



**SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Week of July 21, 2019**

**Sat 4:00 PM** Francis J. Leary, Sr. by the Family  
**Sun 7:30 AM St Agnes** For the People  
**Sun 11:00 AM** For the People  
**Wed 9:00 AM** For the People  
**Thurs 9:00 AM** For the People  
**Sat 4:00 PM** For the People  
**Sun 7:30 AM St. Agnes** For the People  
**Sun 11:00 AM** For the People

**Parish Support**

Offering for the weekend of **July 14, 2019**  
 (Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

**Sunday Collection**

<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$487.00</b>
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$1042.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1529.00</b>
<b>Bldgs. &amp; Maint.</b>	<b>\$526.00</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 July 21, 2019**

**Sunday:** Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42  
**Monday:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
**Tuesday:** Ex 14:21—15:1/Mt 12:46-50  
**Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9  
**Thursday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28  
**Friday:** Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23  
**Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8/Mt 13:24-30  
**Next Sunday:** Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13



**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, Betty Ferraro, Joseph Duprey, Charlotte Swain, Marilyn Morris, Mary Doherty, David Philipsen, Katherine Bryant, Rene Hendricks, Brendan Holbriiter, Rosa Santos, Alison Walter, Emilie Rasmussen, Ann Marie Ford, Laura Begnoche, Bertha Dolan, Jim Lofland, Peter Giancola, Fella Molina, Stanley Delorm, Phyllis Aitchson and Elaine Parmelee.

**Ministry Schedule**



**Eucharistic Ministers**

07/20 Robert Rojecki  
 07/21 Jean Lamarre  
 07/27 Dan St. Germain  
 07/28 Trish Bertino

**Lectors**

Joe Flynn  
 Bernie Carr  
 Marge Munger  
 Terry Zimmer

**Gift Bearers**

07/20 L. O'Brien Family  
 07/21 T. Depatie Family A. Hayes & M. Harding  
 07/27 K. Decker & C. Mitchell David Bertrand  
 07/28 S. Ouelette Family A. & O. Depatie

**Altar Servers**

**Collection Counters**



07/21 Helen Williams & Glenda Gearwar  
 07/28 Mike Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand  
 08/04 Tina Wiles & Paula Bizon



**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](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 July/ Aug:**

**07/21 Utility Fund (Goal \$500)**  
**08/04 Bldgs. & Maint. (Goal \$600)**  
**08/18 Utility Fund (Goal \$500)**

**Annual Raffle:** It's time for our Annual Raffle. We need your help selling tickets! If you sell at least 18 tickets, you will receive a free ticket at the raffle. We will start selling tickets the weekend of Mother's Day, May 11th at the back of the church. Tickets will be available in the church for you to buy and pick up to sell in May. Please continue to sell tickets throughout the summer as the success of the raffle depends on all of you. The prizes and drawing date are as follows: **Drawing** September 8, 2019 after the 11:00 AM Mass **Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50.** Any questions or concerns, please call Jean Lamarre at 353-7881.

**Calling All Cooks and Bakers!! Help Needed:** August 3rd Town Wide Yard Sale 60 Park St. at the Coombs' house. In need of baked goods and people to grill. We will have 3 grills going with hot dogs, burgers and sausage grinders. If you can help in any way contact Jean Lamarre at 247-8179. Thank you in advance for your support!

**Addison County Right to Life** (a chapter of VRLC) will meet at 6:30 PM on Monday July 22nd at Valley Bible Church in East Middlebury. Primary agenda items include a review of our participation in the Bristol parade and planning for our booth at AC Field Days. All members are encouraged to attend and visitors are welcome.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** "Knock and the door will be opened to you." Discover the amazing plan God has for you and your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Sep 13-15, 2019 in Huntington, NY and Nov 15-17 at Isle LaMotte, VT. For more information, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://www.mevtw.org/>.

**Reflections for the Week**

In Genesis, as well as in the other four books of the Pentateuch, various schools or theological traditions contribute their views of God and God's dealings with the Jewish nation. The story which forms our First Reading emphasizes the transcendence of the almighty God and the tenderness of this God's embrace of our humanity. Abraham is taking his ease in the late afternoon and he notices three "men" standing nearby. He did not see them or hear them approaching, they just appeared. From his immediate actions of welcome, we assume that Abraham did not have many visitors or he would have soon run out of cattle and run his wife to an early grave. Abraham invites his guests to be treated by Sarah's hard labors and he seems to entertain the guests while dinner is being prepared. Here comes the theological view of God. After dinner, one of them asks where "Sarah" Abraham's wife might be. When told, the speaker foretells a promise. The speaker knows the name of Abraham's wife and blesses her, in her advanced years, the consummate blessing of those times, a son. God knows, God visits, and God makes promises and keeps them. Now the big question is of course, was God good to Abraham, because he and Sarah were so welcoming? Does God come to bless, because of us or because of Who God is? It is quite impractical for Sarah to have a child at her age, but a very practical promise is made. This kind of story reveals more about the mysterious God than something of the human activities to attract God. Abraham and Sarah had to trust what they heard. Sarah is not rewarded for being the good wife and short-order cook. She is blessed to have a child, because of God's love. She might have been thinking that God was angry with her and so she could not be blessed with motherhood. Is God good only when we have been good, welcoming, keeping the traditions and laws? These are the ancient questions which have modern echoes. The Gospel is a rather cute little story, but within it lie some very important features of God and what is expected by God in our response. Jesus is welcomed. Martha is doing the practical things of getting a proper meal ready for Jesus, the prophet. Mary is doing nothing except listening. Martha complains about the impracticality of her sister. Jesus replies with something simple and important. End of story. Luke presents Jesus as a model for his prophetic disciples whom he has sent out relying on the hospitality of others and thereby, relying on God. Luke presents Martha as the righteous welcomer who does the practical things according to the Jewish religious and cultured ways. Luke presents Mary as a person of the Good News. She does the impractical thing of "listening to him speak." She has chosen "the better part", which is allowing the Good News to be heard. The story of last week's Gospel, the Good Samaritan, immediately comes before these final verses of this chapter in Luke's Gospel. The reader or listener to the Gospel would understand that the very practical thing the "Good Samaritan" did, is what everybody would have to do if they sat at the feet of Jesus and listened to the whole Gospel. Martha is righteous by her expressing her religious traditions. Luke is presenting Mary as how each of us continues the life of Jesus, by listening and then getting up and doing all that the Gospel of Luke has offered. This is not a family dispute, a sibling rivalry, but a call to a radical way of living. We so easily listen to what we want to hear. What Jesus is saying in all the Gospels is not exactly all we want to hear. Jesus' conversation with us, if we listen, will change, convert us and we would rather "get out in that kitchen and rattle those pots and pans." We would rather justify ourselves by listening to our ways and doing our thing in the hope that God would be pleased, schmoozed, and appeased. It is quite enjoyable to underline all the verses in the Gospels which we find distasteful and or inconvenient. I find the Gospel gets quite a bit shorter when I do this selective cutting. Those are the verses we don't want to hear, because they call us to change images of ourselves, of others, of life. The really good news is that Jesus just keeps sitting in those pages speaking and waiting for us to tune in. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him and he with me." [onlineministries.creighton.edu](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu)