



**SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS**

**Week of August 20, 2017**

- Sat 4:00 PM** *Whitman & Elaine 11th*  
*Wedding Anniversary by Jeannine Griffin*
- Sun 8:00 AM** *St. Agnes— Denise Larose by D. Benware*
- Sun 10:00 AM** *Pro Populo*
- Mon 9:00 AM** *William Cerutti by Angela & Dean*
- Wed 9:00 AM** *Marion Philipsen by D. & M. Philipsen*
- Thurs 9:00 AM** *Roland Geoffroy by F. & S. Geoffroy*
- Fri 9:00 AM** *Alfred Disorder by Janet Disorder*
- Sat 4:00 PM** *Mary Swingleton by D. Swingleton*
- Sun 8:00 AM** *St. Agnes— Pro Populo*
- Sun 10:00 AM** *Pauline McDuff by Depatie Family*

**Parish Support**

**Offering for the weekend of August 13, 2017**  
**(Our Goal is \$1,800.00 each week)**

**Sunday Collection**

<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$ 650.85</b>
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$ 828.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1478.85</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 August 20, 2017**

- Sunday:** Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
- Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday:** Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
- Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12
- Next Sunday:** Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

*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, Patricia Ward, 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**



<b><u>Eucharistic Ministers</u></b>	<b><u>Lectors</u></b>
8/19 Marge Munger	Marge Munger
8/20 Jeannine Griffin	Bernie Carr
8/26 Joe Flynn	Joe Flynn
8/27 C. Frankiewicz	Terry Zimmer
<b><u>Gift Bearers</u></b>	<b><u>Altar Servers</u></b>
08/19 Richard Howland	Brooke Bertrand
08/20 T. Depatie Family	N. Depatie & A. Hayes
08/26 L. Bertrand Family	Jordan Bertrand
08/27 G. & B. Gearwar	B. Thornton & B. Stanley



**Collection Counters**

- 08/20 D. Swingleton & Carolyn Walker
- 08/27 Tina Wiles & Glenda Gearwar
- 09/03 Carolyn Walker & Bob 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](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 & Thursday**  
**9:30 am—4:00 pm**

**2nd Collection for weekends in Aug/Sept.:**

<b>08/20</b>	<b>Utility Fund</b>
<b>09/03</b>	<b>Restoration Fund</b>

**SUMMER FUNDRAISING FOR THE PARISH:** Raffle tickets are ready to go. You can purchase them before and after each mass. You can help sell them. If you sell 25 tickets you get a free ticket at the end. Please support our efforts to help our parish to succeed. For tickets call Jean Lamarre 247-8179. Prizes: 1st—LP Gas & Charcoal Grill, 2nd—Kayak Sno Dolphin, 3rd - Brandon Inn—1 night with breakfast, 4th—Lilac Inn - 1 night with breakfast and 5th—Café Provence Cooking Class.

**50/50 Raffle:** Tickets \$ 1.00 each or 7 for \$ 5.00

**Parish Secretary:** Our Lady of Good Help is looking for a part time Parish Secretary. Basic computer skills a must. For further information, please send a letter of interest, and a resume to [olghcc@comcast.net](mailto:olghcc@comcast.net) or contact Fr. Vincent at 802-247-6351.

**Request:** Hello parishioners, our annual Raffle is coming to a close. In just 4 weeks, our ticket sales are not where they should be. If each one of you would be willing to take six (6) tickets to sell, our outcome would be a lot greater. Again, we thank you for your support in helping our parish through these ticket sales. Tickets are available in the back of the church before and after each mass.

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR FROM JULY 2016 TO JUNE 2017 AND THE FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FROM JULY 2017 TO JUNE 2018** has been published.

They are posted on the bulletin boards and if you want a copy of the annual reports or the budget please call the parish office for a copy. If you have concerns with regard to the publication please do let the pastor know or any of the finance council members. **Thank You** for all your support to the parish.

**Diocesan News: Vocation Chalice Program**

The Vocations Office of the Diocese of Burlington is launching an initiative for promoting and building a culture of vocations. Because the home is the primary place where culture is created, this program seeks to bring the Church's vision for all vocations to parents and children. For one week each, families at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Swanton and St. Louis Church in Highgate Center have piloted the program during the past year. "The Vocation Chalice Program allowed our family the opportunity to pause and pray," commented Nicole Gadouas of Swanton. "During our week, we chose to pray each evening before dinner. Our children were excited to read the daily prayers and make it part of our time as a family. The opportunity allowed us to have the presence of our faith in our busy weekly lives in addition to church on Sunday."

**Why a Vocation Chalice?**

God creates each person with a vocation, a plan for how he or she will be called to love others. The chalice that is used for the program is emblematic of the Mass and the Eucharist, where Jesus Christ becomes truly present upon the altar under the forms of bread and wine. Jesus calls us to our vocations, as He is both the origin and destiny of every vocation and every person.

**How does it work?**

A parish that would like to implement the Vocation Chalice Program would, with the pastor, contact the Vocation Office. First, a chalice is selected for use, either from the parish or Diocesan archives. Next, the parish receives the Vocation Chalice Program materials, which include a booklet with a brief daily catechesis and prayers for the family. Finally, a plan for implementation is created. If you are interested in hosting the Vocation Chalice Program in your parish, please consult your pastor, and upon his approval, contact Father Jon Schnobrich in the Vocations Office: 802-658-6110 ext. 1175 or [vocations@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:vocations@vermontcatholic.org).

**Reflections for the Week:**

This Sunday's readings happen to resonate with two themes in my work at Creighton at this time of year: interfaith work and preparations to welcome new students to campus. At our Welcome Week Mass this weekend, we will have had about 1,000 incoming students and their families listening together to these readings. Coming from various regions of the USA and the international community, they will hear, "For my house shall be a house of prayer for all peoples," and "O God, let all the nations praise your name!" and "that [God] may have mercy on all." They will celebrate with a unique community, sharing an emotional moment of blessing parents and children as they part. It is a beautiful microcosm of the wider Church, gathered together in the same physical space only for an hour to pray together. I also help with Creighton's annual Interfaith Prayer Service. I am currently at an interfaith conference with the group of students who will prepare the prayer service and other interfaith events this year. I will put aside for now the difficulty in reconciling the Sunday readings with the themes that have come up at the conference: evangelization vs. pluralism, and conversion vs. conversation. One thing that has risen for me, however, is that most of my interfaith conversations happened precisely because I have deep roots in my faith and because I practice it visibly. Curious people over the last decade have asked me about my Catholic faith because they know I am "into it," not because I am trying to tell them about it all the time. A fruitful interfaith conversation often ends with both people feeling respected, stronger in their own traditions, and more appreciative of the other. I hope that our students find our campus to be a "house of prayer for all peoples," where they feel safe to engage and nourish their own spirituality and their classmates'. [onlineministries.creighton.edu](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu)