



**SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Week of April 8, 2018**

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**



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| <b><u>Eucharistic Ministers</u></b> | <b><u>Lectors</u></b>       |
| 04/07 Diane Benware                 | Diane Benware               |
| 04/08 Jeannine Griffin              | Katie Murray                |
| 04/14 Sally Foster                  | Laurie Bertrand             |
| 04/15                               | Bernie Carr                 |
| <b><u>Gift Bearers</u></b>          | <b><u>Altar Servers</u></b> |
| 04/07 E.Parmalee & S. Munger        | David Bertrand              |
| 04/08 Russell Doty Family           | B.Stanley & B.Thornton      |
| 04/14 L. Bertrand Family            | Jordan Bertrand             |
| 04/15 S. Ourlette Family            | N. Depatie & M. Harding     |

**Collection Counters**



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| 04/08 Donna Swingleton & Paula Bizon  |
| 04/15 Tina Wiles & Glenda Gearwar     |
| 04/22 Carolyn Walker & Kathryn Bryant |



**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 April:**

- 04/08 Restoration Fund**
- 04/22 Utility Fund**
- 04/29 Home Missions/Black and Native Americans**

**Easter Lilies** were given in memory of : The McDuff and Griffin Families, Deacon Gary Griffin, Marcus Carr Jr., Faith & Neil Rideout, The Carr and Kennedy Families, The Hanson and Rideout Families, Norma Norton and Louis Denis, Philip and Marjorie LaPorte, Philip & Gladys LaPorte, Joseph & Grace Sherlock, George & Margaret Nicklaw, Theron & Peg Williams and Judy Williams, A. Lee & Leona Stanley, Edward & Agnes Groeger, Daniel Bugnacki, The Kupfer & Desjadon Families, Bresnahan family, Shouldice family, Mike Keith, John Swington, Barbara Keith Foley, Francis & Frances Keith, Francis & Mildred Leary, Russell G. McAdams II, Francis E. Roberts III, Tisa Marie Porior, Howard & Viola Goulette Family, Carl & Mary Frankiewicz Family, Alfred & Viola Disorda, John Altobell, Al Poremski, Stella Poremski, Gladys & Phillip LaPorte, George & Bernice LaPorte, Ernest Delphia family, The Brutkoski family, The Buzzell family.

**Parish Council Meeting:** Thursday 19, 2018 at 7 PM

**Laetare Living Retreat – South has been rescheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 in Ludlow.** Due to one of our many winter snowstorms, the March 14<sup>th</sup> Laetare Living Retreat for Parish Ministers was postponed. This Free retreat will now take place on a nice spring day, May 1, 2018. If you didn't register previously, but would like to attend, please contact Lori Daudelin: [ldaudelin@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:ldaudelin@vermontcatholic.org) or 802-846-5813.

**April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Diocese of Burlington is hosting various opportunities to pray for healing and peace for those suffering from abuse or neglect:** 1. **Wednesday, April 18,** we will host a special **Night of Healing Prayer** in two separate locations beginning at 7:00 PM. The two locations hosting the service are: Christ the King/St. Anthony Parish in Burlington (at Christ the King Church) and Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Ludlow. Support the victims and survivors of our community by praying for healing, hope, and increased awareness about abuse and neglect so that no more will suffer. Please consider attending this event and joining us in prayer. *Be sure to mark this date on your calendar!* 2. **Monday, April 9,** we will broadcast a **Rosary for Healing and Protection** to Facebook Live beginning at 11:20am. Please tune into the [diocesan Facebook page](#) to join us in prayer!\* 3. **Monday, April 23,** we will broadcast a **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** to Facebook Live beginning at 11:20am. Please tune into the [diocesan Facebook page](#) to join us in prayer!\*

**Diocesan News: Synod Update:** After 64 listening sessions throughout the Diocese of Burlington, organizers of the diocesan synod are getting a clearer idea about what is on the minds of members of the Vermont Catholic community. Many respondents said more effort needs to be put into outreach to youth and young adults, parents and young families and inactive Catholics. Other issues included welcoming and community building, communication and evangelization. People thought the Diocese was doing well in areas of availability of Mass and the sacraments and keeping churches open and staffed. Others commended youth programs, care for the vulnerable and communication, particularly in the area of new media, are being done well. Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne, who called the synod, after consultation with the Synod Preparatory Commission, asked all the parishes in Vermont to have listening sessions. Parishioners were invited to offer responses to three questions: 1. *As the Catholic Church in Vermont, what are we doing well?* 2. *What are we doing that we should be doing better?* 3. *What are we not doing that we should be doing?* Reported attendance at parish sessions was 1,431. In addition, 195 people submitted comments online, by email or in writing. The synod delegates met for the first time in February. "This was not a formal synod session — those won't occur until the fall — but a preparatory meeting with Bishop Coyne to get acquainted, learn about the synod process and consider the results of the listening sessions with the goal of helping to focus the issues for the synod," explained Father Brian O'Donnell, executive secretary for the synod. There will be another round of consultation in parishes and throughout the Diocese, during which parishes will be asked to prioritize the areas of improvement which were identified during the first round of listening sessions, he said. The delegates will next come together with the bishop on May 5 to consider again the results of the consultation. "Further preparation will follow before the synod sessions in the fall," Father O'Donnell said. *VTC • Cori Fugere Urban*

**Reflections for the week**

Today's Gospel story is a familiar one, the story itself and the familiar term of Doubting Thomas. When I think of Thomas, he carries that doubting tag. Hah, I think to myself, that wouldn't have been me. I don't have to see Jesus to believe. But then, doubt creeps in. When I reflect on it, I feel I should give Doubting Thomas the benefit of the doubt. I've heard my entire life about Jesus and the resurrection, about God made man. Thomas was able to meet Jesus and be with him, but Thomas knew Jesus as a man. Jesus understood he was asking a lot of the apostles and Thomas. He gently tells Thomas: "Blessed are those who have not seen and believed." We all doubt. We doubt our own ability. We doubt our loved ones. We don't feel confident in what we believe. We feel abandoned. We are not sure we are worth much. The good news: We can believe in Jesus, in the crucifixion and the resurrection. Even if we can't touch the nail marks or the scourges in Jesus' side, we can believe in the presence of Jesus in our lives. And if we believe in that presence, we have to erase the doubt about ourselves and others. Today also is the Sunday of Divine Mercy, fitting as God's mercy compels us to act, to forgive, to console, to help. Acting with mercy compels us to overcome our doubts about ourselves and about others. I can help. I can contribute. I can see the God in others and in myself.  
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- Sat 4:00 PM** Locke Family by W. & M. Larrivee
- Sun 10:00 AM** Gil, Ellie & Mike Kupfer by Laura & Pam
- Mon 9:00 AM** Mary McCracken by Laine Bertrand
- Wed 9:00 AM** Antoinette Grieco by Marietta Sheehan
- Thurs 9:00 AM** Eva Betourney by Marvel
- Fri 9:00 AM** Marian DeFebo by Anonymous
- Sat 4:00 PM** Pauline McDuff's 1st Anniversary of death by the Family
- Sun 10:00 AM** Jean Foster by Warren Foster

**Parish Support**

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

**Sunday Collection**

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| <b>Loose</b>      | <b>\$446.16</b>  |
| <b>Envelopes</b>  | <b>\$1291.00</b> |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>\$1737.16</b> |
| <b>Rice Bowls</b> | <b>\$644.56</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 April 8, 2018**

- Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31
- Monday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36
- Friday:** Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21