



**SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS**

**Week of September 10, 2017**

**Sat 4:00 PM** Steven Jester by Joe Flynn  
**Sun 8:00 AM St. Agnes**— Laurence Denis by S. Denis  
**Sun 10:00 AM** Pro Populo  
**Mon 9:00 AM** David E. Driscoll Sr. by Laura Driscoll  
**Wed 9:00 AM** Philip Laporte by Marjorie Shephard  
**Thurs 9:00 AM** Alfred Disorder by Janet Disorder  
**Fri 9:00 AM** Howard Pfenning by J. & Art Pfenning  
**Sat 4:00 PM** Carl Frankiewicz by M. C. Frankiewicz  
**Sun 8:00 AM St. Agnes**— Gil, Ellie & Mike Kupfer by Laura and Pam  
**Sun 10:00 AM** Pro Populo

**Parish Support**

Offering for the weekend of September 3, 2017  
 (Our Goal is \$1,800.00 each week)

**Sunday Collection**

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Loose            | \$476.80          |
| Envelopes        | \$788.00          |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$1,264.80</b> |
| Restoration Fund | \$479.50          |

*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 September 10, 2017**

**Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20  
**Monday:** Col 1:24—2:3/Lk 6:6-11  
**Tuesday:** Col 2:6-15/Lk 6:12-19  
**Wednesday:** Col 3:1-11/Lk 6:20-26  
**Thursday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
**Friday:** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 (441)/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
**Saturday:** 1 Tm 1:15-17/Lk 6:43-49  
**Next Sunday:** Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

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, Patricia Ward, 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 Philipson, Katherine Bryant, Gloria Peduto, Rene Hendricks, and Brendan Holbriiter.*

**Ministry Schedule**



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|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b><u>Eucharistic Ministers</u></b>              | <b><u>Lectors</u></b>       |
| 9/9 Jerry Flint                                  | Jerry Flint                 |
| 9/10 R. Rojecki                                  | Laura O'Brien               |
| 9/16 Joe Flynn                                   | Joe Whalen                  |
| 9/17 Jeannine Griffin                            | Katie Murray                |
| <b><u>Gift Bearers</u></b>                       | <b><u>Altar Servers</u></b> |
| 09/9 T. Howland Family                           | Jordan Bertrand             |
| 09/10 Shawn Quелlette Family N. Depatie/A. Hayes |                             |
| 09/16 Richard Howland Family                     | Brooke Bertrand             |
| 09/17 T. Depatie Family B. Thornton & B. Stanley |                             |

**Collection Counters**



09/10 M. Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand  
 09/17 D. Swington & Paula Bizon  
 09/24 Glenda Gearwar & Tina Wiles



**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 Sept.:**

**09/10** Vermont Catholic Magazine  
**09/17** Utility Fund  
**09/24** Catholic University

**WINNERS OF OUR ANNUAL RAFFLE :** 1st Prize Grill - Chuck Memoe; 2nd Prize-Kayak - Ryan Kelley; 3rd Prize-Brandon Inn- Chuck Memoe; 4th Prize-Lilac Inn- Joe Ammatuna; 5th Prize-Cooking Class-Marie McDuff and 6th Prize- Red Sox Picture-Eric Oswald. Congratulations to All. **Our Net : \$2,866.50; 50/50- \$418.00.**

**FALL CLEANING: COBWEBS, DUST and DIRT!** It is that time of year when we need to spruce up our Church. Wednesday, September 20th at 1:00 p.m. is the date. With team effort we can make it sparkle again. Bring your vacuum cleaners, buckets and whatever else that might help with this mission. Any questions you may call Jeannine Griffin @247-3432 or Glenda Gearwar 247-6098.

**Addison County Right to Life chapter will meet at 6:30 PM** on Thursday Sept 14th at St. Ambrose Church in Bristol. All members are encouraged to attend, visitors are welcome, and light refreshments will be served. For more info contact Chris Holden at 388-3563 / [bobbillchris@rwch.net](mailto:bobbillchris@rwch.net).

**THANK YOU:** Thank you for supporting our parish when you are away for the weekend by sending in your weekly contribution envelope or making it up when you come back. It all makes a big difference in paying our bills. We are appreciative of your generosity and support.

**OFFICE HOURS ADJUSTMENT:** Wednesday 10:00 am-3:00pm and on Thursday 10:00am-12 pm.

**PARISH SECRETARY:** Our new parish Secretary is Patricia Bertino. We welcome her to our parish family. She will start work on the 13th of September., 2017.

*Emergency National Collection to Assist Dioceses Affected by Hurricane Harvey will be on the weekend of 7 & 8 of October.*

**Diocesan News: Celebrating a Year of Creation:** Join Bishop Coyne at Action for Ecological Justice: Celebrating a Year of Creation on Sept. 30th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Saint Michael's College! This one-day conference hosted by the Catholic Church of Vermont as part of the Year of Creation will explore, reflect upon and respond to the message of Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical, "Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home," which highlights the urgency of the global climate crisis, the embeddedness of creation care within Catholic teaching, the interconnectedness of all that exists, and the moral imperative to act for the benefit of the planet and those who call it home — human and non-human. With perspectives from scientists, politicians, activists, economists, professionals, academics and people of faith, the day promises dynamic conversations about the state of creation and how we can work together for a more sustainable future. **Keynote Speaker: Dr. Carolyn Y. Woo** From 2012 to 2016, Dr. Woo served as President and CEO of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States, which reaches more than 100 million people in 101 countries on five continents. At CRS, she worked face to face with the consequences of climate change every day. Representing CRS, Dr. Woo was featured in the May/June 2013 issue of Foreign Policy as one of the 500 Most Powerful people on the planet and one of only 33 in the category of "a force for good." In June 2015, Dr. Woo was one of five presenters in Rome at the release of "Laudato Si'." Closing reflection and song, inspired by "Laudato Si'," led by Bob Hurd of OCP. A light breakfast, Green Mountain Coffee, and Pingala Cafe lunch will be provided. **Breakout Sessions** *A Path to the Good Life: Pope Francis' Famous Environmental Encyclical, "Laudato Si'" Can Economics Save the World? Dialogue: Collaborating to Care for Our Common Home Engaging the Parish:* Registration \$35; Students: Free **Limited Space! Register today at [vermontcatholic.org/actionforecojustice](http://vermontcatholic.org/actionforecojustice)** For more on the Catholic Church of Vermont's Year of Creation and the Action for Ecological Justice [vermontcatholic.org/yearofcreation](http://vermontcatholic.org/yearofcreation)

**Reflections for the Week:**

Why are some people so joyful? And why is it so important that we go to church to express our joy? The Psalm today calls us to "sing joyfully to the Lord." And at the same time, it warns us against hardening our hearts toward God. That is the challenge, I think, for all of us. Our hard heartedness keeps us from joyfulness. It is evident in many ways. One is in our unwillingness to turn from our wicked ways. Another is in our inability to love others. But mostly, it is in our inability to love ourselves – to be joyful! The good news of the message of reconciliation is Christ living in and among us so that we can more easily over-come our hard-heartedness and be joyful! Through Christ, we can be more loving, we can be more forgiving, we can be more joyful! One very basic way we can express God's love for us is to be joyful! So, let's return to the Psalm for today and meditate on it. If we really accept that the Lord is the rock of our salvation, we can come into his presence with thanksgiving. Yes, we can be joyful! If we really accept that we are the people the Lord guides, we can be grateful. Yes, we can be joyful! Joy in the presence of God is quite different, I think, from happiness as this world defines it. It is much deeper. It is not just about our emotions, it is about our souls. A joyful person is not a happy Pollyanna who never faces adversity or engages in wickedness. A joyful person is someone who does not refuse to turn away from wickedness when the Lord speaks. Joyful people do not harden their hearts to God. Joyful people are open-hearted redeemed sinners who are grateful. So today is Sunday and that is what I think about when I gather in church each Sunday morning. We don't sing our opening hymn until after we confess our wickedness and receive absolution. We open our hearts to hear that good news, and then we can sing joyfully to the Lord as we come into his presence with thanksgiving. In joy, we bow down in worship and kneel before the Lord, for he is our God and we are the people he shepherds and guides. In joy, for our salvation, we come into the Lord's presence to hear his voice. Let us pray together then, that we will not harden our hearts, but that we will come into God's presence singing joyfully! [onlineministries.creighton.edu](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu)