



**Please note that the mass times on the bulletin cover do not yet reflect the current changes*

SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS
Week of August 26, 2018

- Sat 4:00 PM** Margaret Jacobi by Guy and Jane Beck & Family
- Sun 7:30AM St. Agnes** – Special Intentions
- Sun 11:00 AM** Special Intentions
- Wed 9:00 AM** For the People
- Thurs 9:00AM** For the People
- Sat 4:00 PM** Art Pfenning by Mary Bugnacki & Chuck Memoe
- Sun 7:30 AM St. Agnes**– For the People
- Sun 11:00 AM** Joanne McCue by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Custeau

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of August 19, 2018
(Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose	\$565.00
Envelopes	\$911.00
Total	\$1476.00
Utility Fund	\$510.75

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 August 26, 2018

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 /Mk 6:17-29

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32



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, 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 Philipsen, Katherine Bryant, Gloria Peduto, Rene Hendricks, Brendan Holbriiter, Rosa Santos and Jean Pfenning

Ministry Schedule



Eucharistic Ministers

- 08/25 Joe Flynn
- 08/26 Mary Bugnacki
- 09/01 Joe Flynn
- 09/02 Jeannine Griffin

Gift Bearers

- 08/25 Colleen Mitchell
- 08/26 Glenda&Bob Gearwar B.Thornton& B.Stanley
- 09/01 R. Howland Family
- 09/02 R. Doty Family

Lectors

- Joe Flynn
- Wanda Murray
- Joe Flynn
- Bernie Carr

Altar Servers

- Jordan Bertrand
- Brooke Bertrand
- N.Depatie & M.Harding

Collection Counters



- 08/26 Bob Gearwar & Katherine Bryant
- 09/02 Mike Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand
- 09/09 Donna Swington & Paula Bizon

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.

Office is open on Wednesday

10:00 am—3:00 pm

Thursday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

2nd Collection for weekends in Sept.:

09/02 Restoration/ Bldg. & Maintenance– Goal: \$600

09/09 Vermont Catholic Magazine

09/16 Utility Fund– Goal: \$500

Parish Fundraising: Please help us with our Annual Raffle! We need people to help sell tickets. Tickets are available before and after each mass. Winners need not be present to win. Drawing Sept. 16, 2018 after the 11 AM Mass. Prizes: 1st -100 Gals. Fuel oil from Mike's Fuel, 2nd - \$300 Cash, 3rd - \$25 Gas Card from Keyser Energy, 4th—\$25 Gas Card from Keyser Fuel, 5th—\$25 Gas Card from Keyser Fuel, 6th—Quilt & Pillow, 7th—Quilt & Jewelry, 8th—Box of Truffles from Keyser Energy. Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50. Thank you for your support! For Tickets call Jean Lamarre 247-8179 .We also have a **50/50 Raffle:** Tickets \$1 each or 7 for \$5

Ministries at St. Mary's: New ministry lists for Lectors, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Gift Bearers will soon be posted for October to December. If you serve in one of these ministries, please contact Melly Flynn at 247-6482 about dates you might be away and unavailable. If you are interested in volunteering for one of these ministries, also please contact Melly. Training will be provided. Many thanks to all of you who serve our church!

CCD News: Hello parents of school age children! You've been barraged with back to school ads and products and information from your child's school. Well, here at O.L.G.H. we've held off as long as possible. It's now time to register your child(ren) for religious education. Please fill out a registration form, found in the back of the church. You may put the form in the collection basket at church, drop it off at the rectory, or mail it to the rectory, as soon as possible. Please keep in mind that the first class is on September 16th and all grades will have classes on Sundays, from 9:45 to 10:45 am. Please let me know if you have questions, or if you would like to volunteer!

Diocesan News: 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal: "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Pt 4:10) In this "Year of the Family" we celebrate the gifts families of all shapes and sizes bring to the Church. It is through the family that God's love flows. As a Church, we care for all members of our family: children — natural, adopted and fostered; single persons; the young and the elderly; married couples; the separated and divorced; those families struggling with addiction or on the margins, and we engage them wherever they are to improve the life of the family into the future. Each gift received during the Bishop's Annual Appeal is used to serve and strengthen families including youth workshops that engage more than 1,000 youth statewide; catechesis for more than 2,000 students in religious education programs; a new Lay Formation Program; a redesigned Pre-Cana Program; emergency aid to an average of 2,000 people in financial crisis each year and so much more. Thanks to the support of many of you, we are 80 percent of the way to our Bishop's Annual Appeal pledge goal. Twenty-three out of 93 parishes and missions participating have met or exceeded their goals, and another 25 are close to goal. Each parish will have a final, in-pew collection the weekend of Sept. 15-16. If you have not yet made a gift, please consider making a gift at this time or online at: bishopsappealvt.org. A gift of any size will make a difference. Help us reach our goal and help us serve our diocesan family of families. — *Ellen Kane, Executive Director of Development, Stewardship & Communication for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington*

To date, our pledge goal progress is \$7265.00 toward a total goal of \$16792.00. For more information and to make your gift, please visit bishopsappealvt.org

Reflections for the Week

When our son Jack was 4, he had a babysitter who always listened to a bible radio station – and he was puzzled by it. He told me: "Mom, all they ever talk about is God and Abraham. God and Abraham." Then he paused thoughtfully. "Abraham? You know, they don't talk about any other president." We don't always understand everything we hear. Just like the disciples in today's gospel. Jesus has told them, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." They don't understand. They say: This is too hard to hear. The gospel tells us: "As a result, many of his disciples left." We do that, too. We leave because we don't understand what is too hard to hear. Take today's reading from Paul. I've been a lector for many years and it seemed that every three years when this reading came up – where wives were to be subordinate to their husbands – I was assigned it. Always. When I was younger, I was much more headstrong and impatient. I hated this reading. It was too hard, and I decided that I didn't like Paul or anything about him. I chose to leave Paul because it was hard. What I didn't understand then was that marriage in his day was a business arrangement between the parents. How could it help a family to make a marriage match? How many sheep would she bring to the family? Does his family have a lot of land? The idea of marrying for love is mostly a concept from the last 200 years. Before that, parents got together and two of their children got married and they all hoped for the best. So what Paul is saying in today's reading is really radical. He is saying husbands should do more than treat their wives with respect. He is saying husbands should LOVE their wives. Should cherish them. I abandoned St. Paul for a number of years and never wanted to read him. I never wanted to be the second Lector at Mass because the reading is almost always Paul. And in that time, I missed out on some of the greatest treasures of the Church. St. Paul's writings reflect his human-ness, and his love for the communities where he stayed and taught. His writings are wonderful. But we can decide to leave when things get too hard. The news about the church in Pennsylvania last week was terrible. There are no excuses for allowing that kind of abuse to be tolerated or continued. And we know it isn't just in Pennsylvania, but this is a disorder that has infected the Catholic Church across the country and around the world. Some of us may decide, this is too hard. I'm going to leave this church. But if we look around at Mass, our church is right here. This group of people in our parish, this is our community. We are the Catholic Church. The Catholic traditions and sacraments are a way to deepen our relationship with God. We can't let the horror that has been uncovered be our excuse to say, "This is too hard. I'm out of here." My dear friend St. Paul wrote to the Ephesians: How great is the hope to which we are called! This is a time to be called to that hope because our church will be healed from this and our church will be changed for the better because of this. So, what can we do beyond staying committed, with hope? We can insist upon greater transparency and processes that are lay led. We can ask for changes to bring the lay experience into internal procedures. We can be part of a church committed to healing and to reaching out to those who have become disillusioned, and disgusted. It won't be easy, but it will be blessed by the Spirit working among us so that we might be more of the church we are called to be. In today's gospel, Jesus looks around as disciples are drifting away, leaving, and says to his apostles, are you leaving, too? Peter answers for the twelve, and for us: To whom would we turn? You have the words of eternal life.