



SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS
Week of April 15, 2018

Sat 4:00 PM Pauline McDuff's 1st Anniversary of death by the Family
Sun 10:00 AM Jean Foster by Warren Foster
Mon 9:00 AM Albert Betournly by Anonymous
Wed 9:00 AM George Foster Sr. by Warren & Sally Foster
Thurs 9:00 AM Denise Larose by Diane Benware
Fri 9:00 AM Josephine Lamarre by Jean Lamarre
Sat 4:00 PM Nancy Keith by Donna Swinington
Sun 10:00 AM Dominique Quesnel by Victor Quesnel

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of April 8, 2018
(Our Goal is \$1,800.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose	\$561.87
Envelopes	\$905.00
Total	\$1466.87
Restoration Fund	\$463.01

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 April 15, 2018

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18



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, Brendan Holbriiter, Rosa Santos and Jean Pfenning.

Ministry Schedule



<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
04/14 Sally Foster	Laurie Bertrand
04/15 Guy Beck	Bernie Carr
04/21 Sally Foster	Laurie Bertrand
04/22 Guy Beck	Guy Beck
<u>Gift Bearers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
04/14 L. Bertrand Family	Jordan Bertrand
04/15 S. Ourlette Family	N. Depatie & M. Harding
04/21 T. Howland Family	Brooke Bertrand
04/22 T. Depatie Family	A. & O. Depatie

Collection Counters

04/15 Tina Wiles & Glenda Gearwar
 04/22 Carolyn Walker & Kathryn Bryant
 04/29 Mike Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand



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 April/May:

04/22 Utility Fund
04/29 Home Missions/Black and Native Americans
05/06 Restoration Fund

Parish Council Meeting: Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 7 PM

Confirmation: Confirmation will be held at St. Mary's in Middlebury at 7:00 PM. **Congratulations to Dominic Beck, Ashlynn Depatie, Johan Harding. Ian Ouelette and Daniel Wiles!**

Addison County Right to Life annual dinner will be held at St. Peter's in Vergennes on Friday April 20th, doors open at 6:00 PM for 6:30 start. Adults \$15, students \$6, minus 9 months thru 5 years of age are free. Please reserve your delicious pork (or mac&cheese) dinner by sending list of names and a check (payable to ACRTL) to Mr. Lee Comly, 2012 Carlstrom Rd., Bristol, VT 05443. Call Lee at 453-6302 for more info.

Did you know? The Diocese of Burlington will pray for individuals who suffer from abuse and neglect... The Diocese of Burlington is hosting a Night of Healing Prayer to remember those who have suffered, or are currently suffering, from abuse and neglect. We invite everyone to come to a service near you and join us in prayer. The following locations are hosting a service: Christ the King/St. Anthony Parish in Burlington (at Christ the King), and Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Ludlow. **Both services will be held on Wednesday, April 18 at 7:00 PM.** Please do not miss this special opportunity to pray for our neighbors and loved ones who need our support in their suffering.

Catholic Advance Directives (for the General Public) Deacon Pete Gummere has scheduled presentations at the following locations: **St Monica's Parish Hall**, Barre Thursday, April 19 3:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. **Holy Angels Parish Hall**, St. Albans, VT Tuesday, April 24 3:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. **Holy Cross Parish Hall**, Colchester Thursday, April 26 at 2 p.m. **Blessed Sacrament Parish**, Stowe Tuesday, May 1 at 1:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. Please email the parish office at bscstowe@myfairpoint.net to register. **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (St. Mary's) Parish Hall** Middlebury, Thursday, May 3 3:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. **St Edward's Parish Hall**, Derby Line, Tuesday, May 8 at 3:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. **St. Anthony Parish Hall**, White River Wednesday, May 9 at 7 p.m. **Sacred Heart St. Francis Parish Center**, Bennington: May 15 at 3:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.

Diocesan News: Child Abuse Prevention Month Promise to Protect :The Catholic Church is committed to ensuring the safety of children and young people and providing pastoral outreach to victims and survivors of sexual abuse by clergy. The Church's mission to protect and

heal stems from the Gospel: the life and teachings of Jesus Christ provide us with the perfect foundation for our efforts to create safe environments for children. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Mt 19:14). **Pledge to Heal** :The first obligation of the Church with regard to victims is for healing and reconciliation. Dioceses and eparchies continue to reach out to every person who has been a victim of sexual abuse as a minor by anyone in church service, whether that abuse is recent or occurred in the past. If you suffered abuse, it was not your fault. If you are a victim of sexual abuse by a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Catholic Church, there are several things you can do: ♦ ♦ Contact the appropriate law enforcement agency, which can help determine options for making a criminal complaint. ♦ ♦ Contact a local child protection agency, a private attorney, a support group, an abuse hotline, or a mental health professional. ♦ ♦ Contact a diocesan or eparchial victim assistance coordinator who is available to help victims and survivors make a formal complaint of abuse to the diocese or eparchy, arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative, and obtain support for the needs of the individual and families. **The Charter:** Since 2002, the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People directs action on the following matters: ♦ ♦ Outreach and healing to victims and survivors; ♦ ♦ Prompt and effective responses to allegations of abuse; ♦ ♦ Cooperation with public authorities; ♦ ♦ Removal of offenders from ministry; ♦ ♦ Safe environment training programs for clergy, employees, volunteers, and children that include information on prevention, identification, and response and reporting of abuse; ♦ ♦ Background checks for all clergy, employees, and volunteers that have regular contact with children; ♦ ♦ An annual audit of dioceses and eparchies to ensure compliance with Charter guidelines. — **Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops**

Reflections for the week

Peter, in our First Reading for this Eucharistic Liturgy, is employing a Jewish historical form; reviewing the events of the past and moving through the present into the future. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob has "glorified his servant Jesus". Peter then hits his listeners over the head with the cold hard facts that they were responsible for the death of that very servant, Jesus. God Who inspired their scriptures' telling of the suffering of the Servant, has indeed raised that servant. Now then, Peter says, you can repent and have your sins wiped away and follow that Servant into your new futures. The Gospel for today has a simple liturgical flavor to it. The famous two disciples who had been traumatized by the death of Jesus and so were returning to the safety of Emmaus here are pictured as relating the experience of being spun around by their meeting with Jesus, Who had broken bread with them. Their hearts were on fire during this intimate liturgy and so back they come to relate their homiletic story. During this relating, Jesus shows up and shows off by convincing His congregation that He is really present to them in His humanity and divinity. Jesus then does the historical review, proving from the Holy Writings that He would have to suffer. Then, as results with any good homily, the minds of the little congregation were opened with understanding. This is all very intimate and comforting of course. Intimacy has consequences and Jesus ends the liturgy with a definite Dismissal Rite. "Get out of here and preach repentance and the forgivingness of God, beginning right here, right outside that door." I hear many Catholics, when asked, define themselves as Catholics by the confident statement, "Yes, I go to mass". That hurts my ears. That is similar to one of the listeners in today's Gospel saying that he was there when Jesus ate the bread so that makes him a disciple, a follower and that's all. I would love hearing someone define themselves as a Catholic by saying, "Yes, I get sent personally and communally by the missioning experience of the reception of the Word and Eucharist." I know that's a long form of self-definition, but you get the picture. Every encounter that Jesus had with persons after the Resurrection was a "mission-meeting". Jesus did not tell His little show-and-tell congregation to relax, talk things over and then see what's going to turn up next. As with any experience of intimacy, with God or with other humans, there will be implications. Intimacy invites us into mystery, into adventure, into deeper experiences of life. Jesus invites His intimate friends to go out and be intimate within all nations. If I were allowed to reform the Eucharistic Liturgy it would be to explain and extend the ending of the "service" by having everyone who has "come to church" announce aloud where and to whom the Eucharistic Community is sending me. It would be a Second Prayer of the Faithful. The faithful are faithful to their being met and by their naming of their being sent. Nobody would be sneaking out of the "service" privately right after Communion. They would have their minds open to understand more clearly why they did come to Mass and why they would want to leave together. The liturgy may end with the Dismissal Rite, but the Mass continues in our living His being sent. O well, I guess I'll have to wait patiently until I am elected the second Jesuit Pope. onlineministries.creighton.edu