



SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS

Week of August 13, 2017

Sat 4:00 PM Pauline McDuff by Marcela A. Gervais
Sun 8:00 AM St. Agnes-Gil, Ellie & Mike Kupfer by Laura and Pam
Sun 10:00 AM Pro Populo
Mon 7:00 PM Vigil of the Assumption of the BVM - Helen & Victor Piersa by Irene and Mike Fradette
Tue 9:AM The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Alfred Lee Stantley by Anonymous
Wed 9:00 AM Peter George by Zimmer Family
Thurs 9:00 AM Leopold Depatie by T. & D. Depatie
Fri 9:00 AM Dolores Chaparro by Camila Blanco
Sat 4:00 PM Whitman & Elaine 11th Wedding Anniversary by Jeannine Griffin
Sun 8:00 AM St. Agnes—Denise Larose by D. Benware
Sun 10:00 AM Pro Populo

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of August 6, 2017
 (Our Goal is \$1,800.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose \$ 531.00
Envelopes \$ 793.00
Total \$1324.00
Restoration \$522.00

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 our parish. Please, let us continue supporting our parish!

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

Readings for the Week of August 13, 2017

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-



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



<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
8/12 Jerry Flint	Laurie Bertrand
8/13 C. Frankiewicz	Katie Murray
8/19 Marge Munger	Marge Munger
8/20 Jeannine Griffin	Bernie Carr
<u>Gift Bearers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
08/12 T. Howland Family	Jordan Bertrand
08/13 S. Quellet Family	A. Depatie & O. Depatie
08/19 Richard Howland	Brooke Bertrand
08/20 T. Depatie Family	N. Depatie & A. Hayes

Collection Counters



08/13 Helen Williams & Paula Bizon
 08/20 D. Swington & Carolyn Walker
 08/27 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 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 & Thursday
 9:30 am—4:00 pm**

2nd Collection for weekends in August:

08/15 Assumption of Mary
08/20 Utility Fund

50/50 Raffle: Tickets \$ 1.00 each or 7 for \$ 5.00

Parish Secretary: Our Lady of Good Help is looking for a part time Parish Secretary. Basic computer skills a must. For further information, please send a letter of interest, and a resume to olghcc@comcast.net or contact Fr. Vincent at 802-247-6351.

Request: Hello parishioners, our annual Raffle is coming to a close. In just 4 weeks, our ticket sales are not where they should be. If each one of you would be willing to take six (6) tickets to sell, our outcome would be a lot greater. Again, we thank you for your support in helping our parish through these ticket sales. Tickets are available in the back of the church before and after each mass.

Bake Sale: Many thanks to everyone who made the bake sale a grand success. It raised **\$828.00**. Special thanks to Michael and Christina Coombs for the use of their lawn.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR FROM JULY 2016 TO JUNE 2017 AND THE FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FROM JULY 2017 TO JUNE 2018 has been published. They are posted on the bulletin boards and if you want a copy of the annual reports or the budget please call the parish office for a copy. If you have concerns with regard to the publication please do let the pastor know or any of the finance council members. **Thank You** for all your support to the parish.

SUMMER FUNDRAISING FOR THE PARISH: Raffle tickets are ready to go. You can purchase them before and after each mass. You can help sell them. If you sell 25 tickets you get a free ticket at the end. Please support our efforts to help our parish to succeed. For tickets call Jean Lamarre 247-8179. Prizes: 1st—LP Gas & Charcoal Grill, 2nd—Kayak Sno Dolphin, 3rd - Brandon Inn—1 night with breakfast, 4th—Lilac Inn - 1 night with breakfast and 5th—Café Provence Cooking Class.

Diocesan News: Support for Catholics Swimming against the tide: Not long ago, being Catholic in America may have felt more “mainstream” than it does today, but there has always been a “swimming against the tide” aspect to our faith, beginning with Jesus Himself. Though tides ebb and flow, throughout history Catholics have been called to proclaim the Gospel in its entirety, even when some truths it represents are unpopular. More than one hundred years ago, in response to a critic who said that the Church “is always the enemy of new ideas,” GK Chesterton wrote, “In the modern world, the Catholic Church is in fact the enemy of many influential fashions... the Church often attacks what the world at any given moment supports.” He went on to explain, using many historical examples, that the Church speaks consistently for Truth and that Truth, while unchanging, can be received quite differently within changing landscapes. This indicates that what we are experiencing today as Catholics is nothing new. As today's tide flows, Catholic beliefs around marriage, family, life and sexuality may seem at risk of drowning in the cultural waters. We are called to educate ourselves about Catholic teaching around these themes and to help revive a culture of respect for the dignity of life at all stages. The Office of Respect Life Ministries assembled a Speakers Bureau that includes priests, catechists, bioethicists and others who can help educate Catholics about critically important topics under the Respect Life umbrella. Speakers are available to present to parish groups and clubs, religious education classes, and general audiences. We can also help parishes collaborate to bring speakers to regional locations by assisting with scheduling, hosting and promotion. Contact respectlife@vermontcatholic.org for details or to request a brochure. *Carrie Handy, Respect Life Coordinator*

Reflections for the Week:

One of the results of growing older and striving to live by faith is that my views of God have changed. As a child, God was like my father in the flesh – quiet, aloof, seemingly uninterested in my day-to-day life, and quite able and willing to punish me when I needed correction. I was a practical deist; God wound up the world like an eight-day clock and, as it ran, he went off to other more interesting things, leaving the world to itself. I certainly believed in God and he was not totally about punishment to me. He just did not seem to care about me much and the feeling was mutual. Stereotypes and confused views of God die hard and it has taken me a lifetime to overcome this childish faith. Living daily in the sacred writings certainly challenges our warped or one dimensional views of the nature of God. In the Old Testament reading we see one stereotype shattered. Elijah had faced off with the false prophets and God had shown that he alone is God by sending down fire and consuming the sacrifice in front of the people. Now Elijah is waiting for God to appear to him again. He is told that he should "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the Lord; the Lord will be passing by." God is powerful and he will again demonstrate that power. There is a heavy wind that is crushing rocks. God, surely you are in there. No. Then there was an earthquake. Not there either. Then there was a fire. The Lord was not in the fire. God was in a tiny whispering sound. Elijah saw God as the God of power and might. Of course, he was right about that. However, God is more than that. Do not look for God only in demonstrations of power. He is also in the weak, the tiny. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has said that God is not a taker but a giver. This would come as a surprise to many people who think that God wants to take all of their fun away. The psalmist agrees with the pope. The Lord lets us see his kindness. The Lord grants us salvation. The Lord brings justice and peace. He causes truth to spring up. The Lord gives his benefits. Our land yields its increase. God gives, gives, and then gives. As the saying goes, he gives until it hurts. The apostle Paul describes Jesus as the father's indescribable gift. In another place he asks, What do you have that you have not received? Everything we have comes from God and he does not give grudgingly. He loves a cheerful giver because he is one. In the second reading the same apostle says that he is willing to give his future eternal happiness if it could lead to the conversion of his kindred according to the flesh. This is the spirit of Jesus who gave himself for others. In the Gospel reading Jesus tells a fearful group of disciples, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." How many times have you seen a movie or read a book where the assumption is that, when God shows up, everyone is either afraid or should be? Jesus, however, does not want us to be afraid. Trusting him and being unafraid does not diminish him or his power. In the same story Jesus is walking on water. He is Lord of heaven and earth. But he doesn't need this affirmed by a bunch of sniveling, scared-out-of-their-sandals, disciples. *onlineministries.creighton.edu*