



SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS
Week of May 13, 2018

Sat 4:00 PM Megan Foster by Sally Foster
Sun 8:00 AM St. Agnes –Gil, Ellie & Mike Kupfer by Laura & Pam
Sun 10:00 AM Rose Festa by Angela Festa
Mon 9:00 AM Rose Festa by Angela & Dean
Wed 9:00 AM Rita Franklin by Susan Liberty
Thurs 9:00 AM Marion Kennedy by Anonymous
Fri 9:00 AM Stella Poremski by Barbara Champine
Sat 4:00 PM Anita Bilodeau by By Randy & Suzanne Denis
Sun 8:00 AM St. Agnes-Bernard J. Bourgeois by Fr. Luke Austin
Sun 10:00 AM Howard Goulette by M.ike & Charlotte Frankiewicz

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 Holbritter, Rosa Santos, Jean Pfenning and Arthur Pfenning

Ministry Schedule



<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
05/12 Mary Bugnacki	Laurie Bertrand
05/13 Joe Flynn	Katie Murray
05/19 Donna Swingleton	Terry Zimmer
05/20 Jeannine Griffin	Bernie Carr
<u>Gift Bearers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
05/12 L. Bertrand Family	Brooke Bertrand
05/13 S. Ouelette Family	A. Depatie & M. Harding
05/19 T. Howland Family	David Bertrand
05/20 T. Depatie Family	A. Depatie & A. Hayes

Collection Counters



05/13 Donna Swingleton & Kathie Bryant
05/20 Tina Wiles & Glenda Gearwar
05/27 Bob Gearwar & Katherine Bryant



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 May/June:

05/13 Central and Eastern Europe
05/20 Utility Fund
06/03 Catholic Communication Campaign

The Ascension of the Lord

Blessed Virgin Mary: May is the month we remember our Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Starting the weekend of May 12 the Rosary will be said 30 minutes before every mass.

Social Concerns Meeting: Monday, May 14th at 6 PM

Parish Finance Council: Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 16 at 6 PM.

Parish Council Meeting: Thursday, May 17th at 7 PM.

New Ministry: Greeters needed! A new ministry of greeters will be starting in June at St Mary's. This is an opportunity for those of you who are thinking of getting involved in some church activity. It does not involve a lot of time but does require a commitment to a schedule similar to the lector/eucharistic minister schedule. We are looking for 1 person for each mass on the weekend to greet people in the foyer of the church before mass and had out bulletins. This would mean arriving 10 -15 minutes early with your happy face. We are hoping to have at least 8 -10 people sign up initially to cover 1 month of masses. Two people can sign up together if they so wish. Interested people can call Terry at 247 – 3677. There will also be a sign up sheet in the back. Thanks for your participation and for making Our Lady of Good Help a welcoming church.

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2018: Thanks to the generosity of many of our parishioners to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, we have been able to move from maintenance to mission and engage many more lay people in the work of the Church. We are spreading the Good News of our faith not by increasing program budgets but by moving resources to priority ministries. A few new initiatives include: * Revitalization of our Pre-Cana program better assists couples to put Christ at the center of their relationship as they prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. * A new Lay Formation Program and a worship commission are now in place to offer greater engagement opportunities and diocesan services to families and parishes. * New Parish Staff and Volunteer Lenten Retreats were offered by the Diocese in both the northern and southern parts of the state. Please consider a gift during the In-Pew Phase next weekend which saves resources by reducing our mailings. Any gift, no matter the size, counts!

Happy Mother's Day to all our parishioners!

Diocesan News: Careers & Internships with the Diocese of Burlington

Part 1.For Brittany Czekaj, development donor systems specialist in the Office of Development and Stewardship for the Diocese of Burlington, the best part of working at diocesan headquarters is being in an environment where she shares her faith with her colleagues. "We are all working toward the same goal of spreading the Good News and serving the Church," she said. The environment is one aspect that draws people to employment and internships with the Diocese. But there's more: Daily Mass, helping people, making a difference and developing skills are among the benefits employees and interns mention when reflecting upon their work. "What I like best about working for the Diocese has to be the people. They're all so different but they're all thoughtful and nice. They're like a second family all working together toward the same mission," said Denise Watson, an accountant in Parish Accounting Services. Previously she worked as a finance associate at a Burlington nonprofit; she has worked for the Diocese since 2017. "Unique benefits of working for the Diocese are that it's not your typical accounting job in tax or audit. You're doing everything from accounts payable, to accounts receivable, invoicing, analysis, budgeting, payroll, dealing with fixed assets etc.," she said. "You're helping priests and secretaries with limited accounting backgrounds, and you're making a difference through positive communication." The Diocese has 41 employees and last summer had three interns: one in finance, one in development and one in safe environment programs. Czekaj, who has worked for the Diocese since November, previously worked as a credit and collections specialist for a large business. "I had previously thought of working for the Diocese; however, I did not believe that there would be a position fit for me," she said. "It did not occur to me that finance and data management were all performed in-house. When I thought of the Diocese, my mind would immediately go to thinking about evangelization and catechesis." Daily Mass has become Czekaj's favorite benefit of working for the Diocese. At first, she often went home for lunch, but daily Mass in the chapel in the diocesan headquarters, The Bishop Brady Center, has become a priority, and she often serves as a lector. "This has greatly enhanced my daily prayer life and even my calmness, in spending time with the real presence of the Eucharist," she said. Working with people that share the same Catholic faith has more of an affect on an employee than one may realize, Czekaj said: "In my previous work, people tended to be more negative, which can really affect one's demeanor and daily work. My colleagues here are very positive, driven and faith-filled individuals. Starting our meetings with prayer and our luncheons with grace really sets the tone for what we do." She also likes the camaraderie among employees and monthly birthday lunches. And she looks forward to her first summer with adjusted hours so the Friday work days end at noon. "Finding this position was most definitely part of God's plan for me," Czekaj said. "I previously prayed about my career path as I felt the call to do something more fulfilling. Even in the few months that I have been working at the Diocese, I just know that this is what I was called to do." Current openings in the Diocese are posted at vermontcatholic.org/careers. — Cori Urban, Vermont Catholic

Reflections for the week

The remaining apostles and about one hundred twenty others stood around Peter. He had an announcement to make. It concerned the replacement of their former companion, Judas, the "guide to those who arrested Jesus", the one who Jesus refers to as the "son of destruction" in the gospel for today. From our modern perspective, it seems that Peter proceeded much like the chair of a meeting. He quoted the "by-laws": "The replacement must be one who had been with them from the baptism of John to the day that Jesus was taken up from us." Two men were nominated for the position; Joseph called Barsabbas, or Justus, and Matthias. They drew lots, and Matthias was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot. Joseph, the man not chosen to be one of the twelve, was never-the-less, truly a blessed person. He had been with Jesus and the apostles during Jesus' entire public life. It is possible that he felt some disappointment when he was not chosen. All of us share with him some instance when we feel a sense of loss when we are not selected for a position, or rejected for membership in an organization. When we put these situations in perspective, as Joseph must have done, we see the obvious blessings that God continues to shower upon us. We may even see more clearly what our true mission in life is. All is never lost; as the psalm for today reminds us, "... forget not his benefits." Parts of the second reading often recur in Christian hymns, on banners, and in Christian discourse in general. This passage ends in a eloquent summary: "God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him." Whether sung, quoted, or contemplated each day in prayer, the message is complex, yet direct. Love, and remain in the presence of the Lord. This is a joyful and gentle reminder. Imagine the upturned face of Jesus as he prays the one long prayer to the Father that makes up the entire gospel for this Sunday. This moment in Jesus' life reflects not only his love for the Father, but also, his one-ness with him. Jesus also prays that we will be one with him. We are no longer of, or belonging to the world; we remain in it, now protected by God from the evil one. Jesus prayed, "As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world." We are consecrated by Jesus in the truth. Spread the message that God and his truth is love, and whoever remains in love, remains in God. We have been given not only a sense of belonging with God, but also a mission to be in the world to spread his word. We do have a mission for him, with him, and in him.
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GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER. - 2 Corinthians 9:7

Readings for the Week of May 13, 2018

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13
Monday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13