



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

**SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Week of August 19, 2018**

**Sat 4:00 PM** Art Pfenning by Jeannine Griffin  
**Sun 7:30AM St. Agnes** – Ruth Tebo by Jean Lemarre  
**Sun 11:00 AM** Ina Ricard by Jean Pfenning  
**Wed 9:00 AM** Elizabeth Parker by Mary Bugnacki  
**Thurs 9:00AM** Patricia Zimmer by Fred & Terry Zimmer  
**Sat 4:00 PM** Margaret Jacobi by Guy and Jane Beck & Family  
**Sun 7:30 AM St. Agnes**– Special Intentions  
**Sun 11:00 AM** Special Intentions

**Parish Support**

**Offering for the weekend of August 12, 2018**  
**(Our Goal is \$1,800.00 each week)**  
**Sunday Collection**  
**Loose \$415.00**  
**Envelopes \$709.00**  
**Total \$1124.00**

**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 19, 2018**

**Sunday:** Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58  
**Monday:** Ez 24:15-24/Mt 19:16-22  
**Tuesday:** Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30  
**Wednesday:** Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16  
**Thursday:** Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14  
**Friday:** Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51  
**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**

<b><u>Eucharistic Ministers</u></b>	<b><u>Lectors</u></b>
08/18 Sally Foster	Laurie Bertrand
08/19 Jeannine Griffin	Terry Zimmer
08/25 Joe Flynn	Joe Flynn
08/26 Mary Bugnacki	Wanda Murray
<b><u>Gift Bearers</u></b>	<b><u>Altar Servers</u></b>
08/18 L.Bertrand Family	David Bertrand
08/19 T. Depatie Family	O. Depatie & A. Hayes
08/25 Colleen Mitchell	Jordan Bertrand
08/26 Glenda&Bob Gearwar	B.Thornton& B.Stanley

**Collection Counters**

08/19 Tina Wiles & Glenda Gearwar  
08/26 Bob Gearwar & Katherine Bryant  
09/02 Mike Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand



**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](http://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](mailto: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 Aug./ Sept.:**

**08/19 Utility Fund**  
**\*09/02 Restoration/ Bldg. & Maintenance**  
**09/09 Vermont Catholic Magazine.**

**\* Funds from this collection will go towards the much needed painting of the exteriors of the church and rectory.**

**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

**Socials Concerns Meeting:** Monday, August 20, 2018 at 6 PM

**Finance Council Meeting:** Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 6 PM

**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!

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** The Diocese is at 80% of goal, but they need your support to ensure continuation and strength of ministries that depend on the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Any gift, no matter the size can make a difference. Please Remember, your contributions support religious education, emergency aid, vocations, and so much more - all necessary outreach to families across the state of Vermont, families in every parish. Please prayerfully consider a contribution, and a big thank you to those who have been able to give to the 2018 Appeal. *To date, Our Lady of Good Help pledge goal progress is \$6875.00 toward a total goal of \$16792.00.* For more information and to make your gift, please visit : [bishopsappealvt.org](http://bishopsappealvt.org)

**Diocesan News: Catechesis & Religious Education:**It has been a busy year in the office of Religious Education and Catechesis. I'm pleased to give a picture of religious education in the Diocese and also share three exciting updates: our first-ever Totus Tuus training in Vermont, the renewed adult catechesis in our Lay Formation program and our new partnership with Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute. Most of my effort goes into supporting our parish catechetical leaders in our parishes. Religious education looks different depending on where you go. For example, most parishes have a weekly, religious education model. However, some parishes are considering, or already practicing, a family formation model, and a number of parishes are looking to adopt Catechesis of the Good Shepherd into their programs. While there are many challenges to religious education and catechesis in Vermont, we are working to set new goals and build upon the good work our parishes are already doing. It has been an exciting year for Totus Tuus. For the first time, we conducted Totus Tuus training here in Vermont, at the beautiful St. Anne's Shrine in Isle LaMotte. This is an important and intense preparation period for our missionaries before they go to our parishes for the summer. We hosted two Vermont teams and a team from the Diocese of Portland. Our missionaries learned theology, how to teach children, lots of crazy camp songs and how to balance it all with a challenging daily prayer life. This training bore much fruit as evidenced by each of our teams' successful six weeks of teaching and witnessing to first-through-12thgrade students in 12 parishes throughout the Diocese. We were excited this year to grow from 10 parishes to 12 by adding Christ the King in Burlington and Christ the King in Rutland. We have also revamped our Lay Formation program. Adult members of our community applied and were accepted to learn how to better minister to people in the parish, how to grow in their spiritual lives and how to deepen their intellectual understanding of the Catholic faith. I oversaw the intellectual portion by bringing in experts to teach courses, including Old and New Testament. The courses are a combination of interactive online content plus in-person discussion during monthly meetings. Another exciting update is our partnership with Franciscan University's Catechetical Institute. This online platform will be how our parish catechetical leaders will renew their certifications. We are excited about these workshops because we hope they will continue to raise the standard of religious education in Vermont, starting with each parish catechetical leader. While this is an online program, it puts each learner in contact with a Vermont mentor. These mentors are currently being trained, and the whole certification program goes live next year. Thank you for your support, both through prayer and generous donations to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, which allows us to continue these and many other efforts. — *Michael Hagan, coordinator of catechesis and religious education for the Diocese of Burlington*

**Reflections for the Week**

The Book of Proverbs, or the wise sayings of King Solomon, son of King David, begins the section of Hebrew Scripture known as Wisdom Literature. These are a compilation of thoughts expressed in a more memorable manner to guide the lives of the faithful. The first six verses of the first Chapter describe the reasons for keeping these aphorisms alive. Basically, they are for instruction leading to awareness and discernment. They do not necessarily follow a predictable pattern. They call the reader to stop, look into their meaning and reflect on their deeper meaning for being lived. Wisdom is personified in our First Reading for today's liturgy. Wisdom has set a table and invites the "simple" and those lacking "understanding" to "turn in here". The "wine and "food" are the wise sayings, the spirit of the relationship with God which will result in deeper understanding and liveliness. The "food", the "wine" are meant to resist the normal manners by which the foolish feed themselves. The verses immediately following our reading nourish the invited guests to the "table of Wisdom" so are urged not to mock those who mock us. Rather rebuke the wise and they will grow wiser. These sayings are meant for those who find the natural inclinations flowing from vengeance, greed, and other base energies, unsatisfying. The "table" is set for those who want to eat more of the goodness of life. They reverse the reader and turn her or his mind towards heartfelt rather than headful luncheons. The Second Reading continues this theme in two long sentences. There is a wisdom found in Jesus which if digested, will produce a resistance to the "wine" of selfishness and its effects in foolish living. Rather, the "cup" which Jesus offers renders a peaceful interior which brings life to the full. We hear the continuation of the Gospel's account of Jesus' trying to explain to his Jewish kinsmen that he is more than they know. He is more than the bread which fed their ancestors in the desert. He continues to make "I am" statements about his true identity and his listeners continue their struggling with this new concept. Jesus, who set the table with six loaves and two fish in order to feed thousands, now sets the table of faith containing a new wine. He invites the "simple" to turn in and eat. He is inviting those who lack understanding to slide their knees under his board and drink more deeply. "Where our feeble senses fail" to convince our hungry minds, Jesus invites us to not be impatient and judge the meal by the first course or even the table setting. Jesus' listeners see his flesh and know there is real blood keeping the flesh alive. This is the first course; it is what they see. Jesus is inviting them to wait for the next servings, but they keep clinging to their plates and demanding second helpings, more of the same, keeping everything on the sense level. The Jews here are hungry for wisdom; they are people of good hearts and minds. They resist their being fooled. They continue to shake their heads as Jesus continues nodding his, insisting that he can give them eternal life through their taking him interiorly, as one does when eating. As long as they argue and grumble, their mouths are filled with that which they are serving; they demand immediate proof and understanding. With Jesus, everything is an invitation to "come and see." The murmurers have followed Jesus across the lake after seeing the miraculous distribution. He is urging them into the sacred desert of belief where their ancestors grew deeper in their trust of the One God. They keep tripping over their "feeble senses" and their limited abilities to eat. *"With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption."* Ps. 130 [onlineministries.creighton.edu](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu)