



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, and Rosa Santos .

SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS

Week of October 21, 2018

Sat 4:00 PM For the People
Sun 7:30AM St. Agnes – For the People
Sun 11:00 AM Deacon Gary Griffin by Jeannine Griffin
Wed 9:00 AM For the People
Thurs 9:00AM For the People
Sat 4:00 PM Don Howland by the Family
Sun 7:30 AM St. Agnes– For the People
Sun 11:00 AM For the People

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of **October 14, 2018**
 (Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose	\$373.00
Envelopes	\$939.00
Total	\$1312.00
Utility Fund	\$401.00

Ministry Schedule



Eucharistic Ministers

10/20 Bob Rojecki
 10/21 Jeannine Griffin
 10/27 Donna Swingleton
 10/28 Sally Foster

Lectors

Joe Flynn
 CCD Students
 Laurie Bertrand
 Wanda Murray

Gift Bearers

10/20 C. Mitchell & K. Decker
 10/21 CCD Students
 10/27 Laurie Bertrand Family
 10/28 Glenda & Bob Gearwar

Altar Servers

David Bertrand
 A. & O. Depatie
 Jordan Bertrand
 B.Stanley & A.Hayes

Collection Counters



10/21 Tina Wiles & Glenda Gearwar
 10/28 Carolyn Walker & Katherine Bryant
 11/04 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 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

Parish Hall Library— Saturdays 2:00pm-4:00pm

2nd Collection for weekends in Oct.:

10/21 Mission Sunday

10/28 Priest Benefit Fund

*** 11/04 Building & Maintenance (Goal \$600)**

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

Parish Finance Council: Will meet briefly following the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, October 21, 2018

Office Hours: The office will be open next week on Tuesday from 10:00 to 1:00 and Wednesday from 10:00 to 3:00.

Parish Library: Our Parish Library is currently open from 2:00-4:00pm on Saturdays. We have an up-to-date and varied selection of contemporary books for both children and adults. If you are interested in stopping (at the parish hall) to read on site and/or borrow a book and find these hours to be inconvenient, please call Emilie at 458-7962 or the rectory. We are willing to alter the day or hours to accommodate as many of you as possible.

COBWEBS,COBWEBS!!!!!!They are all over inside the Church, and they must be taken care of. Let's make it team work and accomplish this mission. Wednesday, Oct. 24th after the 9:00 am Mass. What a great way to begin this mission, prayer and service. Bring your buckets, vacuum cleaner if possible and muscles. Jeannine Griffin, 247-3432

St Mary's Cemetery : will be closed as of November 3, 2018 for the winter and reopen in the spring.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: The final solicitation phase of the Bishop's Annual Appeal have been sent out. Please prayerfully consider supporting the ministries that depend on your participation. If you have not participated in the Appeal, please visit www.bishopsappealvt.org for important information about the many lives, including those in our parish, that are touched by the efforts funded in the diocese by the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

From the Pastor's Desk:

The insert for this weekend is the Capuchin Journey. It is a quarterly periodical published by the New York New England Capuchin Province of St. Mary. The purpose of the Capuchin Journey is to inform our benefactors and friends of the events and happenings throughout the Province. The friars of Saint Mary's Province serve the Church in several cities in New York, New England, Guam and Japan. This periodical highlights different ministries and the people we serve in each location. I hope you enjoy the articles and pictures.

Fr. Moe

Diocesan News:

Hope, Healing & Outreach Workshop for Catholics who are separated or divorced. Tuesday, November 6, 2018 • 10 am – 3 pm • Saint John Vianney, South Burlington. Register at: vermontcatholic.org/separateddivorcedworkshop. For more information, contact Deacon Phil Lawson at: (802) 658-6110 x1453 or plawson@vermontcatholic.org.

Reflections for the Week

For every suffering or calamity, or tragedy, we look for - demand - reasons and causes. When there is a plane crash there is a big search for the Flight Recorder contained within the "Black Box". Somehow we feel better when we know the roots and causes of the tragic things so that we will be comforted by the prospect of how things will turn out. Mechanical malfunctions are easier to forgive rather than human fragility or mental disturbance. Recently and always, we read in the news of young people who shoot and kill people in a movie house, school classrooms, places of prayer and clothing stores. We eventually find out the killers were sick, angry, rejected or lonely. These are some kind of explanations and causes, but the sufferings of the families remain, and the victims are dead. It is not exactly a tragedy when one person's injury or fault leads him/her to cause their own personal disturbance or destruction. The tragedy is really when, through that fault, others are destroyed. It is within this context that we read the First Reading for this weekend's liturgy. The reading is brief and is taken from the larger "Suffering Servant Song" of the prophet Isaiah which is the usual reading for Palm Sunday. This "Servant" will suffer for being God's servant. It will appear that God decided to "crush" and punish this particular person. There must be a reason! There are several interpretations of just who this "servant" might be. It could be Israel itself, punished in exile for its infidelities. It could be the prophet Isaiah himself who has to suffer the punishments of being a prophet of hope within the exiled people of Israel. It could be a symbolic person whom the prophet projects will bring about peace and restoration. What is important here is that the prophet is finding a cause for the suffering and that cause is God. God has punished, or crushed, this servant, but the good results will be a hope for the people. There will be "descendants in a long life". There will be light of fullness, many will be justified, and the guilt of the people he will take away. This continues the hopeful songs, reflections and prophecies of these fifteen chapters. The book of Consolation within the larger Book of Isaiah, is set as a call to the people of Israel to have hope in their God and in their future return to the Land of Promise. There is a reason for their exile, they know that very well. There is now, because of the suffering of the Servant, a reason to hope. The Gospel today is a perfect picture of the collision between two forces, the perfectly human and the perfectly Jesus. James and John ask for a favor and it is a good one. Jesus responds with a loaded question of His own. It is loaded, because He is asking whether they know really what is good for them. They are asking to be up in the owner's box when the "kingdom" comes marching in. The Roman kingdom or empire is always the prevailing setting for the listeners of Jesus. Roman domination is all they have ever known. Jesus talks of a new kingdom, but His listeners slowly are learning that their concepts of kingdom are changing. So James and John come out of their historical context and their human self-centeredness. There is a "learning-readiness" setting now. The Greek word, *baptizein* (emphasis on the second syllable) means "immersion" or "sinking into." The "cup" which will be offered to drink by Jesus will be offered to His closest followers and He asks if they can allow themselves to drink the cup and be immersed. The two affirm that they can. Jesus then affirms that they will for sure enter into the deepest experience of Jesus' life, His death. The Gospel reading for today ends with quite a self-defining statement. Jesus is living among His followers and within the world as "Servant". He is inviting them all to see His life and theirs as the heart of the "Kingdom". The Romans enslave with power, Jesus as servant offers the power of self-sacrifice as their participation in His identity. Can they drink that, take it in and sink into this kind of living? Jesus is meeting His human family where they are and serving them what is good for them. The empire of Rome is a large section of our human territory. Much of our suffering occurs when that personal empire collides with our weaker desires for God's kingdom to come and replace our own. All sufferings cannot be explained so easily. We are invited to drink and sink into the powerful and gentle arms of the Servant, serving us toward what is ultimately good for us. Did someone say that following Jesus is easy? "See how the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His love, that He may rescue them from death and feed them in time of famine." Ps. 33, 18-19

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

Readings for the Week of October 21, 2018

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52