



SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS
Week of September 29, 2019

Sat 4:00 PM For the People
Sun 7:30 AM St Agnes + Germain Bilodeau by Anita Bilodeau
Sun 11:00 AM For the People
Wed 9:00 AM For the People
Thurs 9:00 AM For the People
Fri 1-3 PM Adoration
Sat 4:00 PM For the People
Sun 7:30 AM St. Agnes + Gil, Ellie and Mike Kupfer by Laura & Pam
Sun 11:00 AM + Karen Rouse by Jeannine Griffin
 + indicates deceased
 * indicates living

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of September 22, 2019
(Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose	\$ 267.00
Envelopes	\$ 702.00
Total	\$ 969.00

Please Note:

Please **make out all checks** to **St. Mary Parish**. Thank you.

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

Readings for the Week of September 29, 2019

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8 /Mt 18:1-5, 10
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 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, Joel Rivera, Betty Ferraro, Joseph Duprey, Charlotte Swain, Marilyn Morris, Mary Doherty, David Philipson, Katherine Bryant, Rene Hendricks, Brendan Holbritter, Rosa Santos, Ann Marie Ford, Laura Begnoche, Bertha Dolan, Jim Lofland, Peter Giancola, Fella Molina, Stanley Delorm, and Elaine Parmelee.

Ministry Schedule



Eucharistic Ministers

09/28 Dan St. Germain
 09/29 Trish Bertino
 10/05 Marge Munger
 10/06 Kathie Bryant

Lectors

Marge Munger
 Aaron Boynton
 Laurie Bertrand
 Terry Zimmer

Gift Bearers

09/28 R. Howland Family
 09/29 Glenda & Bob Gearwar
 10/05 S. Munger & K. Decker
 10/06 Glenda & Bob Gearwar

Altar Servers

Jordan Bertrand
 A. & O. Depatie
 Brooke Bertrand
 A. & O. Depatie

Collection Counters



09/29 Mike Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand
 10/06 Katherine Bryant & Carolyn Walker
 10/13 Donna Swington & Bob 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.

Office is open on Wednesday

10:00 am—3:00 pm

Thursday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

2nd Collection for weekends in Sept/Oct.:

09/29 Catholic University
10/06 Bldgs. & Maint. (Goal \$600)
10/13 Utility Fund (Goal \$500)

TRANSITUS : Traditionally, every year on October 3rd, Franciscans commemorate the passage (death) of St. Francis of Assisi from his earthly life to eternal life in a service known as The Transitus, and so, on Thursday, October 3, at 7:00 PM at St. Peter's Church, this traditional Franciscan Observance consisting of prayers, hymns, readings, and meditation will take place. Light refreshments will follow the service. Please consider joining us in this very beautiful and prayerful service.

MASS ON THE FEAST OF ST FRANCIS : On Friday, October 4th, in St. Alphonsus at 9:00am, Mass will be celebrated in honor of Saint Francis. Following Mass, fellowship will continue with doughnuts and coffee in the Rectory. Please join us in this celebration.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: On Friday afternoon, October 4th, in remembrance of Saint Francis, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Rectory in Brandon at 1:00pm, with Benediction at 3:00pm. Take time to pray before the Blessed Sacrament, particularly for vocations to the Franciscan way of life.

BLESSING OF PETS: Since Saint Francis is the patron saint of animals it is fitting that a blessing of pets take place close to his feast day. This year Father Moe will be available Sunday, October 6, at 1:00 PM at Saint Alphonsus parking lot in front of the Parish Hall. All are encouraged to bring their pets.

Month of October - Month of The Rosary: For the Tuesdays of the month of October, desserts and coffee will be offered in the rectory at 6 PM. We will pray the rosary in the church at 7 PM. All are invited to participate.

Canonization of Cardinal Newman: You are cordially invited to celebrate the canonization of Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman on Sunday, October 13th, at Holy Family Church Hall in Essex Junction, from 4 - 7:30 pm. The evening will include Solemn Vespers, dinner and dessert, and three brief presentations on the life and thought of Cardinal Newman, featuring a guest speaker from St. Thomas More College, as well as Fr. Kevin Chalifoux and Fr. Matthew Rensch. \$10 per person/\$15 for two/\$5 for each additional guest. For more information or to RSVP by October 6th: VermontNewman@gmail.com

Reflections for the Week

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the Pharisees a story. I stop short of saying "a story about" since that answer depends on one's perspective. Is this a story about a rich man? Or is this a story about a poor man, Lazarus? Let's start with the former. The unnamed rich man in this story is surrounded by every material comfort he could want. Food, drink, clothing. He seemingly wants for nothing. And at his door is Lazarus, a poor man. Hungry, thirsty, sore-ridden. What's more, the rich man sees him and knows he is deprived of even the most basic human needs. After both men have died, the rich man asks Abraham to "Send Lazarus" to comfort him. He knows by name the man who sat at his door, whom he chose not to help. Abraham has no pity on the rich man. By contrast, seeing this as the story of the poor man, Lazarus, offers a different perspective. Wanting for even the most basic things, Lazarus seeks not even a meal at the rich man's table but, rather, the scraps that fall. That dogs lick his sores seems to position these dogs as more caring of Lazarus than the rich man. Lazarus is meek, receives whatever may come his way, and is received into Heaven. So, who is this story about? I submit that this story is not about one or the other. Instead, I read this story as being about each of us. Each of us may find ourselves as the rich man at certain times in our life and as Lazarus at others. Indeed, at their death the two men in this story switch places and experience one another's previous state, in a way. In this story as well as others, the question of who is our neighbor – and how we should treat them – is fundamental. The Gospel is clear that we are all neighbors. Once we take ownership of this reality, internalizing it, action must follow. Jesus modeled and preached a way of worshipping God that was far from theoretical and certainly far from comfortable. While we may worship God in many ways, among them must be through our concrete actions in love for one another. *Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me. (Mt 25:40)* Let us embrace this calling and embrace all whom we encounter as our neighbor. onlineministries.creighton.edu