



SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS
Week of April 22, 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, 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>
04/21 Sally Foster	Laurie Bertrand
04/22 Guy Beck	Guy Beck
04/28 Donna Swingleton	Pike Mitchell
04/29 Jeannine Griffin	Wanda Murray
<u>Gift Bearers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
04/21 T. Howland Family	Brooke Bertrand
04/22 T. Depatie Family	A. & O. Depatie
04/28 K. Decker & C. Mitchell	David Bertrand
04/29 Glenda & Bob Gearwar	B. Stanley & A. Hayes

Collection Counters



04/22 Carolyn Walker & Kathryn Bryant
04/29 Mike Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand
05/06 Helen Williams & 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 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

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.

Life in the Spirit Seminar: Do you feel like something is lacking in your Spiritual Life? Are you searching for more meaning? Are you spiritually dry? Are you feeling alone? We have Good news for you! St. Peter's Parish, 85 South Maple St. Vergennes is presenting a **Life in the Spirit Seminar** led by **Deacon Dan Pudvah** on the **4 Sundays of May from 1—3pm**. This powerful Seminar experience offers an opportunity to learn more about the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity and how to form, renew or deepen your personal relationship with Jesus. These sessions are free, and all are welcome and a special invite goes out to all who have made a Life in the Spirit Seminar previously. Again is the Lord calling you to enjoy a richer relationship?

Did you know? The Diocese of Burlington is committed to protecting the youth in our care... The Diocese of Burlington hosts a variety of programs and events in which there is regular contact with children and young people. With many children and young people entrusted to our care, it is our sacred and ethical responsibility to protect the rights of children and be alert to the possibility of child abuse. If you know or suspect that a minor (person under 18 years of age) has been abused/neglected, you must make a report to local law enforcement or call the Vermont Department for Children and Families (DCF) at **1-800-649-5285**. This number is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. **If a child is in immediate danger of harm, dial 911. Follow up by making a report to DCF.** The Diocese of Burlington also provides a Victim Assistance Hotline for reporting the abuse of a minor (in the past or presently) by a member of the clergy or other church personnel: **1-866-485-2488**. The Diocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator will respond to calls to the hotline. A report to the diocese does not relieve a mandated reporter of the duty to report child abuse to civil authorities as required by Vermont State Law.

Diocesan News: 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal Summary: As the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal wraps up at the end of this fiscal year, June 30, we are grateful to the Catholic community for donating time, talent and treasure to support ministries and services vital to the future of the Catholic Church in Vermont. The success of this Bishop's Annual Appeal has resulted in the expansion of the New Evangelization program, youth ministry events statewide, revamping of our catechism and Pre-Cana programs, new communication platforms, launch of the Diocesan Synod, standardization of our Catholic schools' curriculum and so much more. It also helps sustain on-going parish, school and community services such as financial aid to Catholic schools, Vermont Catholic Charities emergency aid, cemetery maintenance, Diocesan Tribunal, vocations and priest benefits. All of this was accomplished with a minimal increase to the ministry and program budget from FY 2016 to cover annual cost-of-living raises. "Fiscal responsibility is a priority," said Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne. "We were able to strategically reallocate resources from program to program without hiring a lot of new staff. In fact, our Bishop's Appeal goal was \$100,000 less this year compared to last year." In addition, the Diocese has created new avenues for the lay community to donate their time and talent on committees, such as the Pastoral Council, which is another valuable resource that allows the Diocese to do more with less. None of this would be possible without the support of parish pastors and administrators. They are the driving force behind the success of the Bishop's Appeal. More than 50 percent of the parishes and missions with an appeal goal met or exceeded their pledge goal. Another 17 parishes were at 90 to 99 percent of pledged goal. A total of 11,182 families pledged to make a gift this year. A few highlights include: ♦♦ Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Ludlow, has 173 percent of goal pledged and 165 percent paid. ♦♦ St. Stephen Parish, Winooski, was the first to meet its goal and has 124 percent of goal pledged. ♦♦ Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Wilmington, increased pledges by 32 percent compared to last year and has 99 percent of goal pledged. We are grateful for every single gift and pledge to invest these resources in ministries and programs that serve each parish, school and the larger Vermont Catholic community. — *Ellen Kane, Executive Director of Development, Stewardship & Communication*

Reflections for the week

In the U.S., Sister Jean and the Loyola University Chicago Ramblers were the all the buzz during the NCAA college basketball tournament that ended earlier this month. At the end of the more than 50 games played during the tournament there were lots of post-game interviews with the stars of each game, some of whom made a clutch, off-balance shot at the buzzer to win the game. On live, national TV, the commentator would often thrust the microphone in front of a player and ask them to talk about the shot. Many student-athletes would compliment their coaches and say they had them well-prepared to take the shot; some would talk about their teammates and the trust they have for each other to take the potential game-winning shot; and, some would talk not about their coaches or their teammates but rather about themselves, and how they knew they were destined to take that shot. Then there were a few who would not talk about their coaches, their team or themselves, but would deflect all the honor and glory to God. Maybe one of the most memorable examples of this was by National Football League quarterback Kurt Warner right after winning the Super Bowl. Before answering the TV commentator's questions about the victory, he said, "First things first. I have to give praise and glory to my Lord and Savior up above. Thank You, Jesus." In today's First Reading from Acts, we see how Peter responded to questions about the miracle he performed with the crippled man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple who could now walk. Peter focused the attention of the assembled leaders and the elders not on the good deed he had done for the man, but rather that it was done in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean and that "there is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved." Powerful words indeed. What do we do when someone singles us out and praises us for a job well done? Do we deflect the honor and recognition to our mentors, to our teammates at work? Do we take all the credit for ourselves, or do we give the praise and glory to our Lord and Savior? The best course of action is the latter, to not let pride come between us and God. We need to humble ourselves and give the praise and glory to God. Besides being right, it helps reinforce his constant presence in our lives and that his guiding hand is always on our shoulder, and that the good we are trying to do each and every day in this world is not for our personal gain, but for the greater glory of his kingdom. Truth be told, we may just be the stones that were rejected by the builders; but, by our unselfish actions we can become the cornerstones of God's church here on earth. onlineministries.creighton.edu

Sat 4:00 PM Nancy Keith by Donna Swingleton
Sun 10:00AM Dominique Quesnel by Victor Quesnel
Mon 9:00 AM No Mass
Wed 9:00 AM No Mass
Thurs 9:00 AM No Mass
Fri 9:00 AM No Mass
Sat 4:00 PM Germain Bilodeau by Anita Bilodeau
Sun 10:00 AM Donald Howland by Elizabeth Howland

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of April 15, 2018
(Our Goal is \$1,800.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose \$103.00
Envelopes \$658.00
Total \$761.00

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 22, 2018

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8