

# Our Lady of Good Help/ St. Agnes Church



## 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 Holbritter, Rosa Santos, Alison Walter, Emilie Rasmussen, Ann Marie Ford, Laura Begnoche, Bertha Dolan, Jim Lofland, Mary Ann Rosania, Peter Giancola and Sella Molina.

## SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS

### Week of May 5, 2019

Sat 4:00 PM Lee Lape by Patty Kearns  
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 Joseph Sprague by his Family  
Sun 7:30 AM St. Agnes - Gil, Ellie & Mike Kupfer by Laura & Pam  
Sun 11:00 AM Pauline McDuff by Jeannine Griffin

### Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of April 28, 2019  
(Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

### Sunday Collection

Loose \$273.45  
Envelopes \$835.00  
Total \$1108.45  
Utility Fund \$478.00  
Black & Native Americans \$107.00

**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 May 5, 2019

**Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19  
**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29  
**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35  
**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40  
**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51  
**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59  
**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69

**Next Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

## Ministry Schedule



### Eucharistic Ministers

05/04 Jerry Flint  
05/05 Jeannine Griffin  
05/11 Robert Rojecki  
05/12 Guy Beck

### Gift Bearers

05/04 E. Parmelee & S. Munger  
05/05 Glenda & Bob Gearwar  
05/11 Thomas Howland Family  
05/12 Russell Doty Family

### Lectors

Joe Flynn  
Trish Bertino  
Marge Munger  
Bernie Carr

### Altar Servers

Jordan Bertrand

## Collection Counters



05/05 Helen Williams  
05/12 Donna Swington & Katherine Bryant  
05/19 Tina Wiles & Glenda Gearwar

## 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 Apr./May:

**05/05 Bldgs. & Maint. (Goal \$600)  
05/12 Church in Central & Eastern Europe  
05/19 Fund (Goal \$500)**

# Third Sunday of Easter

# May 5, 2019

**Month of May - Month of Mary Mother of God:** For the Wednesdays of the month of May, desserts and coffee will be offered in the rectory at 6 PM. We will pray the rosary in the church at 7 PM. All are invited to participate in honoring our Blessed Mother.

**MOTHER'S DAY: May 12th** is Mother's Day, the day we remember our mothers living or deceased. Envelopes for Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet are at the back and front of the church. Please return to the Parish Office by Wednesday, May 8th. Those remembered will be prayed for at several masses.

**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.

The prizes and drawing date are as follows:

**Drawing** September 8, 2019 after the 11:00 AM Mass  
**1st Prize:** 15' laptop computer w/HD  
**2nd Prize:** 32' LED Color TV  
**3rd Prize:** \$50 Gift Certificate to Brandon Motor Lodge  
**4th Prize:** \$20 Gift Certificate to Mae's Place  
**5th Prize:** \$20 Gift Certificate to Café Provence

Winner need not be present to win.

**Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50**

**!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**

Any questions or concerns, please call Jean Lamarre at 353-7881.

**Office Hours:** I will not be in the office May 15 & 16 or May 21 & 22. Fr. Moe will be here unless called away for an emergency or a funeral. You can still send me emails as I can access them remotely. If you have an announcement and cannot email please drop it off to me next week. Thank you, Trish

## Reflections for the Week

I picture Peter churning with emotion. So much upheaval during those weeks. That last trip to Jerusalem. The Passover dinner when Jesus washed their feet. Peter had been so reluctant. Then Jesus had told everyone at the table that Simon Peter would deny knowing him. Irritated, Peter shook his head in annoyance and gestured around the room in his larger-than-life way, assuring Jesus that even if *everyone* else in the room disowned him, Peter would not! The arrest and trial. He didn't want to think about it. He didn't want to remember how standing around the fire that night, the servant girl had accused him of being a follower of Jesus. He wanted to forget how he had responded. He wanted to block out what had happened. How he had denied knowing Jesus over and over, shrugging and playing dumb, getting annoyed and cursing at the crowd, his anger fueled only by fear. The crucifixion, the chaos. How they hid. Days later, the terrified disciples had gathered in a locked room. Somehow Jesus was standing there with them, and they were thrilled, breathing in his peace. But Peter didn't speak to Jesus directly that day. Not really. Then he was gone. A week later he came again when Thomas was there. Again, the joy and peace. Again, Peter didn't exactly talk with Jesus. And he had so much to get off his chest. But, what could he say? He felt so burdened by what he had done. How could Peter have pretended not to know Jesus — three times? Now, Peter in his turmoil returns to what he really knows. The familiarity, the routine of fishing. He announces his plan. A moment of normal life. An escape from the fears, the guilt, the self-recrimination. His old friends say they will come, too. They push out into the sea at night but find nothing. Hour after dark hour. In the silence, Peter, repeatedly tossing out the nets, trying to push aside his thoughts, not wanting to remember. He pulls in the nets, empty again. What will happen to the group? What will happen to him? Tossing out the nets again. He can't forgive himself. How can Jesus? Pulling in the nets. Peter knows in his heart he must speak to Jesus. He has to say something. Nets come in empty. If he ever gets a chance to see him again, Peter will speak up. This time, he will admit everything. Ask for forgiveness. It's dawn and no fish in the nets. It fits with Peter's mood: empty. They head toward the land. Then the man on the shore asks if they had eaten yet. No. He calls to them across the water, telling them to drop their nets off the right side of the boat. They shrug and drop their nets which are suddenly teeming with large fish. As Peter struggles with the net, he tries to remember. What was it? When? And John gasping in astonishment to Peter: It's the Lord! Impulsively, Peter looks up and jumps in the water, swimming toward Jesus on the sand. The boats pull into shore, dragging the net of fish. Jesus has a fire going and bread and fish and he cooks breakfast for them. Peter can't say anything beyond asking for bread. None of them ask why Jesus is there. If Peter thinks about why Jesus might be there, he is afraid. He can't look at Jesus. Finally, Jesus looks at Peter with a long loving gaze. Simon, he says warmly. When Peter raises his head, Jesus says, "Do you love me more than these?" gesturing toward the men, the boats, the world around them. Of course, Peter says. "Then feed my lambs." Peter sat in silence. They all did. Jesus look at him again. Simon, do you love me? Peter is surprised at this second question. He had just answered it. Yes, he said. You know I do. He squirmed a little. What was Jesus getting at? "Tend my sheep." Peter looked at him, then the ground. Jesus look at him a third time. Simon, do you love me? Simon Peter was embarrassed by now and a little exasperated. "Lord you know everything! You already know I love you." "Feed my sheep," he said. As Jesus continued to speak, Peter suddenly thought of an earlier time. A different night of futile fishing. When Jesus had told them to drop their nets in deep water. The enormous catch of fish. And ... something... What was it...? Then Peter remembered and could picture himself. The other time. He had been astonished at the huge catch and had dropped to his knees, declaring that Jesus should depart from him — he was sinful. But the deep and tender look Jesus had given him that long-ago day had let Peter know: Jesus knew exactly who Peter was and he was choosing Peter. "Don't be afraid," Jesus had said that day. Now, years later, sitting at this breakfast fire Jesus had built, Peter suddenly understood. He really got it. He did not need to be afraid. Jesus knew and had already forgiven him. Jesus had loved him then, and he loved him now. Tears ran down Peter's face as he realized the turn his life had taken that day years ago — and again today. Jesus smiled as he looked across the fire at Peter and said simply, "Follow me."