



SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS
Week of April 1, 2018

Sat 8:00 PM Crowley Family by W. & M. Larrivee
Sun 10:00 AM Larrivee Family by W. & M. Larrivee
Mon 9:00 AM No Mass
Wed 9:00 AM Genevieve & William Cerutti by Angela & Dean
Thurs 9:00 AM Reginald Festa by Angela & Dean
Fri 1-3 PM Adoration
Sat 4:00 PM Locke Family by W. & M. Larrivee
Sun 10:00 AM Gil, Ellie & Mike Kupfer by Laura & Pam

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of March 25 2018
(Our Goal is \$1,800.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose	\$186.00
Envelopes	\$881.50
Total	\$1067.50

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 April 1, 2018

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31



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, Brendan Holbritter, Rosa Santos and Jean Pfenning.

Ministry Schedule



<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
03/31 D. Benware	Joe Flynn
04/01 C. Frankiewicz	Guy Beck
04/07 Diane Benware	Diane Benware
04/08 Jeannine Griffin	Katie Murray
<u>Gift Bearers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
03/31 E. Parmelee/S. Munger	Jordan Bertrand
04/01 G. & B. Gearwar	A. Hayes & M. Harding
04/07 E. Parmelee & S. Munger	David Bertrand
04/08 Russell Doty Family	B. Stanley & B. Thornton

Collection Counters



04/01 Mike Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand
 04/08 Donna Swington & Paula Bizon
 04/15 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 April:

04/08 Restoration Fund
04/22 Utility Fund
04/29 Home Missions/Black and Native Americans

Diocese of Burlington Father/Son Retreat: Friday, April 20, 2018, 7:00pm through Sunday, April 22, 2018 12:20 pm at the Mary Theotokos Monastic Retreat Center in Newark, VT. Talks will be given by Fr. Jon Schnobrich. The cost is \$75 per father and son (additional \$25 for each added son), which includes food and lodging. This retreat is open to fathers and sons (6th grade and up). Registration deadline is April 10th.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. To help commemorate the month, the Diocese of Burlington is broadcasting a Rosary for Healing and Protection to Facebook Live on Monday, April 9, beginning at 11:20 .m. We will pray for healing for all who suffer from abuse or neglect, especially those who experienced abuse by a member of the clergy or Church personnel. Tune into the live feed on the [diocesan Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/dioburlington) to pray alongside us. The video will remain available on the diocesan Facebook page following the conclusion of the live feed. <http://www.facebook.com/dioburlington>

Social Impacts and Responses to Opiate Abuse in our Community : Mater Christi School Gym 50 Mansfield Ave., Burlington, VT 05401 Sunday, April 15, 2018 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. The Sisters of Mercy and Mercy Associates invite you to an afternoon devoted to the problem of opiate abuse in VT. The format will consist of a panel with the following presenters: Christina Nolan, U.S. Attorney for the State of VT; Mark Redmond, Director of Spectrum Youth and Family Services; and Dr. Stephen Leffler, UVM Chief Medical Officer. Facilitator will be Dr. John Reuwer, Emergency Medical Physician and Adjunct Professor of Peace and Justice, St. Michael's College. In addition to the panel presentations, a portion of **The Hungry Heart**, a prize winning documentary film by Bess O'Brien, will be shown. Donations will be accepted at the door to benefit the Howard Center

St. Peter's Church 85 South Maple St. Vergennes, Parish Breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus: Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 8 from 8-10am. Come join us for a delicious breakfast of eggs, omelets (to order), hot cakes, french toast, sausage, bacon and more. Bring your family and friends!! Adults - \$8.50; Seniors over 60 - \$7.50 and kids 6-12yrs. \$6.00, children under 6 years old are free and immediate families of five or more \$28.00. For more information please call 877-2367.

Reflections for the week

Another Lent has come and gone already. Did your Lent prepare for this beautiful Easter morning or was yours spotty like mine? Our parish started Lent by focusing on abstaining and fasting from the things that separate us from God such as judging others or being "too busy." The theory was that if we could abstain from those activities, we could better see the hurt in people's lives and have more energy to step up and help out our neighbors in need. We were asked each Sunday, "What choices did we make for God this week?" As each week went by, it got less uncomfortable because we knew that question was coming. I was sometimes able to make myself stop in the midst of a hectic week and remind myself to choose a child of God over efficiency and convenience. While I certainly didn't get any gold stars this Lent, I was able to be more mindful of what was really important some days as I rushed from one project to another. As I sat with these Easter readings, a favorite poster from my past kept surfacing: *Women are as common... As a common loaf of bread.... and, will rise. (Judy Grahn)* And I thought of all the people in our world who desperately need to rise: The parents grieving for their kidnapped daughters in Nigeria. People trapped in human trafficking Families whose loved ones have mental illness or substance abuse issues The students who lived or didn't live through school shootings and their devastated families. But these distraught and wounded families will rise only if we follow in Jesus' footsteps. This is our calling and our mission as Easter People. As in Nazi Germany or Rwanda or Syria, the unthinkable happened and continues to happen today. But then the yeast starts to bubble and high school students across the country demand that adults start doing their jobs which is to protect them. These kids, these brave kids, are shaking us out of our resignation and fatigue from such a long, losing battle. They insist they we do something to end this avoidable violence in their places of learning. Maybe this generation will get it right. They will throw out the old "yeast of malice and wickedness," and replace it with the new yeast "of sincerity and truth." As Easter people we are called to be the yeast that can help others rise. Not an easy or clear-cut task ... but our world badly needs the hope that Easter brings. So, bring in the new yeast and maybe by remembering we are all God's children, we will be able to help our broken brothers and sisters who have given up hope. Now that would be another Easter miracle! onlineministries.creighton.edu

Diocesan News: Easter Sunday Message: It has been more than 2,100 years since the disciples first found the empty tomb, more than 2,100 years since they first encountered the Risen Christ in the upper room, more than 2,100 years since they saw Him ascend into heaven. It has been more than 2,000 years since those eyewitnesses to Christ's death and resurrection died. They were witnesses of what they had seen to those who followed, the second and third generations of Christians. These later generations, like us today, did not know Christ in the flesh. Yet they believed just as we believe today. Chesterton in the quote above says that, "Faith means believing the unbelievable." It is truly unbelievable that Christ rose from the dead, for no one else has since then. And yet we do believe, not simply because of the words of Scripture or any historical evidence that testify to the fact of Jesus' resurrection, but because of the witness of others and the promptings of divine grace present in each human person. For this, we are truly blessed: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (Jn 20:29). During those 2,100 years or more, the Church has commemorated the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ in the weekly celebration of the Eucharist on the first day of the week and in the yearly celebration of Easter morning. In His life, Jesus Christ taught us what it means to "love the unlovable." In His death on the Cross, He "pardoned the unpardonable," not just the sins of those who were crucifying Him — "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" — or were crucified with him — "Today, you will be with me in paradise" — but the sins of all humankind. That encounter with boundless love and forgiveness did not end when the resurrected Christ left this world. Whenever the Church gathers to celebrate the Eucharist, we truly encounter the one who loves us, the one who pardons us and the one who wishes only to draw us to Himself. This is not a matter of faith. It is a matter of truth. Still, it takes faith to accept this truth, to believe in the unbelievable and to profess that faith. "I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!" As it has been for more than 2,100 years, the Church has been a beacon of hope "when everything seems hopeless." Some may think that the present culture and moment of history have moved beyond the Church and its faith. But I think not. I believe that the preaching of salvation centered in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, which is a Gospel of joy and of Good News, is one that the world desperately needs now more than ever. Why? Because it is a message of hope to a world that many consider hopeless. Happy Easter. Yours in Christ, The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne, Bishop of Burlington