



SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS

Week of November 25, 2018

Sat 4:00 PM All Souls
Sun 11:00 AM For the People
Wed 9:00 AM For the People
Thurs 9:00AM For the People
Sat 4:00 PM For the People
Sun 11:00 AM Deacon Gary Griffin 3rd Anniversary by Jeannine Griffin & family

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of November 18, 2018
 (Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose \$143.60
Envelopes \$809.00
Total \$952.60
Human Development \$356.55

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 November 25, 2018

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37
Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28



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 Holbritter, and Rosa Santos .

Ministry Schedule



Eucharistic Ministers

11/24 Mary Bugnacki
 11/25 Guy Beck
 12/01 Marge Mungar
 12/02 Jeannine Griffin

Gift Bearers

11/24 C. Mitchell & K. Decker
 11/25 Glenda & Bob Gearwar BThornton&B.Stanley
 12/01 L. Bertrand Family David Bertrand
 12/02 S. Ouelette Family N. Depatie & M. Harding

Lectors

Laurie Bertrand
 Aaron Boynton
 Diane Benware
 Terry Zimmer

Altar Servers

Brooke Bertrand
 David Bertrand

Collection Counters



11/25 Carolyn Walker & Katherine Bryant
 12/02 Tina Wiles & Glenda Gearwar
 12/09 Mike Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand

St. Mary's Cemetery



Location: RT 73 E. Forest Dale Rd, Brandon
 Contact Information - Please call St. Mary's Rectory. The cemetery is closed for the winter.

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

Parish Hall Library— by appointment.

Please call Emilie at 458-7962

2nd Collection for weekends in Dec.:

* **12/02 Bldg. & Maint.(Goal \$600)**
12/09 Retirement Fund for Religious
12/16 Utility Fund (Goal \$500)

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

Dodge House: We are collecting items for the Dodge House in Rutland. Items needed are: warm weather items, glove, hats, blankets and personal items. If you have crocheted or knitted blankets that you don't know what to do with, they will take them. Boxes are in the back of the church until Dec. 15th.

Pot Luck Supper: We will be having a pot luck supper after the 4PM Mass on Saturday, December 15th. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church. Please sign up to bring a dish. This is a free meal to get together for the holidays. Hope to see many there!

Christmas Concert: VT Christian Music is proud to announce our first ever Christmas Show – featuring AUSTIN FRENCH (Freedom Hymn, Born Again) BEN LAINE (I Am Here), with local favorites JESSIE LYNN & GREGORY ROSE, and THOMAS “JAZZOU” JONES. This event will be Saturday December 15, 2018 – 7PM at North Avenue Alliance Church, Burlington VT. Tickets range from \$15 to \$25/ea and can be purchased online at www.vtchristianmusic.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: “Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” Listen to God's voice by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 30-Dec 2, 2018 in Isle La Motte, VT and Mar 15-17, 2019 in Isle La Motte, VT. For more information, call Gary & Lynn Root at 802-456-8114 or visit them at <https://wwwmevtw.org/>.

Diocesan News: Life is Precious Trip: The Diocese of Burlington again will sponsor a youth pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. This second annual “Life is Precious” trip will take place Jan. 17-20, 2019. The Life is Precious trip is a comprehensive experience that reflects upon the dignity and worth of all human life. We will not only focus on the unborn but also the elderly, immigrants and the poor as well as upon racial justice, Anti-Semitism and other important issues in our world today. Participants will attend the large and dynamic *Youth Rally for Life* with thousands of other teens from throughout the country, participate in the *March for Life* and enjoy fellowship with other youth groups. We will visit the largest Catholic Church in North America, the National Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Other highlights will include visits to the Lincoln Memorial and the new Shrine of St. John Paul II. We are again planning on visiting a nursing home and perform some form of outreach to the homeless and needy. Last year a man who was formerly homeless gave a witness talk to the participants, sharing with them what it is like to live on the street and some of the poor choices he made that led him to homelessness. The teens came to see how the homeless are people with stories and a history, leading to a great compassion. A participant from last year said, “It was an incredible experience. I made many friends from the trip who shared the same beliefs as I do. We were united in a common cause. It was also great seeing so many from the around the country — particularly young people — who share the same concern for human life. The trip was incredible to say the least!” The Life is Precious trip is open to all high school teens and young adults. Please consider joining us. Cost is \$150.00 which includes transportation and most meals. — *Bill Gavin, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry.*
For more information, go to: vermontcatholic.org/event/life-is-precious-trip.

Reflections for the Week

When we celebrate “Christ, the King”, we might want to have a neat, exhaustive idea of what that means. Not because we would then go all out to celebrate it, but because we would want to know what we are up against. Understanding clearly its meaning would give us some sense of control: we would know how far Christ's claims on us might go and we could devise a system of “checks and balances” to protect ourselves. We almost spontaneously think in terms of familiar structures of political power. What we are called to celebrate today is not a concept, but our recognizing Christ as the rule/norm of our daily living, our letting his values/preferences/choices be also our values/preferences/choices. Obviously, this is not the rule/norm of our society, as the craze of Black Friday and the shopping season show us. But if, contrary to how we desire to be ruled, this is how our society is in fact ruled, the question could occur to us: are we normal? Of course, the answer to such question will depend on what we mean by “normal”. If we understand “normal” statistically as the most frequent occurrence in our society, then **no**, we are not statistically “normal”... just look around. By the way, it should be clear that in his own society Jesus was also statistically ab-normal. As it happens, though, the word “normal” already existed long before statistics became a discipline. According to its strict etymology, “normal” meant – and still means– “according to a norm”. Whatever is done according to a norm of acting is normal. If we declare Christ's teachings to be the norm of our living, then everything done according to that norm is totally, absolutely normal, regardless of frequency of occurrence. This “normalcy” is what we celebrate today: Christ as the norm of our living. onlineministries.creighton.edu