



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, Charlotte Swain, Marilyn Morris, David Philipsen, Rene Hendricks, Brendan Holbritter, Rosa Santos, Laura Begnoche, Bertha Dolan, Peter Giancola, Fella Molina, and Stanley Delorm.

SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS
Week of January 5, 2020

Sat 4:00 PM 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 11:00 AM For the People

+ indicates deceased
* indicates living

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of **December 29, 2019**
(Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose Envelopes	\$474.86
Total	\$790.00
Christmas Offering	\$1264.86
	\$1728.11

Please Note:

Please make out all checks to **St. Mary Parish**. Thank you.

Readings for the Week of January 5, 2020

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Ministry Schedule



Eucharistic Ministers

01/04 Joe Flynn
01/05 Kathie Bryant
01/11 Marge Munger
01/12 Trish Bertino

Gift Bearers

01/04 S. Munger & K. Decker
01/05 Glenda & Bob Gearwar
01/11 T. Howland Family
01/12 T. Depatie Family

Lectors

Laurie Bertrand
Trish Bertino
Diane Benware
Wanda Murray

Altar Servers

Brooke Bertrand
A. & O. Depatie
Jordan Bertrand
B. Stanley & B. Thornton



Collection Counters

01/05 Katherine Bryant & Carolyn Walker
01/12 Helen Williams & Bob Gearwar
01/19 Donna Swington & Glenda Gearwar

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 Jan.:

01/12 Bldgs. & Maint. (Goal \$600)
01/19 Utility Fund (Goal \$500)
01/26 Catholic Education

Contribution Envelopes and Calendars: Are available at the back of the church. Please pick up and check that the information is correct. If you don't have envelopes, please choose one from the bottom of the list and add your information. Thank you

Kurn Hattin Homes for Children: "Thanks so much for all the warm items, cards and candy for our kids. It made for a special Christmas!"

World Marriage Day Mass with Bishop Married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20...55, 57) who wish to be recognized at the Diocese Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington on February 2, 2020, at the 10:00am mass. Please contact Valerie Parzyck at (802) 658-6110 Ext. 1131 or vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org to register. (include couples names, anniversary year being celebrated, date married, and where married -church w/ location) by Monday, January 27, 2020. Senior couples who are unable to attend can be recognized with a certificate. Requests need be submitted by parish staff, with the same information listed above and sent to Valerie Parzyck. The certificate will be mailed to the parish, to honor this couple locally. World Marriage Day on February 9, is traditionally celebrated within the parish with a special blessing for married couples.

Reflections for the Week

Falling Down and Being Lifted Up. In the Nativity scenes we set up in churches and homes we are familiar with the three figures that make their appearance today, joining the figures of Jesus, Mary, Joseph, shepherds and various creatures. In many such scenes these visitors from the east, bearing their gifts, stand in awe, though perhaps one or more of them may bend a knee. But rarely, gazing at these figures, do we feel the power of the scripture that today proclaims, "They prostrated themselves and did him homage." To be prostrate is to be flat on the floor, face down, disarmed, immobile, vulnerable. Much more than a nod of the head, or a quick genuflection, this gesture expresses the heart's conviction of being in the Presence of "One mightier than I." These "foreigners" express through their bodies, the inner stance of deep humility, the only true response in the presence of God in the flesh in Jesus. St. Augustine, reflecting back on his long, tortuous journey to faith, acknowledged that the ultimate block to his final conversion came in the form of pride. It was what he learned through grasping the truth of the Incarnation that provided the way forward: "In this lower world, he built for himself a lowly habitation of our clay . . . so that [people] might go on no further in self-confidence but rather consent to become weak, seeing the Deity before their feet, made weak by taking on our mortality; and wearied, might cast themselves down on him, so that rising again, he might lift them up." St. Augustine learned through the infant Jesus to surrender to the power of God and to let himself be lifted up. Perhaps today, as we gaze at these visitors who come to the stable, we might be moved to imitate them, at least in our hearts. And gazing at them, we might ask ourselves where we need to surrender to the power of God today so that he might lift us up? onlineministries.creighton.edu

Otter Valley Roman Catholic
Community Events

Mon Jan 6: RCIA Program, Saint Alphonsus, 7PM.

Sun Jan 19: Family Catechesis, required for Grades 6-9, will start at 5:00 PM, beginning with a potluck meal in the Parish Hall. All are invited. This week's topic is *The Challenges of Following Christ*.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER "Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another." Work to live in your marriage as God desires by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020 in Huntington, NY and Mar 13-15, 2020 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://wwwmevtw.org/>.

3RD ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE Saturday March 28th, at Saint Anthony's Church, White River Junction. The keynote speaker is retired Air Force Captain, Guy Gruters. Guy is a decorated Vietnam War veteran who spent five and a half years as a POW in Vietnam, and a lifetime Catholic. Other speakers will include Msgr. John McDermott and Paul Kendall. There will also be opportunities for confession, Eucharistic Adoration, lunch, fellowship, and Mass with Bishop Coyne. Registration and more info at: www.vermontcatholic.org/men