



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, Joel Rivera, Betty Ferraro, Joseph Duprey, Charlotte Swain, Marilyn Morris, Mary Doherty, David Philipsen, Rene Hendricks, Brendan Holbriiter, Rosa Santos, Laura Begnoche, Bertha Dolan, Jim Lofland, Peter Giancola, Fella Molina, and Stanley Delorm.

SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS

Week of November 10, 2019

Sat 4:00 PM + Kathleen Delorm by Scott & Marge Munger
Sun 11:00 AM + Gil, Ellie, & Mike Kupfer by Laura and Pam
Wed 9:00 AM All Souls
Thurs 9:00 AM All Souls
Sat 4:00 PM *Nathan Denno by Scott & Marge Munger
Sun 11:00 AM +Mr. & Mrs. Francis Leary, Sr. by the Swinington Family

+ indicates deceased
 * indicates living

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of November 3, 2019
 (Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose	\$ 253.89
Envelopes	\$ 978.00
Total	\$ 1231.89
Bldgs. & Maint.	\$ 583.14

Please Note:

Please make out all checks to St. Mary Parish. Thank you.

Ministry Schedule



Eucharistic Ministers

11/09 Diane Benware	Laurie Bertrand
11/10 Jeannine Griffin	Trish Bertino
11/16 Joe Flynn	Pike Mitchell
11/17 Jeannine Griffin	Terry Zimmer

Lectors

Gift Bearers

11/09 T. Howland Family	Jordan Bertrand
11/10 T. Depatie Family	A. Hayes & M. Harding
11/16 K. Decker & C. Mitchell	David Bertrand
11/17 R. Doty Family	A. & O. Depatie

Altar Servers

Collection Counters



11/10 Donna Swinington & Katherine Bryant
11/17 Helen Williams & Glenda Gearwar
11/24 Bob Gearwar & Carolyn Walker

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

2nd Collection for weekends in Nov./Dec:

11/10 Utility Fund (Goal \$500)
11/24 Human Development
12/01 Bldgs. & Maint. (Goal \$600)

An Evening Hayride and S'mores Around the Bonfire: has been re-scheduled for Sunday, November 10th at 5:00 PM. Meet at St. Mary's Parish Hall.

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Our Lady of Good Help will be participating in a food drive for Thanksgiving. As part of the food drive, the religious education classes will be preparing food baskets for those in our community who are in need. We are asking the children to each contribute a non-perishable food item and also to each bring in \$1 so that we can purchase turkeys for the baskets, which will be delivered the week of Thanksgiving. Any food items not used for the baskets will be donated to the Brandon Food Shelf. If anyone in our Parish would like to also participate in this food drive by contributing non-perishable food items, please bring the items to Mass and leave them in the barrels in the back of the Church. If you would like to contribute money toward the purchase of the turkeys, please contact Wanda Murray after Mass on Sundays or at 247-6937 (wandamurray66@comcast.net).

St. Alphonsus Christmas Craft Fair & Basket Raffle: Saturday, November 23, 9 am—2 pm. Come shop with us! Craft vendors, basket raffle, Silent Auction, Vermont Goods, Knitted items, Delicious food, Woodware, jewelry, and much, much more!!

MSJ welcomes Students to be a Mountie for a day on Monday, November 11th! MSJ invites aea students, currently in grades 7 and up, to visit Mount Saint Joseph Academy for a school day. Middle and High School-aged prospective students who are interested in learning more about MSJ are invited to meet out students, faculty, and staff and to participate in our day from 8:00 am to 2:25 pm. Lunch will be provided. Mount St. Joseph is located at 127 Convent Avenue in Rutland. If you have any questions about the Open House or Mountie for a Day, please contact Bill Brusco in Admissions at wbruso@msjvermont.org.

Otter Valley Catholic Community Events!

Sun Nov 17: Family Catechesis at Saint Alphonsus Parish Hall from 5-7 PM. Starts with pot luck, then the theme for this month is *Jesus Christ*. Required for Grades 6 and up, but all parishioners are invited.

Mon Nov 25: Thanksgiving Mass at Our Lady of Good Help at 7 PM. This Mass will have members of each church serving in various ministries. Please join us!

Diocesan News: 8th ANNUAL VERMONT CATHOLIC WOMEN'S RETREAT: Saturday, November 16th at St. John Vianney in South Burlington. The keynote will be award winning author and Catholic speaker, Donna O'Boyle, who will speak on "The Role and Discovery in Christ for Women," and "How to be Beautiful for God." In addition, there will be opportunity for confession, Eucharistic Adoration, small group discussion, Rosary, and of course, Catholic fellowship. Cost for this retreat is \$40 and includes lunch. Learn more and register. (Valerie Parzyck 802-658-6110 x1131 or online at www.vermontcatholic.org/womensretreat2019). A few registrations are available in the back of the church.

COMBINED FOLK GROUP PRACTICES : for the Thanksgiving Mass in Brandon are as follows: Thursdays, November 14 and 21, at Our Lady of Good Help at 6:30 PM. Any member of either parish may join them for these practices and Mass

Reflections for the Week

The theme of death and resurrection emerge for me from today's readings. The first reading from Maccabees tells of seven brothers and their mother who are arrested and tortured for their faith in God. Today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Thessalonians calls for us to be delivered from perverse and wicked people for not all have faith. And the Gospel reading from Luke focuses on the Sadducees who deny there is a resurrection. Initially my prayer felt empty with all of the gloom and doom. But as I spent more time with the text I became open to the messages of faith and resurrection. Several phrases resonate with me. One of brothers being tortured expresses his abiding faith by exclaiming: *The King of the world will raise us up to live again forever*. Paul reminds us that we *may be delivered from perverse and wicked people... as the Lord will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one*. The gospel today concludes with these powerful words: *he is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him we are all alive*. As I contemplate these readings about death and resurrection I ask God to help deepen my understanding. I ask for imagery to come closer to God through the living word. I look out the window and see the mystery of autumn. The vibrant leaves are falling to the ground leaving barren tree branches. My pretty flower garden is a tangle of dead plants. The wind is cold. Yet I can totally trust that these trees, plants and flowers will bloom again in the spring. This becomes an ever-present metaphor for death and resurrection grounded in God's love. I pray to God to help me see beauty where it is not immediately evident. I pray that I am open to the artistry in any form of others living their faith. The Psalm reminds me: *I in justice shall behold your face; on waking I shall be content in your presence*.
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