



**SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS**

**Week of October 29, 2017**

**Sat 4:00 PM** Mary Frankiewicz by Mike and Charlene Frankiewicz  
**Sun 8:00 AM** Dominique & Clara Quesnel by V&Fam  
**Sun 10:00 AM** Pro Populo  
**Mon 9:00 AM** William Philipsen by M and D Philipsen  
**Tues 7:00 PM** Guy Joseph Chicoine by Wife & children  
**Wed 9:00 AM** Glendon Griffin by Jeannine Griffin  
**Thurs 9:00 AM** For All Souls  
**Fri 1-3 PM** Adoration  
**Sat 4:00 PM** Don Howland by the Family  
**Sun 10:00 AM** Larose Family by Diane Benware

**Parish Support**

**Offering for the weekend of October 22, 2017**  
**(Our Goal is \$1,800.00 each week)**

**Sunday Collection**

**Loose \$208.52**  
**Envelopes \$1073.00**  
**Total \$1281.52**  
**Mission Sunday \$297.88**

*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 October 29, 2017**

**Sunday:** Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

**Monday:** Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

**Thursday:** Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

**Friday:** Rom 9:1-5/Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11

**Next Sunday:** Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13



*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, and Brendan Holbriiter.*

**Ministry Schedule**



**Eucharistic Ministers**

10/28 Jerry Flint  
 10/29 Robert Rojecki  
 11/4 Mary Bugnaki  
 11/5 C. Frankiewicz

**Lectors**

Jerry Flint  
 Terry Zimmer  
 Pike Mitchell  
 CCD Students

**Gift Bearers**

10/28 R. Howland Family  
 10/29 R. Doty Family  
 11/0/4 L. Bertrand Family  
 11/05 CCD Students

**Altar Servers**

Brooke Bertrand  
 A. and O. Depatie  
 Jordan Bertrand  
 N. Depatie & A. Hayes



**Collection Counters**

11/05 M. Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand  
 11/12 Helen Williams & Paula Bizon  
 11/19 Donna Swingleton & Carolyn Walker



**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 Oct./ Nov.:**

**10/29 Priest Benefit Fund**

**11/5 Restoration Fund**

**11/12 Utility Fund**

**Surprise Raffle:** Sorry for another raffle so quickly. I called this "Surprise Raffle". Prizes are: 1st Prize: Lilac Inn/ I night w/ breakfast; 2nd Prize: 1 Gallon Maple Syrup; 3rd Prize: Flash Bag by Carr's Gift Shop 4th Prize: \$20 Gift Certificate- BHOP; Drawing: Sunday, November 26, 2017 after the 10 am mass at St. Mary's; Tickets \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 . Tickets available before and after each mass on Saturday and Sunday.

**Reminder:** This will be the last Sunday for mass at St. Agnes until the First Sunday in May 2018.

**November 2nd is "ALL SOULS DAY"** if you want to remember your deceased loved one (s) during the Eucharistic celebration that day, please fill the envelope for "All Souls Day" found at church entrances with the name of your loved one (s) with your donations and put the envelope in the collection basket or bring them to the office. All names will be prayed for during Mass on that day and during the month of November. Submit your envelopes before the 31st of this month. Thank you.

**November 1st: All Saints Day** is a Holy Day of Obligation Vigil Mass at 7 PM on Tuesday, October 31 and Mass at 9 AM on Wednesday, November 1

**November Parish Dinner:** Nov.4th Saturday Night Dinner at 5 PM Dinner – Lasagna/Tossed Salad/Dessert \$8.00 per person,\$5 children 6-12, under 5 yrs. Free. After the November 4th dinner, Saturday Nite Dinners will only be held in March, June, and October. Thank you for all your support.

**Craft Fair for Nov. 18th** has been cancelled.

**St. Mary's Religious Education classes** will be participating in a food drive for Thanksgiving. We are asking the children to each contribute a non-perishable food item and also to each bring in \$1 so that we can purchase turkeys for the baskets, which will be delivered the week of Thanksgiving. If anyone in our Parish would like to also participate in this food drive by contributing non-perishable food items or cash, please contact Wanda Murray after Mass on Sundays or at 247-6937 [wandamurray66@comcast.net](mailto:wandamurray66@comcast.net)). Any food contributions can be left in the barrel in the back of the Church. Thanks.

**Diocesan News:** **OBSERVING the first WORLD DAY OF THE POOR.** In his apostolic letter to close the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis suggested the Catholic Church set aside one day each year when communities can "reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel." He designated this day as the "World Day of the Poor." It will be celebrated on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary time (two Sundays before the season of Advent) each year. The inaugural World Day of the Poor is Sunday, November 19. "It would be a day to help communities and each of the baptized to reflect on how poverty is at the very heart of the Gospel and that, as long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes (Lk 16:19-21), there can be no justice or social peace. This day will also represent a genuine form of new evangelization (Mt 11:5) which can renew the face of the Church as She perseveres in her perennial activity of pastoral conversion and witness to mercy." — Pope Francis

**5 WAYS TO OBSERVE THE WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 1. PRAY FOR THE POOR.** There are many people who need our prayers. If you're overwhelmed and not sure where to start, try praying with your newsfeed. As you see headlines about what's happening around the world, pause and pray for the people affected by those stories. **2. PRACTICE THE CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY.** The Corporal Works of Mercy are drawn from Jesus' life and teachings. They call us to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and imprisoned, bury the dead and give alms to the poor. Pope Francis added a new work of mercy: to care for God's creation. The Corporal Works of Mercy offer a clear model and starting point for how to care for our neighbors in need. **3. MAKE CARING FOR THE POOR PART OF YOUR ROUTINE.** Do you buy coffee, chocolate or Christmas gifts? One way to support low-income workers around the world is by buying things you use on a regular basis from organizations that pay a fair wage. If you drink coffee or tea, look for a fair trade label, which means that the farmers who harvest the coffee or tea are paid fairly and work in safe conditions. As you begin your Christmas shopping, consider buying gifts from throughout the world that are produced and traded ethically. **4. LEARN ABOUT THE CAUSES OF POVERTY AND WORK TO CHANGE THEM.** There are many reasons why people around the world are trapped in poverty. Lack of jobs, war and climate change that affects what farmers can grow are only a few examples. We can raise our voices together to ask our government to support policies that help address these causes of poverty. **5. SUPPORT THE CHURCH'S OUTREACH TO THE POOR.** One way to care for the poor around the world is to support the work of Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services, the national and international humanitarian agencies of the Catholic community in the United States. Catholic Charities and CRS are motivated by the example of Jesus Christ to assist poor and suffering people in more than 100 countries. Learn more and get involved at [crs.org/world-day-poor](http://crs.org/world-day-poor) and [vermontcatholic.org/charities](http://vermontcatholic.org/charities).

**Reflections for the Week**

Today's readings all tie together in the last part of the gospel in the familiar quote: *You will love your neighbor as yourself.* As I reflect on this readings and write this reflection, I'm in a unique position: I'm sitting in a third world country having just completed a mission with my nursing students. I was clearly able to see these commandants in action as well as glimpse into understanding the concept of being an "Other" – an outsider, an alien. Our first reading admonishes us to understand that others are not always like us – that others may not always enjoy the blessings that we too frequently take for granted. The Hebrews are reminded in this passage that they, too, were aliens in a foreign land. We are all aliens in one way or another. For us this week it was very real. Many of us did not look the same as the people we served especially my students with blue eyes and blond hair. And for all of us on the mission, the spoken language was not our own. Clearly some were better than others at communicating but we all had feelings of being inadequate. A key part of our reflections together was our being different and the angst of not being able to communicate properly. We recognized how blessed we were to be in the presence of a loving group of people who accepted our differences and our feeble attempts at their language. But . . . because of this unconditional acceptance from them, we were able and willing to try and speak the language and for all of us, we got better (albeit not perfect) everyday. We thought of those who come into our country and how quickly some judge and berate their attempts to use our language. The idea of being neighborly and opening one's home to strangers came easily to so many here. They open their arms and hearts – sharing what little they have with love and joy. This reading prescribes how to treat others. When we tend to others in this way with an open heart and mind, we are blessed with humility and the opportunity to walk in solidarity with them – hand in hand, heart to heart, human with human. Many times in my reflections I refer to the Ignatian charisms or values. One of these is "Men and Women for and with Others" and it is perfect in considering these readings. It is a mandate for all of us to treat others well, with respect and love – including family members, friends, and strangers. Our gospel completes the story, Jesus basically reiterates the message from our Exodus reading and puts it in terms that all can understand. He updates it to be contemporary yet responsive to the Pharisees testing. His teaching is consistent with the law and the Pharisees are hard pressed to deny what Jesus says as being the most important. The perfect guideline/model for living a life. *You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.* Simply the greatest commandment . . . And then the second is how we put the first into action. We can do this through mission work or just by being present for those around us, by being kind and thoughtful to all neighbors, and by recognizing the opportunities to see God in All Things – another Ignatian charism. If we truly live this way everything else is details. [onlineministries.creighton.edu](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu)