



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

SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS

Week of September 2, 2018

Sat 4:00 PM Art Pfenning by Mary Bugnacki & Chuck Memoe
Sun 7:30AM St. Agnes – For the People
Sun 11:00 AM Joanne McCue by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Custeau
Wed 9:00 AM No Mass
Thurs 9:00AM No Mass
Fri 1– 3 PM Adoration
Sat 4:00 PM For the People
Sun 7:30 AM St. Agnes– Gil, Ellie & Mike Kupfer by Laura & Pam
Sun 11:00 AM Rita Morgan Keeler by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Custaeu

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of August 26, 2018
 (Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

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| Loose | \$298.17 |
| Envelopes | \$922.00 |
| Total | \$1220.17 |

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 2, 2018

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37



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, Rosa Santos and Jean Pfenning

Ministry Schedule



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| Eucharistic Ministers | Lectors |
| 09/01 Joe Flynn | Joe Flynn |
| 09/02 Jeannine Griffin | Bernie Carr |
| 09/08 Sally Foster | Pike Mitchell |
| 09/09 | Wanda Murray |
| Gift Bearers | Altar Servers |
| 09/01 R. Howland Family | Brooke Bertrand |
| 09/02 R. Doty Family | N.Depatie & M.Harding |
| 09/08 E. Parmelee & S. Munger | David Bertrand |
| 09/09 S. Ouellette Family | A. & O. Depatie |

Collection Counters



09/02 Mike Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand
 09/09 Donna Swington & Paula Bizon
 09/16 Glenda Gearwar & Tina Wiles

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.:

* **09/02 Restoration/ Bldg. & Maintenance– Goal: \$600**
09/09 Vermont Catholic Magazine
09/16 Utility Fund– Goal: \$500

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

Parish Fundraising: There are only **3 weeks left** for our Annual Raffle. Drawing Sept. 16, 2018 after the 11 AM Mass. We really need your support to help sell tickets. If we could all just take 6 tickets to sell it will boost our sales and hopefully be a big success! We thank you for all your support. Prizes: 1st -100 Gals. Fuel oil from Mike's Fuel, 2nd - \$300 Cash, 3rd - \$25 Gas Card from Keyser Energy, 4th—\$25 Gas Card from Keyser Fuel, 5th—\$25 Gas Card from Keyser Fuel, 6th—Quilt & Pillow, 7th—Quilt & Jewelry, 8th—Box of Truffles from Keyser Energy. Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50. Thank you for your support! For Tickets call Jean Lamarre 247-8179. We also have a **50/50 Raffle:** Tickets \$1 each or 7 for \$5

Office Hours: Next week the rectory will be open on Tuesday, September 4th, from 10-3 and on Thursday, September 6th, from 10–1.

CCD News: It's now time to register your child(ren) for religious education. Please fill out a registration form, found in the back of the church. You may put the form in the collection basket at church, drop it off at the rectory, or mail it to the rectory, as soon as possible. Please keep in mind that the first class is on September 16th and all grades will have classes on Sundays, from 9:45 to 10:45 am. Please let me know if you have questions, or if you would like to volunteer! Any questions please contact Guy Beck at 352-9040 or gjbeckfamily@myfairpoint.net.

Ministries at St. Mary's: New ministry lists for Lectors, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Gift Bearers will soon be posted for October to December. If you serve in one of these ministries, please contact Melly Flynn at 247-6482 about dates you might unavailable. If you are interested in volunteering for one of these ministries, also please contact Melly. Training will be provided. Many thanks to all of you who serve our church!

Diocesan News: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER For The Care of Creation: Sept. 1 is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Three years ago Pope Francis called for the Catholic Church to participate in the global observation, which has been celebrated by the Orthodox Church since 1989. "The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live," said the pope in the 2015 letter establishing the participation of the Catholic Church in this day of prayer. The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation ushers in the Season of Creation, which runs from Sept. 1 through Oct. 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron of ecology. For ideas on how your parish can take part in these celebrations, visit: seasonofcreation.org, catholicclimatemovement.global and catholicclimatecovenant.org. Originally published in the 2018 fall issue of *Vermont Catholic Magazine*. — *Stephanie Clary, manager of mission outreach and communication, Diocese of Burlington*

Addison County Right to Life will meet at 6:30 PM on Thursday Sept. 13th at Valley Bible Church on RT. 125 in East Middlebury. All members are encouraged to attend and visitors are welcome. For more info contact Chris Holden at 388-3563 or bobbillchris@rwch.net.

Harvest Fest: Will be held September 30th at Esterbrook 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.

Reflections for the Week

Once again, we find Jesus being confronted by religious authorities; in this case he is approached by some Pharisees and scribes. They came from Jerusalem and thus carried weight in the matter they questioned Jesus and the disciples about. The gathered around Jesus and observed negatively that Jesus' disciples did not do the prescribed ritual washing of the hands before they ate. Mark's gospel explains that "for the pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the *tradition of the elders*." They ask Jesus why this happens and he pushes back calling them "hypocrites" for their question; he refers to a passage from the Prophet Isaiah that they are people who honor God only with their lips and that they choose to disregard God's commandment and cling to merely human tradition. The *human* tradition Jesus refers to ("the tradition of the elders") was not found in their Scriptures but they were part of human tradition. This tradition by the time of Jesus was understood to be peripheral and burdensome to understand and to implement. They were derived from good practices but were applied in an extreme manner and seemed to have missed the ultimate purpose of a good life flowing out of the Hebrew Scriptures. Thus, the tradition of the elders seems to have become more important to the Pharisees and scribes than God's own commandment. The point Jesus is making to the inquirers is that the defilement they seek to avoid in their accusing the disciples of not ceremonially washing their hands is not a cause of ritual defilement. That comes out of the very core of a person. An action is good or not because it is an *external* violation, but both goodness and defilement flow out of that core, one's *heart*. How might we receive and react to the Pharisees' reactive criticism and Jesus' response to their questioning? Jesus here affirms in the dialogue with the Pharisees that one's interior attitude is clearly far more important than merely fulfilling an external command. The ritual washing pales against the meal that is being prepared and shared together by the disciples. *Gracious God, you know us at the core of our being, our heart. Help us to serve you with generosity and peace. Be with us as we seek you with sincere hearts. We are grateful for your care for us and your call that invites us to be women and men of joy and concern for others.*
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