



SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS
Week of July 1, 2018

Sat 4:00 PM Theran Williams by Helen Williams
Sun 8:00 AM St. Agnes –Damian Quesnel by Victor Quesnel
Sun 10:00AM Intentions of Fr. Vincent by Angela & Dean
Mon 9:00 AM No Mass
Wed 9:00 AM No Mass
Thurs 9:00 AM Kathy Mathis by Erica & Will Mathis
Fri 1-3 PM Adoration
Sat 4:00 PM Mary Frankiewicz by Mike & Charlotte Frankiewicz
Sun 8:00 AM St. Agnes– Gil, Ellie & Mike Kupfer by Laura & Pam
Sun 10:00 AM Pro Populo

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of June 24, 2018
(Our Goal is \$1,800.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose	\$278.50
Envelopes	\$899.00
Total	\$1177.50
Mission Appeal	\$502.75

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 June 24, 2018

Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a



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 Philipson, Katherine Bryant, Gloria Peduto, Rene Hendricks, Brendan Holbriiter, Rosa Santos and Jean Pfenning

Ministry Schedule



Eucharistic Ministers

06/30 Sally Foster
07/01 Mary Bugnacki
07/07 Sally Foster
07/08 Jeannine Griffin

Gift Bearers

06/30 K. Decker & C. Mitchell
07/01 Russell Doty Family
07/07 E. Parmelee & S. Munger
07/08 Russell Doty Family

Lectors

Pike Mitchell
Terry Zimmer
Pike Mitchell
Bernie Carr

Altar Servers

David Bertrand
A. Depatie & M. Harding
David Bertrand
B. Stanley & B. Thornton

Collection Counters



07/01 Mike Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand
07/08 Donna Swington & Paula Bizon
07/15 Tina Wiles & Glenda 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 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 - 1:00 pm

2nd Collection for weekends in July:

07/01 Peter's Pence
07/08 Restoration Fund
07/15 Utility Fund

Parish Fundraising: Please help us with our **Annual Raffle!** We need people to help sell tickets. Tickets are available before and after each mass. Winners need not be present to win. Drawing Sept. 16, 2018 after the 10 AM Mass. Prizes: 1st -100 Gals. Fuel oil from Mike's Fuel, 2nd - \$300 Cash, 3rd - \$25 Gas Card from Keyser Energy, 4th—\$25 Gas Card from Keyser Fuel, 5th—\$25 Gas Card from Keyser Fuel, 6th—Quilt & Pillow, 7th—Quilt & Jewelry, 8th—Box of Truffles from Keyser Energy. Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50. Thank you for your support! For Tickets call Jean Lamarre 247-8179 .We also have a **50/50 Raffle:** Tickets \$1 each or 7 for \$5

Office Hours: Due to the July 4th holiday the office will be closed on Wednesday. It will be open this week on Monday, July 1, from 10:00 to 3:00 and on Thursday, July 5, from 10:00 to 1:00. Also beginning in July, the hours will now be Wednesdays from 10:00 to 3:00 and Thursdays from 10:00 to 1:00. Thank you and have a safe and happy 4th of July!

Greeters: Greeters still needed. Sign up on the schedule in the back or call Terry at 247-3677. Thanks you.

New Mass Schedule: will take effect on **Sunday, July 15th:**

4:00 pm Saturday Vigil at St. Mary's in Brandon

7:30 am Sunday morning at St. Agnes in Leicester

9:00 am Sunday morning at St. Alphonsus in Pittsford

11:00 am Sunday morning at St. Mary's in Brandon

The schedule needed to be adjusted to allow Fr. Moe both travel time and the ability to talk with parishioners as he serves both Our Lady of Good Help and St. Alphonsus in Pittsford.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: If you haven't already, you will be receiving a letter from Bishop Coyne requesting your support for the Bishop's Annual appeal The Diocese is getting closer to its goal and asks that you prayerfully consider the request and respond generously. Our parish is now at 18.5% of our pledge goal .Thank you to all who have participated so far.

Reflections for the Week

In the midst of the heat and damp of midsummer, here in the midwest of North America, and as we approach the annual observance of the Founding of the United States of America as a Nation, I find it exceedingly comforting that we are reminded that our God is a God of life, not death. If any single "message" comes through the readings for this Sunday it is that we must believe that God creates all life and desires the life of the created order. Further, God values the life and full dignity of each and every human person with infinite tenderness and passionate insistence. I am reminded of an experience I had many years ago when I was teaching a group of young women in the full throes of their early adolescence. These sixteen-year-olds were full of exuberance, questions, and confusions as they darted from one taste of life to another. I was asked to give a talk for the older students at a neighboring "private academy in the Episcopal Tradition," defending the Catholic Church's position supporting human life at every stage, as part of a speaker-series on "important political topics." At the end of my talk I could feel the wall of disagreement and annoyance in the assembly of some 200 high school juniors and seniors. One young woman stood and told me that if she would get pregnant at this stage of her life she would be ruined. She was aiming toward a long and illustrious career as a lawyer and a judge she proudly announced, and wouldn't it be better to rid herself (and her embarrassed family, as well) of the "inconvenience" of a child who might impede that opportunity for making a contribution of great worth to the human family. "After all," she asserted confidently, "this would not be a full human person, just a mass of tissue, albeit well organized tissue." (Yes, "albeit" was her very word of the day.) I was both saddened by the argument she posed as well as amused by the confidence displayed in the well-organized grammar, but utterly flawed theological anthropology she espoused. I asked her if she wasn't also making a good argument for ridding the world of teenage humans. I suggested that she herself, might pose an inconvenience, in her own inept incompleteness, for her parents on any number of occasions. Weren't they justified in getting rid of her since she wasn't a full-grown human person, but rather an impedance to their plans for success and contribution to the human race? She protested, and rightly, that such an act on anyone's part would be murder. I agreed with her on the point about murder, and suggested that she might reconsider her thoughts about pre-born life as a "mass of tissue." Considering that the little human being asking to be born - that she was positing as a possibility - would not be far removed from her own very real requests to her parents to love her and sustain her into the fullness of her life even when she was behaving most inconveniently. The first reading today insists that humans are made *imperishable* for God. We enter death because of sin - and to bring about the death of others engages in sin. The Gospel for today discloses Jesus, at the height of his missionary work, raising the dead and healing the sick. The reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians asserts that humans have been given the gifts we need to care for and supply for one another's needs as well as our own. Our God lavishly pours out the bounty of creation and we must be willing to share that bounty so that all may have life to the full. Taken together, this rich bounty at the table of the word would be enough to feast on throughout the whole summer, even in the face of all the dilemmas of sin and selfishness that seem to surround us and sap our energies. If we fail to love and respect our lives, the lives of the littlest and most vulnerable in the wombs of their mothers or in the arms of their fathers, in hospital beds, detention centers or nursing homes; if we neglect the dignity of those who have been deprived of their share of the bounty of the harvest by the devastation of wars, the molestation of gangs, government tariffs, or the pure greed of land and water rights locked away for the wealthy and politically powerful, we are engaging in "the dirty work of death," as Pope Francis challenges us. Today is a good day to express thanks, to enjoy the full gift of eucharistic life - that is a life of thanksgiving and sharing with others - so that they also might have life. Only when each of us is grateful for our own lives can we fully appreciate the wonders of God's gift of life to us and to our beautiful, if suffering, world as we enter the second half of this swiftly moving year. God's grace of gratitude will spill out and overflow with life and healing for others if we but open our hearts to that gift. No greater hope can the Church have for us than to challenge us to "lift up our hearts" as we celebrate God's totally generous self-donation. onlineministries.creighton.edu

Diocesan News:Summer Reflections from Bishop Coyne; This is the second year that I write a "summer vacation" column for *The Inland Sea*. I do so with the full intention of urging others into complete surrender to peace and quiet ... *"A vacation is having nothing to do all day and all day to do it in."* — Robert Orben I have been fortunate over the years to string the weeks together for a long summer vacation. I rent a cottage on the coast of Maine with priest friends. The only agenda is to relax and rest. There are no other plans save to pray and celebrate Mass together when we all have finally gotten out of bed. Some days this is later than others — some days, earlier. If someone wants to play golf, one can join them in a round — or not. A call to go for a walk on the beach may lead to a companion or two — or not. Feel like traveling into Portland for lunch, or taking off for a bike ride, or swimming in the surf? Go right ahead. Perhaps I might join you or, then again, perhaps I might just sit out here on the porch and enjoy the breeze off the bay. We have no TV or cable in the cottage. At night, the downstairs living room seems more like a library reading room than anything else, everyone sprawled out with a book. My colleagues from out of state are tolerant enough to allow for the Red Sox broadcast on the radio: there is nothing better on a warm summer's night. It's good to have nothing to do and all day to do it. *"In summer, the song sings itself."* — William Carlos Williams. I have a pair of Rosary beads that are a bit beat up, even rusted in the links. The beads used to be azure blue. The color was quite vivid. Perhaps that's what attracted me to them. The beads are also quite big. But they are no longer blue. A few years ago, I took them with me on vacation and I used to pull them out of my pocket as I walked in the shallow water at the ocean's edge. Within a day or two, I noticed that the blue of the beads was coming off on my fingers. Maybe, the salt water did not agree with the lacquer. Thankfully, it washed off with a little wet sand and water. By the end of the vacation, the blue was gone and the links were rusted but that didn't matter. The prayer, the "song of praise" to the Virgin remained the same. At times, I still pray with those beads. When I do, I am reminded of the ocean breeze, the sound of the surf, and the chill of Maine water. I am also reminded that when I pray the Rosary, the "song" often sings itself. The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne, Bishop of Burlington