Veni Sancte Spiritus" renews my understanding of the Holy Spirit, reminding me to call on him and he will be near. — *Shemaiah Gonzalez Catholic News Service*