



**SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS**

**Week of September 24, 2017**

**Sat 4:00 PM** Edna & Edward Mahar by K. Mahar  
**Sun 8:00 AM** St. Agnes— Pro Populo  
**Sun 10:00 AM** Mark & Emily Griffin’s 4th Wedding Anniversary by Jeanine Griffin  
**Mon 9:00 AM** Carolyn Walker by Carol Bertrand  
**Wed 9:00 AM** Ruth Tebo by Jean Lamarre  
**Thurs 9:00 AM** Donna Depatie by Nathan, Ashlyn & Olivia Depatie  
**Fri 9:00 AM** Clara Quesnel by Cram Family  
**Sat 4:00 PM** John A. Swingtonton by D. Swingtonton  
**Sun 8:00 AM** St. Agnes— Janice Godin by E. Godin-  
**Sun 10:00 AM** Pro Populo

**Parish Support**

**Offering for the weekend of September 17, 2017**  
**(Our Goal is \$1,800.00 each week)**

**Sunday Collection**

<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$468.49</b>
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$893.10</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1391.59</b>
<b>Utility Fund</b>	<b>\$672.00</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 September 24, 2017**

**Sunday:** Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

**Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday:** Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8/Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51

**Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Lk 9:43b-45

**Next Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



*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 Philipsen, Katherine Bryant, Gloria Peduto, Rene Hendricks, and Brendan Holbriiter.*

**Ministry Schedule**



**Eucharistic Ministers**

9/23 Jerry Flint  
 9/24 C. Frankiewicz  
 9/30 Marge Munger  
 10/1 Robert Rojecki

**Lectors**

Laurie Bertrand  
 Bernie Carr  
 Marge Munger  
 Guy Beck

**Gift Bearers**

9/23 L. Bertrand Family  
 9/24 G & B Gearwar  
 09/30 Scott & Marge Munger  
 10/01 Russell Doty Family

**Altar Servers**

Jordan Bertrand  
 Ashlyn&Olivia Depatie  
 Brook Bertrand  
 N. Depatie & A. Hayes



**Collection Counters**

09/24 Glenda Gearwar & Tina Wiles  
 10/01 Helen Williams & Bob Gearwar  
 10/08 M. Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand



**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./Oct.:**

**09/24 Catholic University**

**10/01 Restoration Fund**

**10/08 Emergency National Collection for Hurricane Harvey**

**Surprise Raffle:** Sorry for another raffle so quickly. We needed to use these prizes by the end of the year (couldn't be helped). I called this "Surprise Raffle". Prizes are: 1st Prize: Lilac Inn/ I night w/breakfast; 2nd Prize: 1 Gallon Maple Syrup; 3rd Prize: Flash Bag by Carr's Gift Shop 4th Prize: \$20 Gift Certificate-BHOP; Drawing: Sunday, November 26, 2017 after the 10 am mass at St. Mary's; Tickets \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 .

**Harvest Festival:** Oct. 1st at 1 pm at Estabrook Field. We will be selling donuts/coffee/hot cider/baked goods made from apples, & pumpkins and breads & cupcakes. If you would like to make something for us to sell bring it to the field between 12 & 1 pm.

**October Parish Dinner:** Oct. 7th Saturday Night Dinner at 5 pm Baked Stuffed Chicken/Mashed Potatoes/Gr.Beans/Tossed Salad/Desserts and beverage. \$8.00 per person/ 6-12 \$5.00 and Free for 5 & under. Tickets available at the back of the church before and after each mass. Please support your parish.

**2017 Bishop's Fund Annual Appeal:** Thank you, thank you for all of your generous contributions on behalf of our parish thus far to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. As of today, our parish has received pledge commitments totaling 67.65% toward our yearly goal. We will be reaching out in the coming days to many families who have yet to pledge to the 2017 Appeal .

**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.

**Thank you** to all who helped clean the church on Sept.20

**Knights of Columbus of St. Ambrose Parish** will host a "Knights in Italy Spaghetti Dinner" on Friday, September 29th from 5pm to 7pm. Adults - \$10, children under 12 - \$5, and \$25 for immediate family.

**Diocesan News: Understanding Our Young Former Catholics Part 2** In Part 1 of this series, I wrote concerning the results of a recent survey out of Notre Dame University regarding "Former Young Catholics," young people who have left the Church.\* As I mentioned, one of the first findings of the report is that former Catholic young adults still (mostly) believe in and interact with/pray to God. The implications are that the majority of former young Catholics are not moving toward atheism or agnosticism and that they are still open to some experience of the Divine. The challenge is to get them to want to come back so as to know and experience the Divine as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit in the faith of the Catholic Church. At least there is a starting point. The second major finding was that "formerly Catholic emerging adults tend to be uncomfortable with firm statements about who or what God is. They like to keep such matters open-ended." They are not alone in this way of thinking. It is generational: "... what works for one person might not work for someone else, and very few statements can or should be made about God, faith, and morality." As one young man put it, "I'm so okay with the uncertainty. I think the most beautiful works of art are the ones that lead you to asking questions as opposed to those trying to supply answers to what something is." Sounds like the Socratic method to me, the asking and answering of questions so as to draw out ideas and underlying presumptions. We also call it apologetics. **Implications and opportunity:** Within the Catholic tradition, theology is often defined as "faith seeking understanding." If these young adults are people of "faith," meaning they have come form of nascent or basic faith in the Divine or even in Jesus, then there is an opportunity here for us to engage them in a dialogue of faith and reason — faith seeking understanding. As stated in the report, "The effective formation of Catholic youth today need not obfuscate or compromise Church teachings, but will most likely best convey them in an open, confident, exploratory, and dialogic mode." Yours in Christ, The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne,, Bishop of Burlington Bishop of Burlington

**Reflections for the Week:**

We have a lovely parable this Sunday about the laborers in the vineyard. Found only in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells us that our God is a generous God who desires to save all people, all nations. Let us try to understand this story. The owner of the vineyard hired laborers early in the morning ("harvest time" or summertime with sunrise about 6 a.m.) and agreed to pay them a denarius each (the acceptable daily wage for a laborer). These laborers were poor and depended on the daily wages they received to feed their families. When the owner went out at 9 am, noon, 3 pm, and 5 pm, he found more laborers who had not yet been hired. When work ended (around 6 pm), he paid them each a denarius, beginning with the last and ending with those who came early in the morning. Those who arrived last, worked for an hour, and received a full denarius were probably overjoyed. Those who arrived first, however, were jealous and "grumbled at the landowner." The owner made them understand that he was not unjust; he had paid them as promised and he was free to be overgenerous with the others. Sustenance is provided for all, even those who have worked for just one hour. In the parable, God is the landowner. The Jews—to whom the Good News was announced first—and then the non-Jews and late-comers were all invited to the vineyard. The Pharisees who listened to Jesus (if they opened their hearts and minds) would have heard this message: God wants all to be saved, not only the Jewish people. In God's Kingdom, God's grace and blessings are free gifts that flow from God's goodness and love for all humanity. In the Kingdom, there is no place for envy or selfishness. The ultimate gift is offered to all: eternal life. Let us rejoice that God has invited us to God's vineyard. Let us rejoice that eternal life with God is offered to all people, even to that nasty neighbor whom I dislike. Let us rejoice that we are challenged to change our thoughts and ways and see with God's compassionate eyes. *Gracious God, may your extravagant generosity gifted to me compel me to be extravagantly generous towards others. Amen. [onlineministries.creighton.edu](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu)*