



SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS

Week of October 15, 2017

Sat 4:00 PM Grace Cyr by Donna Young
Sun 8:00 AM St. Agnes Gil, Ellie & Mike Kupfer by Laura & Pam
Sun 10:00 AM Pro Populo
Mon 9:00 AM Shannon Bertrand by Carol Bertrand
Wed 9:00 AM Marcus Carr by Anonymous
Thurs 9:00 AM Philip LaPorte by Anonymous
Fri 9:00 AM Ernest Delphia by Donna Young
Sat 4:00 PM Mike Keith by Nancy Keith
Sun 8:00 AM Germain Bilodeau by Anita Bilodeau
Sun 10:00 AM Pro Populo

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of October 8, 2017
(Our Goal is \$1,800.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose	\$310.00
Envelopes	\$1153.00
Total	\$1463.00
Hurricane Relief	\$664.00

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 October 15, 2017

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Lk 10:1-9

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21



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, Francine Leary, Carlita La Porte, Joel Rivera, Ginger Stearns, Betty Ferraro, Joseph Duprey, Charlotte Swain, Marilyn Morris, Mary Doherty, Ann-Marie Ford, David Philipsen, Katherine Bryant, Gloria Peduto, Rene Hendricks, and Brendan Holbriiter.

Ministry Schedule



<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
10/14 Marge Munger	Marge Munger
10/15 C. Frankiewicz	Wanda Murray
10/21 Joe Flynn	Joe Flynn
10/22 Jeannine Griffin	Guy Beck
<u>Gift Bearers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
10/14 S & M Munger	Brooke Bertrand
10/15 T. Depatie Family	N. Depatie & M. Harding
10/21 T. Howland Family	Jordan Bertrand
10/22 G & B Gearwar	B. Stanley & B. Thorton

Collection Counters



10/15 Tina Wiles & Glenda Gearwar
 10/22 Donna Swington & Carolyn Walker
 10/29 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 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 - 12:00 pm

2nd Collection for weekends in Oct.:

10/15 Utility Fund

10/22 Mission Sunday

10/29 Priest Benefit Fund

Surprise Raffle: Sorry for another raffle so quickly. We needed to use these prizes by the end of the year (couldn't be helped). I called this "Surprise Raffle". Prizes are: 1st Prize: Lilac Inn/ I night w/breakfast; 2nd Prize: 1 Gallon Maple Syrup; 3rd Prize: Flash Bag by Carr's Gift Shop 4th Prize: \$20 Gift Certificate-BHOP; Drawing: Sunday, November 26, 2017 after the 10 am mass at St. Mary's; Tickets \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 .

Social Concern Meeting: Monday October 16, 2017 at 6 PM
Parish Council Meeting: Thursday October 19, 2017 at 7 PM
Parish Finance Council Meeting: Wednesday October 25, at 6 PM

Thank You for your support of Saturday Night's Dinner. We made a profit of \$158.00. Thank you for our work crew who helped with the dinner. If you would like to volunteer to help or cook for future events please see volunteer list at back and front of the church.

Harvest Festival: Profit was \$246.79. Thank you to all who helped.

The Rosary will be said for the month of October 30 minutes before each mass: 3:30 PM Saturday and 9:30 AM Sunday.

Congratulations to: Loa Severn Hermansson the daughter of Stefan and Virginia Hermansson. She was baptized on September 30, 2017 at St. Agnes in Leicester.

Erica Lynn Godin and William Joseph Mathis for their wedding on October 14, 2017 at Our Lady of Good Help in Brandon

Volunteer Needed: Are you able to use sign language? Vermont Catholic Charities is looking for a volunteer to visit an individual who uses sign language as his primary means of communication. If you are fluent in sign language and would be available to visit this individual once a week or once every other week, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Bea Wells, LICSW @ (802) 773-3379 ext. 101 or bwells@vermontcatholic.org if you are available or have any questions. Thank you.

The Knights of Columbus of St. Ambrose Parish will host a "Knights in Italy Spaghetti Dinner" on Friday, September 29th from 5pm to 7pm. Adults - \$10, children under 12 - \$5, and \$25 for immediate family.

Diocesan News: The Synod Process. I Convocation and Preparation of the Synod 1 The bishop convenes the synod with the consultation of the Presbyteral Council **2 Preparatory Commission** :Members of the preparatory commission are chosen by the bishop. The preparatory commission assists the bishop in organizing and preparing for the synod. The bishop establishes a synodal secretariat and possibly a press office. **3 Publication of the Synodal Directory** The Synodal Directory includes: 1. composition of the synod; 2. norms by which elections of synodal members are to be conducted; 3. various offices to be exercised by the synod; 4. procedural norms of the synod meetings. **4 Preparatory phases of synod Spiritual, catechetical and formational preparation** 1. All are invited to pray for the ongoing intention of the synod and its results, that it might become an authentic event of grace for the Church. 2. All should be informed on the nature and purpose of the synod and the scope of its deliberations. **Diocesan consultation** 1. The faithful and the clergy of the Diocese are encouraged to express their needs, desires, challenges and opinions regarding the synod topics. 2. Meetings take place at each parish, then deanery, to discuss synod topics. **Determining the questions** : The bishop determines the questions on which the synodal debate will concentrate. **II Conducting the Synod** The actual synod consists of the synodal sessions, typically in the cathedral. Members of the synod make the profession of the faith before commencing synodal discussions. Themes to be examined are introduced from a brief report; discussion begins. Draft texts of synodal documents are prepared. **III Synodial Declarations and Decrees** *The bishop will prepare final drafts of synodal decrees and declarations, sign them and order their publication. Decrees and declarations consist of directives for future pastoral programs and/or affirmations of the faith.* **Composition of the Synod** The diocesan bishop presides over the synod. **Members of the synod by (Canon) law:** *vicars general, vicars episcopal, vicars judicial, members of the council of priests, deans* **Elected members of the synod:** *lay members, at least one priest from each deanery.*

For more information about the Diocese of Burlington's synod process visit: goo.gl/Xazc48

Reflections for the Week:

In today's readings, the theme of invitation draws us into the freedom that Jesus offers us. The first reading from Isaiah promises the beleaguered people of Israel that not only will their lives be filled with food and comfort but "the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face." This offered the hope that Israel would someday be able to say to God, "let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" Psalm 23 is universally beloved with God as our shepherd, carrying us with gentle love, guiding us through green valleys and refreshing waters. It paints a picture of a life with God where "only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life." Paul's letter to his close friends in the Philippian community is a counterpoint to the abundance of the Isaiah reading. Here, Paul assures them that he knows "how to live in humble circumstances." He writes that he has learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. And in a poignant personal note he adds, "Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress." His secret for bearing any suffering is his faith that "my God will fully supply" whatever we need, "in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." In Matthew's Gospel we hear the parable of the king who gave a wedding feast for his son but his invitations were spurned. When he extended the invitation to the people in the streets, "they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests." But one of the guests did not dress in a wedding garment – perhaps as insulting to the host as today coming to a wedding in a bathing suit. When he refuses to answer questions about his dress, the king orders, "Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth." I couldn't help thinking that this king's response to his guest was a parallel to the way Jesus cares for us and invites us through the story of Lazarus. His beloved friend had died and Jesus stood in the doorway of the tomb comforting Lazarus' sisters. Then he called, "Lazarus, come out!" and Lazarus responded immediately to Jesus' invitation. He came out from the tomb. Where the king in today's gospel ordered the guest's hand and feet be bound and he be cast into the darkness, with wailing and grinding of teeth, Jesus does the opposite with Lazarus – and with us. He calls for Lazarus to have his hands and feet unbound from the burial cloths and to come out of the darkness of the tomb into the light with Jesus. Rather than a wailing in the darkness, Lazarus was met with the rejoicing cries of his sisters and all of those who loved him as he came to life again. Jesus invites us to that summoning back to life, the invitation to unbind ourselves from the things that tie us up. onlineministries.creighton.edu