



SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS
Week of January 7, 2018

Sat 4:00 PM Alice Quesnel by Cram Family
Sun 10:00 AM Jeanette George by Fred and Terry Zimmer
Mon 10:00 AM No Mass
Wed 9:00 AM No Mass
Thurs 9:00 AM No Mass
Fri 9:00 AM No Mass
Sat 4:00 PM Pro Populo
Sun 10:00 AM Pro Populo

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of December 31, 2017
(Our Goal is \$1,800.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose	\$247.10
Envelopes	\$734.00
Total	\$981.10
Christmas	\$1990.88

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 January 7, 2018

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20



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, and Rosa Santos.

Ministry Schedule



<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
01/06 Diane Benware	Diane Benware
01/07 Charlotte Frankiewicz	CCD Students
01/13 Mary Bugnacki	Pike Mitchell
01/14 Jeannine Griffin	Bernie Carr
<u>Gift Bearers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
01/06 E. Parmalee & S.Munger	Jordan Bertrand
01/07 CCD Students	Ashlyn & Olivia Depatie
01/13 Karen Decker	Brook Bertrand
01/14 T. Depatie Family	N. Depatie & M. Harding

Collection Counters



01/07 Mike Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand
 01/14 Tina Wiles & Glenda Gearwar
 01/21 D. Swington & Carolyn Walker



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 Jan.:

01/14 Restoration Fund
01/21 Utility Fund
01/28 Catholic Education Collection

Contribution Envelopes and Calendars for 2018 will be available for pick-up at the back of the church after mass. Please remember to get yours or sign up for one if you are not already on the list. Thank you

Sign of Peace & Communion from the Cup During Cold & Flu Season : The Sign of Peace has been an integral and valued part of the worship of the church for centuries in the form of a kiss of peace or handshake. As we enter this cold and flu season, it is important to recognize that some people are especially susceptible to the viruses that can be spread by contact and that some immune systems are very sensitive. Please understand that some people may choose not to shake hands during the Sign of Peace, but might simply greet you with a smile. Also, please use common sense and good judgment concerning Mass attendance if you are ill. If you do decide to come to church for Mass, please remember that frequent and thorough hand-washing, refraining from physical contact during the Sign of Peace, and refraining from receiving communion from the Chalice can help prevent the spread of germs.

Addison County Right to Life (a chapter of VRLC) will meet at 6:30 PM on Thursday Jan. 11th at St. Mary's Parish Hall on College St. in Middlebury. Enter via the side door on Shannon St. The agenda includes election of officers, arrangements for the Rally for Life in Montpelier on Jan. 13th and preliminary planning for the annual dinner. All members are encouraged to attend and visitors are welcome.

Annual Rally for Life ~ Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 11:00 AM~ Montpelier, VT. Will line up behind Montpelier City Hall at 10:45.

"Re-engaging the Occasional Catholic" A Presentation by Bishop Coyne on January 17th, will be offered at Holy Cross Parish in Colchester from 6:30-8pm. This presentation will also be available via livestreaming on the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington Facebook Page <http://www.facebook.com/vermontcatholic.com>

St. Peter's Parish Breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus: Mark your calendars for Sunday, Jan. 14 from 8-10 AM 85 South Maple St., Vergennes. 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 the rectory at 877-2367.

Diocesan News: Praying as a Family: For the Feast of the Epiphany In the Apostolic Exhortation "Amoris Laetitia" (the Joy of Love), Pope Francis reminds us that "a family's living space could turn into a domestic church, a setting for the Eucharist, the presence of Christ seated at its table." The Holy Father goes on to remind us of the Lord's promise: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me (Rev. 3:20). As we open our calendars to another year, we turn toward the Lord in thanksgiving for our many blessings and ask for God's grace to be upon our families and our homes ... our little domestic churches. One beautiful way to consecrate our homes to the Lord is pray together the traditional house blessing ceremony on Epiphany (Jan. 6) while "chalking the door" with the numerals of the coming year separated by the letters C, M, and B. The letters, which are for the Latin Christus Mansionem Benedicat (Christ bless this house) also represent the first initials of the wise men: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The + signs represent the cross. This year, the blessing would be: 20+C+M+B+18. This ancient blessing is an invitation for the Lord who is knocking at our doors, to be a guest in our home each day while we ask God to bless our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, as well as our joys and sorrows. The tradition of marking the doorway of a home is rooted in the Old Testament. God commands the Israelites, "Hear O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, and with your whole being, and with your whole strength. Take to heart these words which I command you today ... write them on the door-posts of your houses and on your gates" (Deuteronomy 6:4-6, 9). As we seek to offer our whole hearts to the Lord this year, let God's blessing be upon us that we may be nourished and strengthened within our homes. Then, just as the wise men poured out their gifts before the Lord on his humble manger bed, may the love and faith of our families be poured out to the world around us, in desperate need of the Savior's love. Join a Vermont family asking the Lord's blessing on their home in the first of a monthly video series to celebrate the Diocesan Year of the Family at vermontcatholic.org/vcm. Then, download the accompanying activity sheet to pray the Epiphany Home Blessing with your family! — Ann Gonyaw, her husband and three children are members of Mater Dei parish in Newport, where Ann serves as the Director of Catholic Formation.

Reflections for the week

"Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory" (Is 60, 1-2). God's choices are unpredictable. In our wildest imaginations we could never imagine the sequence of salvation history that we celebrate on this Feast of Epiphany. God chose an insignificant people, the Jews and Jerusalem, and from among them God chose an equally insignificant Jewish virgin, Mary. Through them, God chose to reveal mystery of God's plan for the salvation of the entire world. Today we celebrate the revealing of God's plan beyond the Jews to the world: "The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him" (Ps 72, 10-11). In his Letter to the Ephesians, Paul exalts that the mystery of salvation treasured by the Jewish people as their exclusive possession is also intended by God for the salvation of the Gentiles, the world beyond the Jews, "It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed ... that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel" (Eph3: 5-6). We Gentiles are coheirs of the promises of God! God chose us! And so we ask ourselves: How central to our lives is our personal relationship with Jesus Christ? Do we take this gift for granted or do we grow each year, each day, in treasuring the gift of faith in Jesus Christ? The prayer from "Godspell" -- originally from St. Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1245-1253 -- seems especially fitting for the Epiphany: "Lord, May I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day!" onlineministries.creighton.edu