



SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS
Week of May 20, 2018

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, Ann-Marie Ford, David Philipsen, Katherine Bryant, Gloria Peduto, Rene Hendricks, Brendan Holbritter, Rosa Santos, Jean Pfenning and Arthur Pfenning

Ministry Schedule



<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
05/19 Donna Swingleton	Terry Zimmer
05/20 Jeannine Griffin	Bernie Carr
05/26 Sally Foster	Pike Mitchell
05/27 Guy Beck	Guy Beck
<u>Gift Bearers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
05/19 T. Howland Family	David Bertrand
05/20 T. Depatie Family	A. Depatie & A. Hayes
05/26 K. Decker & C. Mitchell	Jordan Bertrand
05/27 G. & B. Gearwar	B. Thornton & B. Stanley

Collection Counters



05/20 Tina Wiles & Glenda Gearwar
05/27 Bob Gearwar & Katherine Bryant
06/03 Mike Frankiewicz



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 May/June:

- 05/20 Utility Fund**
- 06/03 Catholic Communication Campaign**
- 06/10 Restoration Fund**

Pentecost Sunday

Blessed Virgin Mary: May is the month we remember our Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Starting the weekend of May 12 the Rosary will be said 30 minutes before every mass.

New Ministry: Greeters needed! A new ministry of greeters will be starting in June at St Mary's. This is an opportunity for those of you who are thinking of getting involved in some church activity. It does not involve a lot of time but does require a commitment to a schedule similar to the lector/eucharistic minister schedule. We are looking for 1 person for each mass on the weekend to greet people in the foyer of the church before mass and had out bulletins. This would mean arriving 10 -15 minutes early with your happy face. We are hoping to have at least 8 -10 people sign up initially to cover 1 month of masses. Two people can sign up together if they so wish. Interested people can call Terry at 247 - 3677. There will also be a sign up sheet in the back. Thanks for your participation and for making Our Lady of Good Help a welcoming church.

Saturday Night Dinner: Saturday, June 2, 2018 at 5PM. Pot Roast/Potatoes/Carrots/Sweet Kale Salad/Rolls/Beverage. \$8.00 per person/6-12 years \$5.00. Under 5 Free. Tickets available at the back of the church before and after each mass.

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2018: This weekend is the In-Pew Commitment Weekend phase of the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Love is always a gift from God and with these gifts we are able to help so many families - more than 2,000 people in financial crisis receive emergency aid and those that cannot afford tuition at our Catholic schools receive \$340,000 in subsidies. We ask that you prayerfully consider donating to the appeal to support the Catholic Church in Vermont. Visit bishop-sappealvt.org for more information about your gift at work.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." Learn how to bring the peace of Christ into your relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jun 9-10, 2018 in Medway, MA and Jul 6-8, 2018 in MANCHESTER, CT. For more information, call Gary & Lynn Root at 802-456-8114 or visit them at: <https://wwmevt.org>.

Diocesan News: Careers and Internships with the Diocese of Burlington Part II: The Diocese has two or three interns each summer. Previous interns have had backgrounds in accounting, marketing, business and English. "What an intern receives is hands-on-experience which then helps their resume for future employment here or somewhere else," commented Eileen O'Rourke, executive director of human resources for the Diocese. Holly Thayer of St. Ann Church in Milton is a senior at Pace University in New York City majoring in communications studies and minoring in marketing. She interned for the Diocese last summer in development and communication. She worked with the Bishop's Annual Appeal, processing donations and assisting with donor relations and customer service. She helped draft and schedule daily social media posts for the diocesan accounts, did research for the diocesan magazine, assisted with database maintenance and helped keep the diocesan wide-census data up to date. "Interning at the Diocese has helped me prepare for a professional career after college as it gave me office experience and taught me how different departments often have to work together to achieve a goal," she said. Working in a small department she had responsibilities and tasks that were important to the working of the department and needed to be completed by deadlines. "This taught me to organize my work and prioritize my tasks so that everything was completed to the best of my ability in a timely manner," she said. "I also was able to work closely with the other people in my department, which allowed me to learn from them as well as get experience collaborating with coworkers. I had never had much experience with database software, so I was also able to learn how to use new tools which could be translated to other software." She is grateful for the time she spent interning for the Diocese because of the valuable skills she learned and the experience and also because she knows the work she did helped the Church and her community. Denise Watson, an accountant in Parish Accounting Services, advises those who would like to work or intern for the Diocese to keep an open mind. "The people are so kind, and it's a really healthy environment for anyone to grow their skills and grow in their career," she said. "We are fortunate to attract individuals, and part of the reason is our compensation offering, along with offering a positive work place," O'Rourke said. Current openings in the Diocese are posted at vermontcatholic.org/careers. — *Cori Urban, Vermont Catholic*

Reflections for the week

Fifty days have passed since the Jews, now gathered together for the second great feast of the agricultural year, had celebrated the first feast which is the Passover or Feast of the Unleavened Bread. The last of these will be a final harvest thanksgiving. Fifty days have passed for the spring wheat and grains to have ripened. Now these "first fruits" are presented before the Lord. All the farmers of this agricultural community acknowledge their radical dependence upon God's care in sending rain and sun. Luke pictures the raining down of God's Spirit within the context of this Jewish agricultural festival. They are gathered to send up their prayers for all that has grown in their fields. God sends the Spirit of growth so that there will be even more produce, but of a new kind. The newness is that while the sun and rain bring forth fruit of the fields, the Holy Spirit will bring forth a completion of creation as the ultimate expression of God's love. The people are gathered to praise and thank God. Luke will picture the Spirit moving them out and beyond the territory of the Jews so as to bless and bring about the final harvest of God's peace and justice. They all speak different languages, which is a consequence of the Tower of Babel. They will continue speaking their various languages, but the message is to go out from them to all the world. In today's Gospel, we hear John's account of Jesus' sending, or "breathing" the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. As in Luke's account in Acts, there is a gathering. John's version has the group hiding for fear, but both, upon reception of the Spirit, are blest and then "sent". Jesus' breathing the Spirit echoes Genesis' description of the creating God breathing form out of the abyss of nothingness. For John, the process of creation is to extend God's peace to the now "deformed" world. The Holy Spirit comes constantly from the ever-loving Trinity. We are not praying in such a way that maybe God will breathe again upon our creation. We celebrate that we might be open to the Spirit's work of giving Christ new dimensions, new visibility and new gestures of revelation within us as individuals and us as God's people. We are praying in celebration that God is constantly sending the "breath" upon; this is not a maybe. What we do pray is that we may be more open to the Spirit's creating of us. We use an expression for those who think too highly of themselves. "That person has an inflated self-image." What that means literally is that he/she is full of "air", coming from the Latin word for wind, "flatus". We might say, "hot air". "Deflation" means the air has "run out". What the early Apostles heard sounded like a strong wind and Jesus breathed air upon the hiding eleven. The Spirit was not in-flating, but in-carnating. Pentecost is a celebration of the fruitfulness of the land, blest by the sun and rain and "breath" of God. In the Christian community, we celebrate how the Spirit, "wind" of God has "in-spirited" human hearts to live "highly" of themselves. The work of the Spirit is that all creation and that includes human beings, radiate, in-flesh Jesus. As the Spirit came upon Mary whose womanhood gave him flesh, so that same Spirit hovers over our bodies that Jesus might take new flesh. We think highly of ourselves all right, but not full of air but Spirit, not totally Jesus yet, but the Spirit is not done with us. The early Apostles, "air-borne" in a sense, flew outward from hiding into humanity, from amorphous shame into figures of faith. No balloons or blimps are we. This day we re-up for loving the flesh-bound "bone house" that gives Jesus attractiveness to all whom he meets through us. As he went about blest by the Spirit at his anointing, so we do not float, but walk, run, limp, wheelchair, crawl, or sit, and give his light our personal refraction. The Church, as were the first Apostles, is not full of itself, but longs to be freed to inspire God's good earth to bring forth fruits of holiness not hollowness, substance not emptiness and investments in acts of justice. "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke of the great things that God had done, alleluia." Acts 2, 4 onlineministries.creighton.edu

- Sat 4:00 PM** Anita Bilodeau by Randy & Suzanne Denis
- Sun 8:00 AM St. Agnes** -Bernard J. Bourgeois by Fr. Luke Austin
- Sun 10:00AM** Howard Goulette by M.ike & Charlotte Frankiewicz
- Mon 9:00 AM** For All Mothers
- Wed 9:00 AM** No Mass
- Thurs 9:00 AM** For All Mothers
- Fri 9:00 AM** For All Mothers
- Sat 4:00 PM** Francis J. Leary Sr. by His Family
- Sun 8:00 AM St. Agnes-Anne** Patricia Pfenning by Michael Pfenning
- Sun 10:00 AM** Patricia Zimmer by Fred&Terry Zimmer

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of May 13, 2018
(Our Goal is \$1,800.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose	\$281.06
Envelopes	\$894.00
Total	\$1175.06

Central & Eastern Europe \$243.90

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 May 20, 2018

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17