



SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS

Week of October 22, 2017

Sat 4:00 PM Mike Keith by Nancy Keith
Sun 8:00 AM Germain Bilodeau by Anita Bilodeau
Sun 10:00 AM Pro Populo
Mon 9:00 AM Estelle Geoffrey by F and S .Geoffrey
Wed 9:00 AM Genevieve Cerutti by Angela and Dean
Thurs 9:00 AM Edward Groeger by M. and D. Philipsen
Fri 9:00 AM Francis P. Jacobi by Beck Family
Sat 4:00 PM Mary Frankiewicz by Mike and Charlene Frankiewicz
Sun 8:00 AM Dominique & Clara Quesnel by V&Fam
Sun 10:00 AM Pro Populo

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of October 15, 2017
(Our Goal is \$1,800.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose	\$366.00
Envelopes	\$718.00
Total	\$1084.00
Utility Fund	\$399.00

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 22, 2017

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

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: Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16

Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40



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 Holbritter.

Ministry Schedule



Eucharistic Ministers

10/21 Joe Flynn
 10/22 Jeannine Griffin
 10/28 Jerry Flint
 10/29 Robert Rojecki

Lectors

Joe Flynn
 Guy Beck
 Jerry Flint
 Terry Zimmer

Gift Bearers

10/21 T. Howland Family
 10/22 G & B Gearwar
 10/28 R. Howland Family
 10/29 R. Doty Family

Altar Servers

Jordan Bertrand
 B. Stanley & B. Thornton
 Brooke Bertrand
 A. and O. Depatie

Collection Counters



10/22 Donna Swington & Carolyn Walker
 10/29 Tina Wiles & Paula Bizon
 11/05 M. Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand



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.:

10/22 Mission Sunday

10/29 Priest Benefit Fund

11/5 Restoration 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 . Tickets available before and after each mass on Saturday and Sunday.

Parish Finance Council Meeting: Wednesday October 25, at 6 PM

November 2nd is "ALL SOULS DAY" if you want to remember your deceased loved one (s) during the Eucharistic celebration that day, please fill the envelope for "All Souls Day" found at church entrances with the name of your loved one (s) with your donations and put the envelope in the collection basket or bring them to the office. All names will be prayed for during Mass on that day and during the month of November. Submit your envelopes before the 31st of this month. Thank you.

November Parish Dinner: Nov.4th Saturday Night Dinner at 5 PM Dinner – Lasagna/Tossed Salad/Dessert \$8.00 per person,\$5 children 6-12, under 5 yrs. Free. After the November 4th dinner, Saturday Nite Dinners will only be held in March, June, and October. Thank you for all your support.

Craft Fair for Nov. 18th has been cancelled.

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

Fall Open House at Mount St Joseph Academy which is located on Convent Ave. in Rutland will be held on **Sunday, November 5, 2017** from 12 noon to 3 PM.. Faculty, current students, coaches, and administration will be available to answer any questions. A light luncheon will be served.

St. Peter's Church, Vergennes, Craft Fair & Raffle Saturday, October 21, 2017.! Begins at 9:00 to 3:30 at the Parish Hall 85 South Maple St. Vergennes.

Diocesan News: World Mission Sunday2017: On Oct. 22, the Church celebrates World Mission Sunday, calling for a renewed focus on and prayer for the Church's mission to share the Good News of Salvation with the world. Included in Pope Francis' message for this day is a call for a "holy audacity" in discovering new ways to bring the gift of salvation to the world. The Church exists to evangelize. Recall Jesus' last commission to the Apostles, often called the Great Commission, "to make disciples of all nations..." (Mt. 28:19-20). This is the Church's — our — mission. We can read the stories of those who have gone before us for inspiration. St. Paul, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Ignatius, St. Theresa of Avila, St. Francis Xavier, St. Francis de Sales, St. Peter Claver, to name but a few. There are countless men and woman through the centuries who have carried the Gospel message to the ends of the world. Each of them, inspired by Christ, possessed the holy audacity to offer everything for the love of God. Our own founding shepherd, Bishop DeGoesbriand, possessed that same holy audacity as he left home for this country, coming to Vermont with nothing, but trusting that "God will provide." And God did! Recall that there were seven churches in Vermont when he arrived, and 71 when he was finished; the number of priests in Vermont increased from five to 50. In our own day and age, Pope Francis reminds us that "the world vitally needs the Gospel of Jesus Christ." We must be the missionaries in our communities and on the peripheries, joyfully sharing the love, peace, joy and purpose that Jesus offers the world. To be "holy" is to be "set apart." By virtue of your Baptism, you were set apart for God. You were set apart for a mission. To remain "holy" is to remain closely connected to Jesus Christ, especially in the Eucharist. Thereby, when you are holy, you radiate Jesus Christ and when people see you, they discover Jesus Christ (cf. Raoul Plus, SJ). "Audacity" is the "willingness to take bold risks." There is a risk in every mission. Admittedly, it takes a special boldness to proclaim the Gospel in our world today. Yet, a mission undertaken in love is the most fulfilling and life-giving of all There is a holy audacity in simply saying to the Lord, each and every day, "Lord, I am yours. Use me as your instrument however you see fit." That's what each of the saints did, and see what the Lord did with them! As Pope Francis ends his message for this World Mission Sunday, "May the Virgin Mother help us to say our own 'yes,' conscious of the urgent need to make the Good News of Jesus resound in our time... May she intercede for us so that we can acquire the holy audacity needed to discover new ways to bring the gift of salvation to every man and woman." — *Deacon Phil Lawson is the Executive Director of Evangelization, Catechesis, Divine Worship, Marriage and Family and Respect Life for the Dio. of Burl.*

Reflections for the Week:

In today's first reading, Cyrus is called by God to be a liberator of His chosen people. The psalm passage reminds us of God's goodness and how we are called to respond. Paul's epistle gives encouragement to the Thessalonian community. In the Gospel, Jesus avoids a snare that is set for Him by responding with a statement on what should be expected by the civil authorities and what should be expected by God. My reflection today centers on God's plan. I am not sure that individuals always immediately recognize how their particular experiences and actions fit into His bigger plan. In today's readings, we see contributions to Salvation History. I would like to think that we have a God who is still active in the world today. Cyrus, also known as Cyrus the Great, extended his rule to a large section of the Near East during the 6th century BC. He respected the traditions of the regions that were under his control. After his conquest of Babylonia, he allowed the Jews that had been deported from Palestine to return. The first verses of Isaiah 45 describe God calling Cyrus to be the deliverer of the chosen people. Though never embracing Judaism himself, Cyrus played an integral role in the preservation of the Jewish people, their culture and their religion. Thessalonica is one of several places where Paul made inroads, in spite of initially being forced to flee due to Jewish opposition. Paul's letter is written to a seedling community that was doing well. Without Paul's fervor and dedication, I personally doubt that Christianity would have grown and flourished the way that it did. I see Paul and his proclamation of Christianity to the Gentiles as part of that bigger plan. In the Gospel, Jesus is given a question, the answer to which seemingly can only bring Him trouble. In being asked if it is right to pay taxes to a repressive government, He is set up to antagonize one group or another. Jesus expresses His frustration with those questioning Him. The Gospel records a wise response that allows for giving the government what it is due, while subjugating that to the service of God's plan. My mother would say that there is a reason for everything. In today's world, not everyone buys into the idea of a bigger plan. We would like our world to thrive, but there are violent acts, injustices and natural disasters. There are many individuals who argue that who and what we are today is the result of chance and random events. I recently read comments from one of this year's Nobel Laureates expressing his hypothesis that not only consciousness, but also our sense of a transcendent are the results of natural selection. Are one's sense of beauty, one's feelings of love, and the empathetic actions, which one observes, signs of a plan in which God has a role? There are times when things seem comfortable and clear. These are the moments when I find it easy to point to God's presence and God's plan in the world. Then the tide shifts. I can feel lost and discouraged. I can sympathize with the frustrations of Jesus and Paul. Fortunately, I can also imagine the moments in which they feel satisfaction. I can envision Cyrus, who some would call an infidel, as he is heralded as a messiah by the Jewish people. When I was younger, I felt that I knew it all. It took moments of failure to recognize the gifts that had been visible before. It was the moments of hurt, like the loss of a someone close, that helped make me aware of the love that had been there. I have learned to see myself in the world having a purpose, a world that expounds the goodness of the divine plan. I can embrace the times of challenge and sorrow as a recognition that there were times of peace and joy. I can seek out the directions in which my time is spent as it should be, as a part of God's plan. *Onlineministries.creighton.edu*