



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 October 20, 2019



Ministry Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

10/19 Robert Rojecki
10/20 Jean Lamarre
10/26 Dan St. Germain
10/27 Robert Gearwar

Lectors

Pike Mitchell
Bernie Carr
Joe Flynn
Aaron Boynton

Gift Bearers

10/19 K. Decker & C. Mitchell
10/20 R. Doty Family
10/26 L. O'Brien Family
10/27 S. Ouelette Family

Altar Servers

David Bertrand
A. Hayes & M. Harding
Brooke Bertrand
A. & O. Depatie



Collection Counters

10/20 Helen Williams & Glenda Gearwar
10/27 Mike Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand
11/03 Tina Wiles & Paula Bizon

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 Oct./Nov.:

10/20 World Mission Sunday
10/27 Priest Benefit Fund
11/03 Bldgs. & Maint. (Goal \$600)

Month of October - Month of The Rosary: For the Tuesdays of the month of October, desserts and coffee will be offered in the rectory at 6 PM. We will pray the rosary in the church at 7 PM. All are invited to participate.

An Evening Hayride and S'mores Around the Bonfire: Grab your flannel shirts and Timberland boots and join the Otter Valley Catholic Community youth (Gr. 7-12) on October 27, 2019, from 6 P.M-8 P.M., to enjoy a tractor-pulled hayride and smores around the bonfire! This is an opportunity to gather in a spirit of joyfulness, support, and growth for those confirmed and yet to be confirmed. You can use the sign-up sheet in the back of the church or reach out to your P.C.L (Parish Catechetical Leader, formerly your D.R.E) to let us know if you are interested in attending. We hope to engage our youth in a way that is relevant and fun with more events to come! Meet at St. Mary's Parish Hall, 38 Carver St., Brandon, VT

Mount St. Joseph Academy Holds Open House: on Sunday Nov. 3; 12:00 - 2:00 pm for prospective families! The Open House will include Student-Led Tours and Teacher-Student Presentations. Families will be greeted by a student ambassador who will lead them through a guided tour of the school. Faculty and staff will be on-hand to answer questions and share insights into joining the MSJ family. Light refreshments will be provided.

The Challengers for the Catholic Faith presents: THE VARIETY SHOW – Friday November 15, 2019 at the McCarthy Arts Center, St. Michael's College. See a range of performances BY OUR DIOCESAN PRIESTS from music to juggling to comedy – a Family-Friendly evening of entertainment all to benefit our diocesan seminarians. Don't miss out! Tickets are \$15/ea online or \$20/ea at the door. There will be a Silent Auction. Donations at the event are encouraged and will go towards seminarians. Tickets and information online at <http://vtchallengers.org> or on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/events/786426041808001>

40 Days for Life: Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion in your community September 25 - November 3, 2019. 16,004 lives have been saved, 104 abortion centers closed and 191 abortion workers have quit because of 40 Days for Life. We need you! Please join 40 days for Life - Rutland or 40 Days for Life - Burlington. For more information and location information please visit: 40daysforlife.com

Diocesan News: White Ribbon Against Pornography 2019:

The White Ribbon Against Pornography (WRAP) campaign, begun in 1987, brings people together to promote awareness and tackle the societal harms of pornography. This year's WRAP Week runs from Oct. 27 to Nov. 3. Pornography is big business. It is aggressive, savvy and available online for free in content to lure new users, marketing to both males and females. As Americans, we are immersed in media and the exposure to pornography. There is a dangerous addiction to pornography; the brains of those addicted to it are triggered much like that of people with drug or alcohol addictions. As with any addiction, recovery is a long and challenging process, and help is needed to regain freedom from it. Here are four ways you can participate in the WRAP campaign: **1. Wear a white ribbon;** it's a great conversation starter. **2. Talk to your children and grandchildren** about pornography and its harms. **3. Politely make complaints** to businesses that distribute or advertise pornography and obscene material. **4. Pray and fast** that God would heal those harmed by pornography and struggling with compulsive pornography use. — *Terri McCormack is marriage and family coordinator for the Diocese of Burlington.*

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.

BUILD FAITH THROUGH LOVE in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are Nov.1-3 in East Windsor, CT and Nov. 15-17 in Isle La Motte, VT. For more info call Diane & John Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://www.mevtw.org/>.

Reflections for the Week

Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. Luke "Mom, can I have this? I'm starving." "What are we having for dinner?" "When do we eat?" It's a nightmare – the checkout aisle in a grocery store with two kids. It's more than an hour to dinner, stuck behind someone who last shopped six weeks ago. I tune out the non-stop "petitions" for the junk food within easy reach. Whew! Glad those days are done!!!! Then I asked myself if this is how God feels about our endless prayers for things that are the spiritual equivalent of junk food. Does he care if Creighton beats Marquette or Xavier? Today's gospel from Luke invites us to reflect on how we communicate with God. "I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily." Jesus invites us to freely and persistently tell God about our needs, often our only form of prayer. But if this is what Jesus wants us to do, why does it seem that our prayers go unanswered? If only praying were like ordering a pizza. You tell God what you want and he delivers it. Of course, it's more complicated. I spent 25 years teaching students that communication" is two-way. You have to listen as well as talk and that's true of communicating with God. Even a seeming non-response IS a response. It's often a way of saying I heard you but I'm not doing what you ask and I have my reasons, like a mom turning out requests for chocolate in the grocery store. Former students who were devastated not getting a job that they had prayed for were often elated when God seemingly sent them something better. Most of us have experienced the failures that led to later success. Today's gospel suggests that a listening, loving God answers our petitions but not necessarily in the way we seek. There will always be mysteries about answers to prayers. Why do children die of cancer? Why are there wars or droughts? Why do people suffer despite our bombarding heaven on their behalf? There may be no good answers in human terms but we need to trust Jesus' promise that if we ask God for help, he will respond in some way, if only to help us bear our suffering. onlineministries.creighton.edu

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+ indicates deceased
* indicates living

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of **October 13, 2019**
(Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose	\$ 525.00
Envelopes	\$ 822.00
Total	\$ 1347.00
Utility Fund	\$524.95

Please Note:

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

Readings for the Week of October 20, 2019

- Sunday:** Ex 17:8-13/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8
Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18