



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 .

SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS

Week of November 4, 2018

Sat 4:00 PM John A. Swington by his Family
Sun 11:00 AM Richard English by the Ahearn Family
Wed 9:00 AM For the People
Thurs 9:00AM For the People
Sat 4:00 PM Katherine Delorm by Scott & Marge Munger
Sun 11:00 AM Gil, Ellie, and Mike Kupfer by Laura & Pam

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of **October 28, 2018**
 (Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose	\$240.00
Envelopes	\$1110.00
Total	\$1350.00
Priest Benefit Fund	\$390.00

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 4, 2018

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34
Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44



Ministry Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
11/03 Diane Benware	Marge Munger
11/04 Guy Beck	Guy Beck
11/10 Bob Rojecki	Joe Flynn
11/11 Jeannine Griffin	Trish Bertino
Gift Bearers	Altar Servers
11/03 E. Parmelee & S. Munger	Brooke Bertrand
11/04 S. Ouelette Family	N. Depatie & B. Thornton
11/10 T. Howland Family	David Bertrand
11/11 R. Doty Family	A. Depatie & M. Harding



Collection Counters

11/04 Mike Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand
 11/11 Helen Williams & Paula Bizon
 11/18 Donna Swington & Katherine Bryant



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 Nov:

* **11/04 Building & Maintenance (Goal \$600)**
11/11 Utility Fund (Goal \$500)
11/18 Campaign for Human Development

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

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Library: Starting in November, the parish library will be open by appointment only. If you wish to spend some time there, please call Emilie at 458-7962, to arrange a mutually convenient time. Thank you

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: One in seven people, and one in four children, live in poverty in the United States. The second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) will be held the weekend of November 18th. This initiative is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Church. CCHD empowers low-income individuals to create positive change and end the cycle of poverty in their communities.

Election Day: Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Vote! “We encourage all citizens, particularly Catholics, to embrace their citizenship not merely as a duty and privilege, but as an opportunity meaningfully to participate in building the culture of life. Every voice matters in the public forum. Every vote counts. Every act of responsible citizenship is an exercise of significant individual power. We must exercise that power in ways that defend human life, especially those of God's children who are unborn, disabled or otherwise vulnerable. We get the public officials we deserve. Their virtue -- or lack thereof -- is a judgment not only on them, but on us. Because of this, we urge our fellow citizens to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest” (US Bishops, Living the Gospel of Life).

Mount St. Joseph Academy Open House Nov. 4: Mount St. Joseph Academy will hold an Open House for prospective students and families from Noon to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4. The Open House will include Student-Led Tours and Teacher-Student Presentations. Families will be greeted by a student ambassador who will lead them through a guided tour of the school. Faculty and staff will be on-hand to answer questions and share insights into joining the MSJ family. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Brusco at wbruso@msjvermont.org.

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Diocesan News: NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 4–10: Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, holy matrimony, consecrated life and dedicated single life are central to the life of the Church and the salvation of souls; these vocations must be prayerfully discerned. This upcoming week, Nov. 4-10, is National Vocation Awareness Week during which parishes and schools come together to pray for, educate and encourage young people to open their hearts and minds to what God's will is for their lives. It is both a privilege and a responsibility of all in the Church — priests, deacons, laity, parents, etc. — to help build a culture of vocations in which the faithful can hear and respond to the voice of God. “Responding to God's call means allowing Him to help us leave ourselves and our false security behind and to strike out on the path which leads to Jesus Christ, the origin and destiny of our life and our happiness,” Pope Francis said. National Vocation Awareness Week is intended to promote vocation awareness and to encourage youth to ask, “God, what do you want for my life?” We have to help others to recognize the movements of the Holy Spirit interiorly and to follow Christ without reservation. Even by simply inviting another to “think and pray about it, our enthusiasm and willingness to speak directly to others about vocations just might be the conversation that someone needed to respond to God's call,” said Bishop Michael Burbidge of Arlington, Virginia. Studies show that the community of faith is critical for the discernment of young people who are considering a vocation. “Over and over again when asked, newly ordained priests and newly professed men and women religious credit the encouragement of family members, coworkers, friends and clergy as being a significant factor in their pursuing a vocation,” said Father Ralph O'Donnell, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' executive director of clergy, consecrated life and vocations. This week, remember to pray for an increase of vocations in the Diocese of Burlington to priesthood, holy matrimony, consecrated life and dedicated single life and also say something to someone to encourage him or her to think and pray about what God's call might be. —Father Jon Schnobrich is the director of vocations

Reflections for the Week

In the first reading, we witness Moses' exhortation to the people of Israel: “*The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today.*” (Vv. 4-6) Moses is telling his people that there is ONE God and that they should give God their undivided love. This was a real novelty because all their neighboring peoples had a multiplicity of gods that everybody worshiped at different times depending on seasons and needs. Here, the people of Israel are asserting their identity as monotheistic, but even more than that, they believe in a god that demands their love, with all their heart, with all their soul, with all their strength; their God asks for all their LOVE. The Jewish God was a personal and relational God, a god who wanted to be in relation with his people. In the gospel passage for today, Jesus quotes the scripture text in the first reading in responding to a scribe about the greatest commandment and adds that the second greatest commandment is: “*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*” (v. 31) Jesus puts love of God and love of neighbor together. In this teaching moment Jesus shows us what he lives, he teaches us what it means to love God: to love God is to love our neighbor like we love ourselves. The scribe, who was testing him not only accepts this as “well said” (v. 32), but adds “...And ‘to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.” (v. 33) This scribe, interpreter of the Jewish law makes this remarkable claim. He really goes to the root of Jesus' message. He realizes that loving God is not about burning offerings and sacrifices but about loving our neighbor as we love ourselves. And he was not far from the kingdom of God. (v. 34) Do we really believe that loving God with our whole humanity and loving our neighbor like we love ourselves is more important than burning offerings and sacrifices? Do we live accordingly? Do we try to “substitute” love for our neighbor? How? onlineministries.creighton.edu