



SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS

Week of November 5, 2017

Sat 4:00 PM Don Howland by the Family
Sun 10:00 AM Larose Family by Diane Benware
Mon 9:00 AM All Souls
Wed 9:00 AM All Souls
Thurs 9:00 AM All Souls
Fri 9:00 AM All Souls
Sat 4:00 PM Howard Goulette by Mike and Charlotte Frankiewicz
Sun 10:00 AM Gil, Ellie and Mike Kupfer by Laura and Pam

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of October 29, 2017
(Our Goal is \$1,800.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose \$201.00
Envelopes \$771.00
Total \$972.00
Priest Benefit Fund \$351.00

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 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 November 5, 2017

Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14



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, 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 Holbritter.

Ministry Schedule



Eucharistic Ministers

11/4 Mary Bugnacki
 11/5 C. Frankiewicz
 11/11 Marge Munger
 11/12 Jeannine Griffin

Lectors

Pike Mitchell
 CCD Students
 Joe Flynn
 Laura O'Brien

Gift Bearers

11/04 L. Bertrand Family
 11/05 CCD Students
 11/11 Scott & Marge Munger
 11/12 Shawn Oulette Family

Altar Servers

Jordan Bertrand
 N. Depatie & A. Hayes
 Brooke Bertrand
 B.Stanley & M.Harding



Collection Counters

11/12 Helen Williams & Paula Bizon
 11/19 Donna Swingleton & Carolyn Walker
 11/26 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

10:00 am—3:00 pm

Thursday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

2nd Collection for weekends in Nov.:

11/5 Restoration Fund

11/12 Utility Fund

11/19 Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Surprise Raffle: Sorry for another raffle so quickly. We needed to use these prizes by the end of the year (it 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 . Tickets available before and after each mass on Saturday and Sunday.

Reminder: Sunday Envelopes. Please remember to mark the amount of your contribution on your envelope so we can account for it accurately. Thank you.

St. Mary's Religious Education classes will be participating in a food drive for Thanksgiving. We are asking the children to each contribute a non-perishable food item and also to each bring in \$1 so that we can purchase turkeys for the baskets, which will be delivered the week of Thanksgiving. If anyone in our Parish would like to also participate in this food drive by contributing non-perishable food items or cash, please contact Wanda Murray after Mass on Sundays or at 247-6937 wandamurray66@comcast.net). Any food contributions can be left in the barrel in the back of the Church. Thanks.

Parish Finances: The diocese of Burlington has taken over more than fifteen parishes to do their parish bookkeeping. Our parish OLGH (ST. MARY's) is one of them. It started this November. We are to pay 6.5% of our annual income to the diocese of Burlington. I requested the diocese to print out our up to date financial reports from April 1st 2017 to November 2nd, 2017. They did print out the report and it is ready for any of the parishioners to have a copy. If you have any concerns with the report, please do let me know and I will be willing to invite you to come to one of our parish finance council meetings anytime we invite the diocese. They will answer any of your questions or concerns. I have a copy of the up-to-date financial report in the sacristy if you want a copy. Thanks for your support to our parish. Fr. Vincent

Craft Fair for Nov. 18th has been cancelled.

Diocesan News: Vocation Awareness Week:The first time I had a thought about a vocation was when I was a child. My sisters and I would play Mass in our home. Always on the search for the perfectly rounded Lay's potato chip for the host, we enjoyed the idea of bringing something so sacred into something so familiar. National Vocation Awareness Week begins this Sunday and continues throughout the week as a way to teach and encourage our young people about the gift and variety of different vocations in the Church. This week we celebrate two aspects of Vocation in the Church: the Universal and the Primary. The Universal call from God to each and every one of us is that we conform our lives to that of God's Son, Jesus, and through our communion with Him we are sanctified, meaning we are made saints. The Primary, or what is commonly referred to as "the big 'V' vocation" in one's life, is how we live that universal call to holiness. By baptism we are consecrated to God, set apart for God's purposes. As God's life in us is strengthened by confirmation and nourished by the Eucharist and Reconciliation, one prayerfully begins to discern their state in life: ordained life, consecrated life, or the life of the laity. In the ordained state of life, one may hear the Lord calling him to serve the Church as a Deacon, Priest, or Bishop. Each of these offices has particular graces and particular responsibilities for the building up of God's holy people. If someone is drawn to consecrated life, he or she may consider several different ways that God may be calling them: as a consecrated virgin living in the world; to apostolic religious life (sister or friar); as a member of a secular institute or a contemplative institute; as a diocesan hermit; or as part of a monastic community as a monk or a nun. In the lay state, a person would be discerning between married life and dedicated single life. Although the focus of this week in our parishes or schools may highlight one vocation or another, the goal is to help raise awareness for our youth about the various possibilities within the Church for them to find how our Lord is asking them to make a gift of their lives and a gift of their love to others. Together, let us build a culture of vocations where our youth are inspired by the idea of the sacred coming close to them and in which the guiding principle for their lives becomes this prayer of their hearts, "God, help me to want what you want for my life." — **Fr. Jon Schnobrich, Director of Vocations**

Reflections for the Week

The greatest among you must be your servant. Matthew 23:11 In today's gospel, Jesus urges us not to be like the scribes and Pharisees because they aren't sincere in their lives. "They preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them." Jesus is telling his followers that the religious leaders of his day worked hard to follow rules and look devout. Their faith was practiced for show, with longer prayer tassels than others and making their phylacteries – the prayer boxes they wore – easier for people to notice. Their pious rituals earned them places of honor at banquets and synagogues, and public greetings in other places. But while the religious leaders preened and looked holy and otherworldly, they didn't bother to connect with their people. Pharisees were strict about rules when work could be done and how laws were enforced, but their hearts held no compassion for those who struggled. They relished their lives of privilege and it blinded them to the suffering of others. Am I relieved when I read this gospel? I don't wear tassels and other public signs of our piety today so do I think I am off the hook? Or is there an echo of another Pharisee in [Luke 18](#) who prays, "O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous..." When we stop and really open our hearts to Jesus, we can recognize once again that we are far from perfect. But the good news for us is that Jesus is not looking for perfection in us but humility and service. Jesus reminds us that we are brothers and sisters, part of the human family. He urges us to be compassionate and not to let our lives get sidetracked by the external rewards offered by our society. Jesus invites all of us, even the greatest among us, to be a servant. We may chafe at the idea of being a servant. I don't want to be lowly and I want to be in control in a way a servant is not. But what if we alter the way we think about the kind of service Jesus is calling us to? As we consider being a servant, we change the meaning to love. I am a servant to my husband: I serve my husband by loving him better. Parents are called to serve their children – to love them. Many of us are servants for/loving – our elderly parents. In my life today, I am no longer raising children, but I am serving/loving my husband each day as much as I can. And I have grandchildren to care for, and my adult children to love in new ways. When I am at my best, Jesus is at the center of my life and service, and any activity I am involved in, is about serving. I still listen as people share their suffering with me and I grieve for those around the world whose lives are so filled with pain. Our goal is to be a servant for those who suffer, sharing this pain with Jesus. It is that awareness of others and the compassion I pray for that counteracts what Pope Francis calls the globalization of indifference onlineministries.creighton.edu