



**SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS**

**Week of June 24, 2018**

**Sat 4:00 PM** Intentions of Fr. Vincent by Angela & Dean  
**Sun 8:00 AM St. Agnes** –George Benware by Diane Benware  
**Sun 10:00AM** Mike&Charlotte Frankiewicz by Jeannine Griffin  
**Mon 9:00 AM** No Mass  
**Wed 9:00 AM** No Mass  
**Thurs 9:00 AM** Alfred Disorda by Janet Disorda  
**Fri 9:00 AM** No Mass  
**Sat 4:00 PM** Theran Williams by Helen Williams  
**Sun 8:00 AM St. Agnes**–Damian Quesnel by Victor Quesnel  
**Sun 10:00 AM** Intentions of Fr. Vincent by Angela & Dean

**Parish Support**

**Offering for the weekend of June 17, 2018**  
**(Our Goal is \$1,800.00 each week)**

**Sunday Collection**

<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$221.00</b>
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$733.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$954.00</b>
<b>Utility Fund</b>	<b>\$307.00</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 June 24, 2018**

**Sunday:** Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80  
**Monday:** 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5  
**Tuesday:** 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Mt 7:6, 12-14  
**Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Mt 7:15-20  
**Thursday:** 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Mt 7:21-29  
**Friday:** Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19  
**Saturday:** Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Mt 8:5-17  
**Next Sunday:** Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15



*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 Philipson, Katherine Bryant, Gloria Peduto, Rene Hendricks, Brendan Holbritter, Rosa Santos and Jean Pfenning*

**Ministry Schedule**



<b><u>Eucharistic Ministers</u></b>	<b><u>Lectors</u></b>
06/23 Mary Bugnacki	Wanda Murray
06/24	Pike Mitchell
06/30 Sally Foster	Terry Zimmer
07/01 Mary Bugnacki	<b><u>Altar Servers</u></b>
<b><u>Gift Bearers</u></b>	06/23 T. Howland Family Brooke Bertrand
06/24 G.& B. Gearwar B. Thornton & N. Depatie	06/30 K. Decker & C. Mitchell David Bertrand
06/30 K. Decker & C. Mitchell	07/01 Russell Doty Family A.Depatie & M.Harding

**Collection Counters**



06/24 Carolyn Walker & Katherine Bryant
07/01 Mike Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand
07/08 Donna Swington & Paula Bizon

**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 June/July:**

- 07/01 Peter's Pence**
- 07/08 Restoration Fund**
- 07/15 Utility Fund**

**Fr. Maurice (Moe) Moreau:** After considerable consultation between Bishop Coyne and Fr. Michael Greco, OFM Cap., Provincial Minister of the New York/New England Province of Capuchins Franciscans, it was agreed that the Capuchins would take on the parochial responsibilities for the parish of Our Lady of Good Help (St. Mary's) in Brandon and the Mission of Saint Agnes in Leicester. Bishop Coyne has appointed Fr. Maurice Moreau, OFM Cap. to be pastor of Our Lady of Good Help and its mission of Saint Agnes as well as the pastor of Saint Alphonsus in Pittsford. Fr. Moe has been a Capuchin for over twenty-five years and arrived in Vermont last September. He has been ministering at Saint Peter in Rutland and Saint Alphonsus in Pittsford. Prior to his arrival to Vermont, Fr. Moe was Pastor of the Monastery Church of the Sacred Heart in Yonkers, NY. The effective date of the appointment is July 10, 2018.

**Parish Fundraising:** Please help us with our **Annual Raffle!** We need people to help sell tickets. Tickets are available before and after each mass. Winners need not be present to win. Drawing Sept. 16, 2018 after the 10 AM Mass. 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

**Greeters:** Greeters still needed. Sign up on the schedule in the back or call Terry at 247-3677. Thanks you.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Thank you for supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal in the past and in this 2018 Campaign! To date, our pledge goal progress is \$2210.00, toward a total goal of \$16792.00.

For more information and to make your gift, please visit [bishopsap-peakvt.org](http://bishopsap-peakvt.org).

**Diocesan News:Third Annual Family Mass at St. Anne's Shrine:**

The annual Diocesan Family Mass at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle LaMotte will take place at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, July 8. "The Family Day is a wonderful opportunity for families to come together to pray and recreate as a diocesan family," said Edmundite Father Brian Cummings, spiritual director of the shrine. "We Edmundites and shrine staff look forward to welcoming our sisters and brothers from throughout the state to enjoy the peaceful grounds and relax in the Lord's beautiful creation." The shrine is located on the shore of Lake Champlain, the site of the first Mass celebrated in what is now Vermont in 1666 by French Jesuit Missionaries. "St. Anne's Shrine is the birthplace of Catholicism in our Diocese and bringing our families and young people to the shrine will give them a better sense of our history and the opportunity to celebrate our shared faith as a Diocese," Father Cummings said. After Mass, to be celebrated by Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne, visitors may picnic on the shrine grounds or on the shore of Lake Champlain. Bring your own picnic lunch or purchase a barbecue lunch at the shrine. Cost for the barbecue is \$10.95 for adults, \$6.95 for children 12 and under; and for families of four or more (two adults and two or more children) \$35. The menu will consist of hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixings, potato salad, chips, cookies, watermelon, soft drinks, lemonade, iced tea and ice cream. "Pope Francis refers to the Church as 'a family of families.' Come join the larger family for a day of prayer, refreshment, fellowship and fun," said Deacon Phil Lawson, executive director of evangelization, catechesis, divine worship, marriage and family and respect life for the Diocese of Burlington. One of the goals of the current Year of the Family in the statewide Diocese is to share in the gospel of the good news of the family. Said Deacon Lawson: "The opportunity for family members, young and old, to come together for Mass, food, running around the beautiful grounds, sitting in the shade or swimming in beautiful Lake Champlain provides many opportunities to visualize that gospel of the good news of the family." The family event will take place rain or shine. For more information, contact Deacon Lawson at 802-448-3513 or [plawson@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:plawson@vermontcatholic.org). VTC • Cori Fugere Urban

**Reflections for the Week**

The mere mention of John the Baptist calls to mind the iconic image of John standing in the River Jordan immersing Jesus in the water. But wait! That wonderful moment has a feast of its own: The Baptism of the Lord! Today's feast is about something else — not John's baptizing of Jesus but John's own *birth*. This feast celebrates a life that starts small but eventually, by way of God's loving initiatives and the free response of persons, emerges as one of the key figures in sacred history. So, to celebrate this special life, the church has drawn on a key Servant song from the scroll of Isaiah, then the great Psalm about being nurtured in the womb, then a summary of the good news of God's mercy from Peter in Acts, and finally the celebration of John's birth in Luke's gospel. Taken together, this collection can be a powerful meditation on the mystery of vocation — John's, and eventually ours. Isaiah's song about the Servant speaks of God's forming him for a mission with worldwide consequences — first to restore the scattered tribes of Israel, and then, as Israel, to be a light to all the nations. We recognize that prophecy to be fulfilled ultimately in the person, words and work of Jesus, and furthered in the life and mission of the church — including us. The verses from Psalm 139 echo Isaiah's language in a song of gratitude, which proclaims in wonder, "I was fashioned in the depths of the earth" — a powerful metaphor for the mysterious, hidden fertility of the psalmist's mother ("You knit me in my mother's womb"). What a perfect reading to celebrate the healing of Elizabeth's infertility, whose fruit was baby John. Luke's presentation of Peter's speech in the synagogue of Pisidia (Acts 13) celebrates John's special place in God's fulfillment of the promises made to both David and Abraham. Through John, God had prepared Israel to receive the surprising news that the long-awaited Anointed One of Israel turned out to be the rejected prophet, Jesus of Nazareth, raised to transformed life by the Father. Finally, Luke's account of the circumcision and naming of Elizabeth's and Zechariah's child, who was so unexpectedly and appropriately named *Iōannēs* (Greek for the Hebrew *Johanan*, "God shows mercy"). His simple presence is the very expression of God's merciful intervention in a situation of sterility (not only biological but social), and begins the fulfillment of Israel's long-held nurtured hope. Zechariah's *Nunc Dimittis* (vv. 68-79) spells all this out. The Lectionary saves that for another day, but it does supply the final verse of the passage: "The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel." God continues the growth that he began in Elizabeth's sterile womb. Taken together and pondered prayerfully, these remarkable Scripture passages can help us all marvel at how each of us can recognize the graceful interplay of God's loving initiatives and the opportunities for free response that make up our own emerging stories of vocation, no matter how sterile they may sometimes seem. [onlineministries.creighton.edu](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu)