



SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS
Week of May 6, 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, 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, Jean Pfenning and Arthur Pfenning

Sat 4:00 PM Deacon Gary Griffin by Jeannine Griffin
Sun 8:00 AM St. Agnes –Unice Flynn by Paul Quesnel
Sun 10:00AM Georgianne Delphia by Donna Young
Mon 9:00 AM Viola Disorda by Janet Disorda
Wed 7:00 PM Vigil of Ascension Catherine Sienicki by Michelle Heaton
Thurs 9:00 AM Ascension Anna Pfenning by Art & Jean Pfenning
Fri 9:00 AM Genevieve Cerutti by Dean Cerutti
Sat 4:00 PM Megan Foster by Sally Foster
Sun 8:00 AM St. Agnes–Gil, Ellie & Mike Kupfer by Laura & Pam
Sun 10:00 AM Rose Festa by Angela Festa

Ministry Schedule



Eucharistic Ministers

05/05 Joe Flynn
 05/06 Guy Beck
 05/12 Mary Bugnacki
 05/13 Joe Flynn

Lectors

Joe Flynn
 Terry Zimmer
 Laurie Bertrand
 Katie Murray

Gift Bearers

05/05 E. Parmelee & S. Munger
 05/06 R. Doty Family N. Depatie & B. Thornton
 05/12 L. Bertrand Family Brooke Bertrand
 05/13 S. Ouelette Family A. Depatie & M. Harding

Altar Servers

Jordan Bertrand

Collection Counters



05/06 Helen Williams & Paula Bizon
 05/13 Donna Swington & Kathie Bryant
 05/20 Tina Wiles & Glenda Gearwar



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 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.

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 May:

05/06 Restoration Fund
05/10 Ascension
05/13 Central and Eastern Europe

Sixth Sunday of Easter

MOTHER'S DAY: May 13th is Mother's Day, the day we remember our mothers living or deceased. For anyone wishing to remember them during Mass on that day, please take the Mother's Day envelope at the front and back of the church, write the name of your mother/grandmother to be remembered with your donation and put the envelope in the collection basket or on the altar or drop it at the parish office before May 13th. The names will be read and prayed for at all Masses during that weekend. One of the best gifts for them is prayers.

St. Agnes will open May 6 for 8:00 AM Mass.

Reception for First Holy Communion and Confirmation recipients May 6th following Mass and the May Crowning. Please join us in the church hall for coffee and refreshments!

Ascension of the Lord: This is a holy day of obligation. A Vigil Mass will be on Wednesday, May 9 at 7 PM and Thursday Mass at 9 AM.

Blessed Virgin Mary: May is the month we remember our Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Starting the weekend of May 12 the Rosary will be said 30 minutes before every mass.

Social Concerns Meeting: Monday, May 14th at 6 PM

Parish Finance Council: Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 16 at 6 PM.

Parish Council Meeting: Thursday, May 17th at 7 PM.

New Ministry: Greeters needed! A new ministry of greeters will be starting in June at St Mary's. This is an opportunity for those of you who are thinking of getting involved in some church activity. It does not involve a lot of time but does require a commitment to a schedule similar to the lector/eucharistic minister schedule. We are looking for 1 person for each mass on the weekend to greet people in the foyer of the church before mass and had out bulletins. This would mean arriving 10 -15 minutes early with your happy face. We are hoping to have at least 8 -10 people sign up initially to cover 1 month of masses. Two people can sign up together if they so wish. Interested people can call Terry at 247 - 3677. There will also be a sign up sheet in the back. Thanks for your participation and for making Our Lady of Good Help a welcoming church.

Diocesan News: 2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: Love is always a Gift from God .Each year Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne appeals to members of the Catholic community to share their love and their gifts to help support the ministries and programs that serve our statewide Diocese. That includes services for 73 parishes, 14 schools, 87 cemeteries and four residential care facilities plus financial aid and counseling to thousands of the most vulnerable Vermonters through Vermont Catholic Charities Inc. We are one community, one Church, with 118,000 Catholics, more than 1,000 employees and 4,000 volunteers. We are also a generous community. One hundred percent of our parishes participate in ministries that feed the hungry, and 90 percent support people in financial crisis. Our religious education programs and youth ministry events engage more than 3,000 young people annually. For these successful endeavors we are thankful, because with your help, we are building up the Kingdom of God here in Vermont. And we, as Church, must create new ways to reach out to struggling families, to engage our young people and revitalize our liturgy in order to pass down the beauty and hope of our faith to the next generation That is why the Bishop's Annual Appeal is so important. On the weekend of May 19-20, we will launch the in-pew collection segment of the appeal, and we respectfully ask that you consider making a gift at that time. If you would like to give online or learn more about what the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports, please visit bishopsappealvt.org. Your generosity is a gift from God, and we are grateful. Thank you, Ellen Kane, Executive Director of Development

To the faithful of the Diocese of Burlington, "Love is always a gift from God." — Pope Francis

Thanks to all donors, the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal was a great success. We hope that you are able to continue your generous support during the 2018 appeal. This year's theme, *Love is always a gift from God*, helps us recognize the Vermont Catholic Church as one family made up of 118,000 members, 73 parishes and 14 schools. Let our generosity and loving kindness to one another renew our Church in Vermont.

Reflections for the week

There seems to be a tension in the readings for day that I have often sensed in the New Testament. Tensions in the Bible sometimes cause us to pick the parts that make the most sense to us and ignore the rest. But sometimes they cause us to consider that the tensions are not really in the messages, but in our abilities to receive them in their complexity. The tensions are inside of us. That is what I find in the readings for today. There are two themes: 1) we are all human beings and God shows no partiality among those who act uprightly; 2) some are the chosen ones. I do think those tensions appear elsewhere in the Bible. In fact, so much so that some Christians think that you must be a Christian of a certain sort who obeys specific narrow rules to be saved. They feel so strongly about that they feel they are obliged to condemn those who are not among their ranks. They think that is their calling. Well, the lessons for today clearly argue against that way of seeing the world. Not only does God not show partiality to anyone who is acceptable to him, he is clear about what is acceptable. It isn't labels and laws. It is about love! There should be a t-shirt out there that says: **It isn't about Labels and Laws It's All About Love** And that t-shirt is what we should be wearing as we go out into the world. Yes, we are called to baptize, but we shouldn't invite others to baptism without love. We can't praise the wondrous deeds the Lord does for us and for others without love. We can't be a witness to God's love without loving others. We can't follow the commandments without love. We can't keep Jesus in our hearts without love. And we can't go out and bear fruit that will remain without love. We can't ask the Father for whatever we need if we do not know of God's love for us. Hearing that we are called and sent is not enough. We must remain focused on our response to God's great love for us. We are called and sent to share God's love for us with others. It is all summed up with one commandment: *Love One Another!* onlineministries.creighton.edu

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of April 29, 2018
 (Our Goal is \$1,800.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose \$268.11
Envelopes \$1003.00
Total \$1271.11
Home Missions \$255.75

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 May 6, 2018

Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16