



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, and Rosa Santos .

SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS

Week of October 14, 2018

Sat 4:00 PM For the People
Sun 7:30AM St. Agnes – For the People
Sun 11:00 AM For the People
Wed 9:00 AM For the People
Thurs 9:00AM For the People
Sat 4:00 PM For the People
Sun 7:30 AM St. Agnes– For the People
Sun 11:00 AM Deacon Gary Griffin by Jeannine Griffin

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of October 7, 2018
(Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose	\$626.50
Envelopes	\$829.00
Total	\$1455.50
Bldgs. & Maint.	\$544.86



Ministry Schedule

<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
10/13 Mary Bugnacki	Pike Mitchell
10/14 Guy Beck	Terry Zimmer
10/20 Bob Rojecki	Joe Flynn
10/21 Jeannine Griffin	CCD Students
<u>Gift Bearers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
10/13 T. Howland Family	Brooke Bertrand
10/14 R. Doty Family	N. Depatie & M. Harding
10/20 C. Mitchell & K. Decker	David Bertrand
10/21 CCD Students	A. & O. Depatie

Collection Counters



10/14 Donna Swingleton & Paula Bizon
 10/21 Tina Wiles & Glenda Gearwar
 10/28 Carolyn Walker & Katherine Bryant



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.

Office is open on Wednesday

10:00 am—3:00 pm

Thursday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Parish Hall Library— Saturdays 2:00pm-4:00pm

2nd Collection for weekends in Oct.:

10/14 Utility Fund - Goal: \$500

10/21 Mission Sunday

10/28 Priest Benefit Fund

Parish Dinner: held on October 6, 2018 profited \$59.20. Thank you to all the parishioners who turned out to support our dinner. Thank you also to Donna Young and Diane Swingleton for their help and a big thank you to Jean Lamarre!

Social Concerns Committee: Meeting on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 6 PM

Parish Council: Meeting on Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 7 PM

Parish Finance Council: Will meet briefly following the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, October 21, 2018

Parish Library: Our Parish Library is currently open from 2:00-4:00pm on Saturdays. We have an up-to-date and varied selection of contemporary books for both children and adults. If you are interested in stopping (at the parish hall) to read on site and/or borrow a book and find these hours to be inconvenient, please call Emilie at 458-7962 or the rectory. We are willing to alter the day or hours to accommodate as many of you as possible.

St. Alphonsus Parish, Pittsford, Vermont 2018 Harvest Dinner October 14, 2018 Roast Turkey Dinner with all the fixings and Homemade Desserts will be held on October 14, 2018 in the Parish Hall. Serving between 4:00 – 6:00 PM. Adults: \$12.00, Children 12 and under \$7.00. Family of 4 (2 adults, 2 children under 12) \$30.00. Take outs available. Tickets sold at the door. All are welcome. Point of contact: Bill & Mary Gladski, Phone: 483-2391.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: The final solicitation phase of the Bishop's Annual Appeal will soon be sent your way. Please prayerfully consider supporting the ministries that depend on your participation. If you have given in the past, know that your contributed contributions are very much needed, and appreciated. If you have not participated in the Appeal, please visit www.bishopsappealvt.org for important information about the many lives, including those in our parish, that are touched by the efforts funded in the diocese by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

From the Pastor's Desk:

Holyday and Holiday Mass Schedule Committee

I am grateful to the members of the Master Schedule Ad Hoc Committee. I thank them, on behalf of the two parishes, for their generosity of time and openness to the process. The meetings were enjoyable. True fellowship was shared by all involved. These are the final conclusions of the committee work.

The committee agreed that a total of two Masses, both parishes combined, on a holyday of obligation, is sufficient. Following the recommendation of the committee, a vigil Mass will be celebrated 7:00pm in Brandon and on the day a 9:00am Mass will be offered in Pittsford. Individuals whose schedule will not allow them to attend these Masses will have the opportunity to go to Mass in the neighboring parishes in the cities of Middlebury or Rutland where noontime and evening Masses are offered on a day of obligation.

It was also decided that in addition to the combined Easter Vigil, the two parishes will gather for an annual Thanksgiving Day Mass at 7:00pm on the Monday before Thanksgiving. The location of the Thanksgiving Mass and the Easter Vigil will alternate from year to year between Brandon and Pittsford. The 2018 annual Thanksgiving Mass will be offered in Pittsford. The 2019 Easter Vigil will be celebrated in Brandon.

The ad hoc committee agreed not to have Mass on the civil holidays such as Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Presidents' Day and Memorial Day. Masses, however, will be celebrated in the cemeteries the week of Memorial Day. On the Tuesday following Memorial Day a 9:00am Mass will be celebrated in Saint Alphonsus' Cemetery, Pittsford. On the Wednesday following Memorial Day a 9:00am Mass will be celebrated in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Brandon.

The committee crafted the Master schedule holding these values in high regard: awareness of age diversity, consistency, community building, good liturgy and compromise. While the results of the Master schedule will not be to everyone's liking, the committee members looked to the future and made sure that school children and working adults could attend Mass on days of obligation and the Triduum services in Holy Week. There is consistency in the new schedule that will allow families to plan for both holydays and holidays well into the future. Time was allotted, particularly in the Christmas Eve Mass Schedule so that both community building and beautiful and meaningful liturgies could be experienced. In making the Master Schedule the essential value of compromise was used. My hope is that in publicizing the schedule well in advance and holding to this schedule annually it will help households to make the needed adjustments.—Fr. Moe

Reflections for the Week

Long ago, I faced the realization that I cannot love in the completely unselfish, unwavering, unconditional fashion that God calls me to love. If God is Love Loving, then I am something much, much less. Long ago, I faced the realization that I cannot be magnanimous and generous in the completely grace-filled, wholly generous fashion of God – God who has given me so much, who asks nothing in return other than my devotion. I am weak and want to retain control of “my” world, my family, my home, selfishly guarding these... as if they were mine. Were Christ to ask of me what he asked of the rich man in the parable lesson for today, that I sell all of my possessions to follow him, I wonder if I might be able to do so, on a good day? Could I turn away from all of my physical, intellectual, emotional and ego attachments to wholly serve my God? *I would want to*, just as the rich man and the disciples wanted to. But I fear that I could not. There is such an irony in the notion that as a parent, I probably come as close as possible to understanding what it means to unconditionally love, and yet it is my attachment to my role-as-mother and my hopes for my children and grandchild that most remind me how fallible and imperfect I am in my love for God, and in my ability to turn my life over to God's will. I have to admit that my current hopes and dreams are not other-worldly; rather, they are steadfastly fixed in THIS world, and I lack the faith necessary to wholly commit myself to God. In fact, I recall the first time I read the Radical Prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola – it frightened me in its complete submission and I believed I would never be able to come close to such pure devotion: *Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. Thou hast given all to me. To Thee, O lord, I return it. All is Thine, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and thy grace, for this is sufficient for me.* So where does that leave me, other than trying to crawl through the eye of the needle along with my friend, the camel? Despite my deep failure to love and love generously, the truth is that God understands. God created me to be wholly human and wholly imperfect, wholly incapable of the kind of love that God alone can provide *God loves me anyway*. I am so grateful for this truth that what I can do is *strive*. I can live in community and solidarity with others and share, to the best of my ability, the gifts that God has provided; I can co-create a community in which others are safe and empowered to share their gifts as well. I can work to ensure that the resources that God first entrusted to all of us – what Pope Francis calls “Our Common Home”- are cared for and distributed equitably, according to need. I can open my heart to give love, show respect and spread peace. While these efforts may fall short of what Jesus asked of the man, I choose to believe that in striving, we are fulfilling God's call. I pray today for courage and faith for our journeys, and for our striving. onlineministries.creighton.edu

GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER. - 2 Corinthians 9:7

Readings for the Week of October 14, 2018

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30
Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9
Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45