



**SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS**

**Week of January 20, 2019**

**Sat 4:00 PM** Deacon Gary Griffin by Jeannine Griffin  
**Sun 11:00 AM** Gilbert  
**Wed 9:00 AM** For the People  
**Thurs 9:00AM** For the People  
**Sat 4:00 PM** For the People  
**Sun 11:00 AM** Bob & Muffie Sterling by Jeannine Griffin

**Parish Support**

Offering for the weekend of **January 13, 2019**  
 (Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

**Sunday Collection**

<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$301.00</b>
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$783.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1084.00</b>
<b>Bldgs. &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>\$554.00</b>

**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 checks to St. Mary Parish** from now on. Thank you.

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

**Readings for the Week of January 20, 2019**

**Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

**Monday:** Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** Heb 7:25—8:6/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

**Saturday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 /Mk 3:20-21

**Next Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30

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, Brian Kilpeck (son of Wanda Murray), Alison Walter, Emilie Rasmussen and Ann Marie Ford.*

**Ministry Schedule**



**Eucharistic Ministers**

01/19 Donna Swingleton  
 01/20 Kathie Bryant  
 01/26 Dan St. Germain  
 01/27 Robert Gearwar

**Gift Bearers**

01/19 T. Howland Family  
 01/20 R. Doty Family  
 01/26 L. O'Brien Family  
 01/27 T. Depatie Family

**Lectors**

Laurie Bertrand  
 Trish Bertino  
 Joe Flynn  
 Wanda Murray

**Altar Servers**

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

**Collection Counters**



01/20 Tina Wiles & Glenda Gearwar  
 01/27 Katherine Bryant & Paula Bizon  
 02/03 Mike Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand



**St. Mary's Cemetery**

Location: R1T 73 E. Forest Dale Rd, Brandon  
 Contact Information - Please call St. Mary's Rectory. The cemetery is closed for the winter.

**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 Jan./Feb.:**

**01/20 Utility Fund (Goal: \$500)**

**01/27 Catholic Education Collection**

**02/03 Bldgs. & Maint. Fund (Goal \$600)**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Contribution Envelopes** are available at the back of the church. Please check off your name when you take yours and those without may sign up for unused numbers that are available. Thank you

**Catholic Town Meeting:** with Bishop Coyne will take place on Tuesday, January 29th at Christ the King in Rutland. The meeting will go from 6:00-7:30.PM.. The Bishop will offer a few remarks but then is there mainly to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

**Diocesan Grant:** On behalf of Bishop Christopher J. Coyne, I wish to inform the parishioners of a grant for \$2500 from the Diocesan Parish Support Fund that has been given to our parish. We are grateful for this generosity.

**World Marriage Day 2019 Celebration with Bishop Coyne :**

The celebration of World Marriage Day in the Diocese of Burlington will take place on Sunday, February 3, 2019, at the 10:00 AM Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Burlington with recognition being given to those couples celebrating their milestone anniversaries in the year 2019 (5, 10, 15 etc...). Couples can also choose to be recognized in their parish and receive a certificate on the following Sunday, February 10th. Please register through the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, Marriage and Family Life by emailing [Lori Daudelin](mailto:Lori.Daudelin) or online at [www.vermontcatholic.org](http://www.vermontcatholic.org).

**Mount St. Joseph Academy and Christ the King School** will each hold a Winter **Open House** in January. Families are invited to come and learn more about what the MSJ and CKS families have to offer. MSJ, located at 127 Convent Ave. in Rutland, will hold its open house from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27. MSJ welcomes students who are interested in joining the Academy for the 19-20 school year, as well as students who may wish to transfer for the remainder of the current school year. Christ the King School, a pre-K through 8th-grade school at 60 South Main St. in Rutland, will hold its open house on Tuesday, Jan. 29, from 5-7 p.m. No RSVP is necessary to attend either open house. For more information, contact MSJ at 802-775-0151 or CKS at 802-773-0500.

**January 20, 2019**

**Diocesan News: Annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass with Bishop Coyne Saturday, January 26, 2019 9:30 a.m. at St. Augustine, Montpelier and Annual Montpelier Rally for Life 10:45 a.m. City Hall to State House**

*You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works! My very self you know. — Ps 139:13-14* Why do we do this, especially on such a cold day? First, our Catholic faith teaches us that all life is precious from conception to natural death. Second, abortion, which ends the life of a child in the womb, was made legal in this country on Jan. 22, 1973. I was born just a few years before Roe vs. Wade, the US Supreme Court Decision that made abortion legal throughout all nine months of pregnancy. I was born to teenage parents who were only 16 years old when I was conceived. My birth mother was very traumatized, especially since my conception was not consensual. At the age of two months, I was adopted by my wonderful parents through New Hampshire Catholic Charities. My brother, who also is adopted, and I are very grateful to God that we were given the gift of life. I thank God that abortion was not a legal option when my brother and I were conceived. Here in Vermont, our state has many policies that do not support the gift of life. As Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne stated in announcing this year's diocesan theme, "The Call to Discipleship," "To be a disciple is to embrace the fullness of faith in the Church and its teachings." As Catholics, who firmly believe in the sanctity of all human life, we are called to share this faith with others. And what a beautiful way to share our faith by praying together at a Mass for life. And for those who are able, what a beautiful witness it is to prayerfully walk from the church to the Statehouse to show our love for life. In conclusion, I invite you, as a fellow Catholic and disciple of Jesus, to the diocesan Respect Life Mass that will be celebrated by Bishop Coyne, followed by refreshments in the church hall. You are also invited to the Statehouse afterward for a short program, which also includes a free lunch. —*Jackie Becker is a parishioner and choir member at St. Luke Church in Fairfax.*

**Reflections for the Week**

*There are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. Corinthians* My parish refugee team co-chair, Ann, is a retired hospice nurse who skillfully manages the complex medical and dental problems of our Karen family— everything from negotiating with school nurses on immunizations to collaborating with a Creighton Dental School parishioner on extensive dental work. Every day, I marvel at her dedication and competence in doing things I could *never* do. She, however, could not imagine handling the promotional tasks that are second nature to me. When we met, we knew instantly that we shared the same "Spirit" but grew to appreciate how our gifts complemented each other. Our whole team illustrates St. Paul's celebration of different services coming from the same Spirit. One person collected the furniture. Another took charge of setting up the apartment while one woman supervised laundry and apartment maintenance issues. Another has become our social activities leader while a young woman does our monthly statistical reports. Our teen volunteers are wonderful with the kids and we have a faithful team of drivers to English classes. God gave us all different gifts and we share them with each other and our family. Today as I reflect on this wonderful passage from Corinthians, I'm not going to even try to say anything profound. Instead I'm celebrating people for their differing gifts of service and I invite you to join this fun. Here's to elementary, junior high and high school teachers who manage classrooms of little people and adolescents with patience, love and grace. Hats off to people who tutor children, volunteer in nursing homes, deliver meals, sort books for library book sales, ring bells for red kettles, staff food pantries, distribute communion to the sick and do any form of hands- on volunteer work. Thanks to people who turn seemingly mundane jobs into service by the way they treat others like Creighton's beloved "hey, baby" lunch line checker or the shuttle driver who knew every student and wished them luck with exams. I've often marveled at the willingness of people to volunteer for things I detest like selling raffle tickets or running Scout troops. No one gives plaques to all these almost invisible servants or honors playground monitors or people who scoop snow for elderly neighbors. Fortunately they aren't looking for glory. It's probably not so much *what* we do as *why* we do it, knowing that "the same God" produces these different works and services in his very different children. Now, go out and use your gifts (whatever they may be) and celebrate all those people who give so generously in all these different ways. Have a blessed day! [onlineministries.creighton.edu](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu)