



SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS

Week of December 30, 2018

Sat 4:00 PM Guy Joseph Chicoine by Marilyn, Janette, Monica & John Chicoine
Sun 11:00 AM Gil, Ellie & Mike Kupfer by Laura & Pam
Wed 9:00 AM For the People
Thurs 9:00 AM For the People
Sat 4:00 PM For the People
Sun 11:00 AM For the People
Mon 4:00 PM Vigil Mass Solemnity of Mary -For the People
Tues 11:00 AM Solemnity of Mary- For the People

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of December 23, 2018
(Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

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| Loose | \$410.00 |
| Envelopes | \$820.00 |
| Total | \$1230.00 |

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 any checks to St. Mary Parish** from now on. Thank you.

GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER. - 2 Corinthians 9:7

Readings for the Week of December 30, 2018

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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 Philipson, Katherine Bryant, Gloria Peduto, Rene Hendricks, Brendan Holbritter, Rosa Santos and Brian Kilpeck (son of Wanda Murray).

Ministry Schedule



Eucharistic Ministers

12/29 Diane Benware
 12/30 Sally Foster
 01/05 Marge Munger
 01/06 Trish Bertino

Lectors

Marge Munger
 Bernie Carr
 Diane Benware
 Bernie Carr

Gift Bearers

12/29 C. Mitchell & K. Decker
 12/30 S. Ouelette Family
 01/05 E. Parmelee & S. Munger
 01/06 Glenda & Bob Gearwar

Altar Servers

Jordan Bertrand
 A. Depatie & M. Harding
 David Bertrand
 A. & O. Depatie

Collection Counters



12/30 Helen Williams & Katherine Bryant
 01/06 Mike Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand
 01/13 Donna Swingleton & Carolyn Walker

St. Mary's Cemetery



Location: R1T 73 E. Forest Dale Rd, Brandon
 Contact Information - Please call St. Mary's Rectory. The cemetery is closed for the winter.

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.

Office is open on Wednesday
10:00 am—3:00 pm

Thursday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Parish Hall Library— by appointment.
Please call Emilie at 458-7962

2nd Collection for weekends in Jan.:

01/01 Solemnity of Mary
01/13 Bldgs. & Maint.(Goal: \$600)
01/20 Utility Fund (Goal: \$500)

Contribution Envelopes are now available at the back of the church. Please check off your name when you take yours and those without may sign up for unused numbers that are available. Thank you

New Year's Mass Schedule:

New Year's Eve: 4 PM Vigil at Our Lady of Good Help

New Year's Day: 9 AM Mass at St. Alphonsus

11 AM Mass at Our Lady of Good Help

Happy New Year to All!

A reminder to all Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers:

Throughout the entire Christmas season Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers will be part of the entrance and recessional processions. This begins on December 24th and ends with the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord on January 13th. Those scheduled to serve as Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are asked to be in the sacristy 10 minutes before the start of Mass. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Thank You! Fr. Moe

Addison County Right to Life (a chapter of VRLC): will meet at 6:30 PM on Thursday Jan. 10th at St. Mary's Parish Hall on College St. in Middlebury. Enter via the side door on Shannon St. The agenda includes election of officers and planning for the annual dinner. All members are encouraged to attend and visitors are welcome. For more info contact Chris Holden at 388-3563 or bobbillechris@rwch.net.

Christmas Poinsettias Donated in Memory of:

Deacon Gary Griffin, Al & Stella Poremski, Gaston & Pauline McDuff, Glen & Irene Griffin, Leo Bertrand, Noella Bertrand, Edward & Agnes Groeger, Delphia Family, Gearwar Family, Haley Family, Bill & Belle Dupre, Dick & Mary Sterling, Howland Family, Philip & Marjorie Laporte, Joseph & Grace Sherlock, Philip & Gladys Laporte, Theron & Margaret Williams, Judy Williams, Lee & Leona Stanley, George & Margaret Nicklaw, Mike Keith, Francis L. Keith, Francis H. Keith, Barbara Keith Foley, Herve Chartrand, John Swingleton, Francis J. Leary, Mildred E. Leary, Francine L Leary, Carr Family, Kennedy Family, Hansen Family, Rideout Family, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Frankiewicz, Dotty Frankiewicz, Betty Luncz, Marie McNulty, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Goulette, Linda Goulette Casey, Howard Goulette Jr., Wilbur Goulette, Dorothy Goulette Smolinski, Viola Disorda, Alfred Disorda, Anna Anair, Joseph Anair, Helena Blanchard, Tisa Roberts, Butchy Roberts, Russell McAdams, Brutowski Family, Buzzell Family, Dan Bugnacki, Kupfer Family, Desjaden Family, James & Katherine DeLorm, Carl & Martha Munger, Depatie Family, Rossa Family, Daniella Booska, Stella Gallipo, Theresa McDonough, John A. Swingleton, Francis J. Leary Sr., Mildred E. Leary, Mr & Mrs. George Swingleton

Reflections for the Week

When I was a young wife and mother, I could never find the time to pray. Each day was so full and with each passing year our schedule as a family grew more demanding. How could I get the laundry done? Get to the grocery store? How could I find time to pray? I finally realized that no one ever came into the laundry room, and the peace of that room was the perfect place to pray. As I sorted laundry, I prayed for each person in my family while folding pajamas, school uniform blouses and an endless number of socks. My prayers and my spirituality were shaped in that laundry room, and I still connect doing laundry with prayer. Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, remembering how Jesus grew up in the normal busy-ness of family life, how he was shaped as a person by both Mary and Joseph. Pope Francis wrote in his exhortation on family that the family is "where we learn to live with others despite our differences and to belong to one another." That very belonging to each other is what today's readings are about. In the first reading, Sirach entreats parents and children to love and honor each other. When one generation can no longer care for the other, he calls us to "take care of your father when he is old ... even if his mind fails, be considerate of him." He adds the care we give for the elderly "will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt" of our own failings. Our lives are complicated and families don't always consist of two parents. But Paul's letter to the Colossians offers all of us the tools we need to care for each other: heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. I can guess that Paul was intimately connected with family as he notes other important family skills, like "bearing with one another" which seems like an apt phrase on the harder days. When we share a home, we not only have to forgive each other, but to be aware that we need forgiveness from each other, prompted by the example of God's deeply loving forgiveness for us all. The Gospel is Luke's story of a 12-year-old Jesus who did not rejoin the large family caravan after a pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem. A frightened Mary and Joseph found him there three days later, talking to the teachers. At the end of that episode, Luke tells us that Jesus returned to Nazareth and was obedient to his parents. Pope Francis said that this story "contains a beautiful teaching about our families. A pilgrimage does not end when we arrive at our destination, but when we return home and resume our everyday lives." Our faith lives and our family lives converge in the most ordinary places. Sacred times happen around the kitchen table, putting our children to bed for the night, or perhaps if they are grown, in phone calls to catch up with each other's lives. Jesus is present and joyful in the family traditions and rituals we have developed, in our prayers together before dinner, and even in special new customs we may have created for our adult children and their families during the holidays. The laundry room, the kitchen table, a casual stroll together around the neighborhood are all places to recognize God present and active and drawing us ever closer to God's own heart. *Loving Jesus, as we celebrate this Christmas season, please help me to recognize how very present you are in the simplest times. Whether I am alone or with my family, even in the most mundane situations, you are calling me to a deeper relationship with you and reminding me of your endless love for me in those moments.* onlineministries.creighton.edu