



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, David Philipsen, Katherine Bryant, Gloria Peduto, Rene Hendricks, Brendan Holbritter, Rosa Santos, Brian Kilpeck (Wanda Murray's son), Alison Walter, Emilie Rasmussen and Ann Marie Ford.*

**SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS**

**Week of February 3, 2019**

**Sat 4:00 PM** Paul L. Hogan by Susan Hogan  
**Sun 11:00 AM** For the People  
**Wed 9:00 AM** For the People  
**Thurs 9:00AM** For the People  
**Sat 4:00 PM** John A. Swingtonton by the Family  
**Sun 11:00 AM** Gil, Ellie & Mike Kupfer by Laura and Pam

**Parish Support**

Offering for the weekend of **January 27, 2019**  
 (Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

**Sunday Collection**

<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$353.00</b>
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$979..00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1332.00</b>
<b>Catholic Education</b>	<b>\$260.35</b>

**Important Change: Checks:** The Diocese has informed us that we are technically St. Mary Parish Charitable Trust in terms of financial matters and not Our Lady of Good Help. So please **make out checks to St. Mary Parish** from now on. Thank you.

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

**Readings for the Week of February 3, 2019**

**Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31—13:13

**Monday:** Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13

**Friday:** Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34

**Next Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11

**Ministry Schedule**



**Eucharistic Ministers**

02/02 Robert Rojecki  
 02/03 Jeannine Griffin  
 02/09 Marge Munger  
 02/10 Jean Lamarre

**Gift Bearers**

02/02 E. Parmelee & S. Munger  
 02/03 S. Ouelette Family  
 02/09 K. Decker & K. Mitchell  
 02/10 Glenda & Bob Gearwar

**Lectors**

Marge Munger  
 Aaron Boynton  
 Pike Mitchell  
 Guy Beck

**Altar Servers**

Brooke Bertrand  
 N. Depatie & A. Hayes  
 Jordan Bertrand  
 B. Stanley & M. Harding



**Collection Counters**

01/20 Tina Wiles & Glenda Gearwar  
 01/27 Katherine Bryant & Paula Bizon  
 02/03 Mike Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand



**St. Mary's Cemetery**

Location: R1T 73 E. Forest Dale Rd, Brandon  
 Contact Information - Please call St. Mary's Rectory. The cemetery is closed for the winter.

**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).

**Office is open on Wednesday**  
**10:00 am—3:00 pm**  
**Thursday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**2nd Collection for weekends in Feb.:**

**02/03 Bldgs. & Maint. Fund (Goal \$600)**  
**02/10 Church in Latin America**  
**02/24 Utility Fund (Goal \$500)**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Annual Contribution Statements:** Almost all have been mailed out. There were a few glitches with the Diocese conversion to a new system as well as my computer being down last week. I am working to resolve the few issues. Please be patient and you should have it by next week. Thank you

**Catholic Town Meeting:** with Bishop Coyne will take place on **Tuesday, February 5th** at Christ the King in Rutland. The meeting will go from 6:00-7:30.PM.. The Bishop will offer a few remarks but then is there mainly to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

**Winter Potluck Supper:** Saturday, February 23 at 5:00 PM in the Parish Hall. The theme is” **Comfort Food !**” Sign-up sheets will be in the back of the church. Please join us! Cure your cabin fever and warm your hearts with friends and great food!

**Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers:** The Diocese is asking those that currently serve churches in Rutland County attend a ministry formation workshop which will be held in two different locations..

**Lector Workshops:**  
 Tuesday, March 5 from 1:00-3:00 pm at Christ the King, Rutland  
 Tuesday, March 5 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Christ the King , Rutland  
 Wednesday, March 20 from 5:30-7:30 pm at St. John the Baptist, Castleton

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
 Wednesday, March 20 from 1:00-3:00 pm at St. John the Baptist in Castleton

Monday, April 1 from 1:00-3:00 pm at Christ the King Church, Rutland

Monday, April 1 from 5:30-7:30 at Christ the King, Rutland  
 \*You are asked to RSVP by filling out the form that will be available at the back of the church.

**February 3, 2019**

**Diocesan News: World Marriage Day:**World Marriage Day takes place every February as a time to honor and celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. The Diocese of Burlington will celebrate World Marriage Day 2019, with Bishop Christopher Coyne, on Sunday, Feb. 3, at the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral in Burlington. In Vermont, those celebrating milestone anniversaries each year (for example: 5, 10, 15...55 or more years) are invited to this special Mass with their families. A reception will follow in the parish hall after Mass. In addition, parishes are encouraged to honor and celebrate marriage anniversaries on the following Sunday, Feb. 10, with their parish priest in their own communities. These marriages are inspirational examples for our Vermont communities and reflect the commitment of God's divine love, demonstrating the beauty of husbands' and wives' faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. As Pope Francis writes, “they make a selfless commitment, proclaiming to those present that they will trust one another and never abandon the other when troubles brew” (“Amoris Laetitia,” 132). In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we are taught that Christ is the source of this grace. Christ dwells with them, giving them the strength to take up their crosses and so follow Him, rising again after they have fallen, forgiving one another, sharing one another's burdens and to “be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ,” in other words, to love one another with supernatural, tender and fruitful love (CCC 1642). The marriages honored this year are a response to God's call to grow together, where they bring love to maturity, and celebrate this earthly grace. We can be encouraged by witnessing the common joys of their love, their patience, their kindness and the forgiveness they ask and share with each other in their daily lives. Congratulations to those celebrating milestone anniversaries. Let their love bear witness to God's faithful love and a little bit of heaven on Earth through their marriage covenant. —*Terri McCormack, diocesan coordinator of Marriage and Family Life, [tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org)*

**Reflections for the Week**

Last Sunday's Gospel related the story of Jesus' returning to His hometown of Nazareth. We heard that He got up in the Synagogue and read a prophetic passage from Isaiah. Then he declared that He was the fulfillment personally of that very reading. The Gospel we hear today immediately follows this dramatic self-statement. He had been tempted about His identity and makes this announcement as the first public affirmation of Who He was. What we do hear today has two important features. The town's folk are quite impressed with Jesus' words. They know His parents and are quite excited that Jesus will make them proud and famous perhaps. Jesus begins His being public and not localized or confined. He knows their expectations for Him and yet He knows He is meant to be for more than them. He quotes two familiar stories from their scriptures. (1 Kings 17, and 2 Kings 5, 14-9) These stories provoke His listeners and they change their opinions and feelings concerning Jesus. They do not like the implications of His interpretation of the stories and so when they, like ourselves, do not like the message, they attempt to get rid of the messenger. Jesus does a little Houdiniesque move and leaves to continue His healing, teaching, and provoking. Those who deal with problems associated with sight and seeing, have two basic categories. One is blindness which is not being able to see anything. The other is known as “Low-Vision” or “Legally Blind” wherein there is some light or object recognition. Persons having some limited vision have a little added problem. They can see light and dark, or varying degrees of recognition of objects and other persons. Their problem is that, because they can see a little bit, they easily can assume that they can see more than they really can. The result is that they less fearfully move about and so more easily bump into or trip over or knock over somethings or someones. They can become too confident or trusting in what they can see and less aware of what they cannot. The folks of Nazareth were blinded by their rigidity and their seeing Jesus as limited to their own expectations. Jesus became a stumbling object, because they thought they could see Who he was, but could not because of their low-vision. They could see a little bit and so they thought they could see more than they could. Jesus provokes us to admit we have low vision about most things and especially about the God of Revelation. Faith is a way of living with the admission that God offers us little glimpses and the grace to see them and trust in what is behind and beyond them. When we say that we see, we are also saying that we do not see as much as we wish. In a sense, when we think we know it all, about God or each other or some subject, we really do not see it, but only enough to attract or distract us. In the scroll from which Jesus read last Sunday, He affirms that He has come to assist recovery of sight to the blind. This recovery is about our being blinded by what we see and think we have it. When we have “it” we really do not. Jesus left their sight, because their low vision lead them to think they knew Him and had It and they didn't. See what I'm getting at? [onlineministries.creighton.edu](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu)