



**SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Week of January 28, 2018**

<b>Sat 4:00 PM</b>	Pro Populo
<b>Sun 10:00 AM</b>	Pro Populo
<b>Mon 9:00 AM</b>	No Mass
<b>Wed 9:00 AM</b>	No Mass
<b>Thurs 9:00 AM</b>	No Mass
<b>Fri 1-3 PM</b>	No Adoration
<b>Sat 4:00 PM</b>	John Swington by his Family
<b>Sun 10:00 AM</b>	Pro Populo

**Parish Support**

Offering for the weekend of **January 21, 2018**  
(Our Goal is \$1,800.00 each week)

**Sunday Collection**

<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$363.00</b>
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$766.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1129.00</b>
<b>Utility Fund</b>	<b>\$413.00</b>

*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 January 28, 2018**

- Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28  
**Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20  
**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/  
**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6  
**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13  
**Friday:** Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34  
**Next Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23



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, Brendan Holbritter, Rosa Santos and Jean Pfenning.*

**Ministry Schedule**



<b><u>Eucharistic Ministers</u></b>	<b><u>Lectors</u></b>
01/27 Joe Flynn	Joe Flynn
01/28 Guy Beck	Wanda Murray
02/03 Tom Giblin	Tom Giblin
02/04 Charlotte Frankiewicz	CCD Students
<b><u>Gift Bearers</u></b>	<b><u>Altar Servers</u></b>
01/27	Jordan Bertrand
01/28 Russell Doty Family	A. & O. Depatie
02/03 E. Parmalee & S.Munger	Brooke Bertrand
02/04 CCD Students	N. Depatie & A. Hayes

**Collection Counters**



01/28 Tina Wiles & Paula Bizon
02/04 Mike Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand
02/11 Helen Williams & 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).

**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 Jan./Feb.:**

- 01/28 Catholic Education Collection**
- 02/04 Restoration Fund**
- 02/11 Church in Latin America**

**Contribution Envelopes and Calendars for 2018** will be available for pick-up at the back of the church after mass. Please remember to get yours or sign up for one if you are not already on the list. Thank you

**Annual Financial Contribution Statements** for 2017 taxes will be provided upon request. You may sign up at back table after masses or stop by the office, phone, or email if you would like one. Thank you. **Your statements will be available after masses next Sunday** on the back table.

**Fr. Vincent will be on vacation from January 22nd to February 22nd.** For emergencies such as funerals, anointing of the sick— Fr. Richard Tinney— Tel: 802-773-7648(Rutland) or our deanery priests Fr. Yvon Royer— 802-334-6810 (Vergennes) or Fr. Luke Austin- 802-388-2943 (Middlebury).

The Parish Office will be open on Wednesdays and Thursdays. There will be no adoration on First Friday of February. Please pray for my safe travels.

**Let's Do Lunch: Age Well Seeking Meals On Wheels Volunteers**

With the senior population projected to double by 2050, Meals on Wheels needs to recruit a whole new wave of volunteers to serve the growing need. **What can you do?** Donate your time and help a senior in need. Whether once a week, as a substitute driver or every day, we need your help. Sign up to volunteer with Age Well and start making a difference in your community today. Please contact Age Well's Director of Volunteer Services, Erica Marks at [emarks@agewellvt.org](mailto:emarks@agewellvt.org) or call 802-662-5249 or learn more by visiting [agewellvt.org](http://agewellvt.org).

**A Young Adult Retreat** is being offered on **Saturday, February 24, 10 am through Sunday, February 25 until 3:30 pm** at the **Mary Theotokos Monastic Retreat Center in Newark, VT.** Father Lance Harlow will be leading the retreat and the cost is **\$40 per participant**, which includes food and lodging. The retreat is open to young adults, ages 18+. Registration can be done through Constant Contact(linked through the Diocesan webpage). Any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the chancery at 802-658-6110, ext. 1240 or ext. 1130.

Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette for girls are now accepting registrations for the 2018 summer season. The camps, located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children ages 6-15. For more information contact Brendan Stackhouse at 603-364-5851 or email [Brendan@bfcamp.com](mailto:Brendan@bfcamp.com) or register online at [www.bfcamp.com](http://www.bfcamp.com).

**Diocesan News: Preparing For Lent:** This year, Lent begins on February 14 — just two and half weeks from now! How will your family observe this time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving? During Lent, the Diocese of Burlington will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter our neighbor, as companions on the journey, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We will reflect on how an encounter with our neighbor can be transformative. We will see how our prayers, fasting and alms can support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities. As we prepare for this holy season, it is especially meaningful to come together in prayer as a family. Reflecting on the crosses of hunger, poverty and war carried by our brothers and sisters forced to flee their homes, we have an opportunity to also reflect on our roles in caring for them as members of our human family. Please consider these suggestions in your family's Lenten plan: ♦♦ Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar daily to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving. ("Like" @DioBurlington on Facebook for daily reminders.) ♦♦ Read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey— and guide your Lenten almsgiving. ♦♦ Prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent to eat in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. (Check the @DioBurlington Instagram stories for recipe examples.) Visit [rsricebowl.org/stories](http://rsricebowl.org/stories) to watch videos of the people and communities you support through your Lenten gifts to CRS Rice Bowl. If you don't have a CRS Rice Bowl, ask your pastor or contact [outreach@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:outreach@vermontcatholic.org). You can also download the CRS Rice Bowl app from the App Store on your smartphone. CRS Rice Bowl has a web page specifically for families! Visit [crsricebowl.org/families](http://crsricebowl.org/families) for activities that will help your family grow in Catholic faith this Lenten season. Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family!

**Reflections for the week**

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.* God spoke directly to Moses. In the first reading God has promised the people that he will speak directly to someone from their own kin like he speaks to Moses so those people can hear and understand. They will be able to hear the word of God in their own language and within their own culture. What an amazing opportunity. I know I would love to hear directly from God. Today it seems hard to know exactly what to do and what really is God's will. Back then God spoke directly to Moses, and he said exactly what to do. The people in the first reading have a prophet in their midst. But this opportunity comes with responsibility also. They have to listen and obey. And false prophets will not be tolerated. Actually, this helps them out too, because anyone who pretends to prophesy, but isn't the prophet God speaks to directly will die, so the people actually know that their prophet is real. That makes it easier to trust in and follow his words. Even the demons listen to Jesus and obey. He calls out the unclean spirit that recognizes that Jesus is the voice of God and no match for the evil spirit, which is destroyed at his words. The people are amazed at this, but the voice of God is that powerful. It's more difficult today to hear and understand the voice of God, but not impossible. We can read it here in the scriptures. We can sense it in our conscience. We can see it in God's creation. We should be alert and aware for where it will express itself. God is all around us. We need to recognize his voice when we hear it. *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*  
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