



SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS
Week of January 6, 2019

Sat 4:00 PM For the People
Sun 11:00 AM For the People
Wed 9:00 AM For the People
Thurs 9:00AM For the People
Sat 4:00 PM For the People
Sun 11:00 AM Gil, Ellie & Mike Kupfer by Laura&Pam

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 Philipson, Katherine Bryant, Gloria Peduto, Rene Hendricks, Brendan Holbritter, Rosa Santos, Brian Kilpeck (son of Wanda Murray) and Alison Walter.



Ministry Schedule

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| <u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> | <u>Lectors</u> |
| 01/05 Marge Munger | Diane Benware |
| 01/06 Trish Bertino | Bernie Carr |
| 01/12 Jerry Flint | Pike Mitchell |
| 01/13 Guy Beck | CCD Students |
| <u>Gift Bearers</u> | <u>Altar Servers</u> |
| 01/05 E. Parmelee & S. Munger | David Bertrand |
| 01/06 Glenda & Bob Gearwar | A. & O. Depatie |
| 01/12 K. Decker & C. Mitchell | Brooke Bertrand |
| 01/13 CCD Students | N. Depatie & M. Harding |

Parish Support
Offering for the weekend of **December 30, 2018**
(Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

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| Loose | \$406.09 |
| Envelopes | \$733.00 |
| Total | \$1139.09 |
| Christmas | \$2063.85 |

Collection Counters

01/06 Mike Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand
01/13 Donna Swington & Carolyn Walker
01/20 Tina Wiles & Glenda Gearwar



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 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— by appointment.
Please call Emilie at 458-7962

2nd Collection for weekends in Jan.:

01/13 Bldgs. & Maint.(Goal: \$600)
01/20 Utility Fund (Goal: \$500)
01/27 Catholic Education Collection

The Epiphany of the Lord

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

A reminder to all Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: Throughout the entire Christmas season Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers will be part of the entrance and recessional processions. This begins on December 24th and ends with the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord on January 13th. Those scheduled to serve as Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are asked to be in the sacristy 10 minutes before the start of Mass. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Thank You! Fr. Moe

Parish Finance Council: Meeting on January 13 following the 11 AM Mass

Social Concerns: Meeting on January 17 at 6:00 PM

Parish Council: Meeting on January 17 at 7:00 PM

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.

Vermont Catholic Charities operates two residential care homes in Rutland. The Homes provide private rooms and suites to individuals who require mild to moderate supervision and oversight with daily activities. The exceptional staff

provides individualized care that you or your loved one requires to maintain the ultimate level of independence. At the Loretto Home, we also have a Special Care Unit (SCU) for residents assessed with greater physical and/or cognitive limitations. For more information or to schedule a tour of the Homes, please call (802)773-8840.

Diocesan News: Epiphany of the Lord: Nations against nations. Rulers abusing their power. Fear, uncertainty, even despair taking hold in fragile hearts because of threats to safety abroad and at home. The world into which Jesus was born was rife with many of the same problems our world faces today. Yet, the readings for the Epiphany of the Lord help us understand that because of Jesus' birth, there is more light than darkness, more hope than despair. The humble appearance of Jesus' birth — in a manger, apart from any comfort except the love of His earthly parents — is not a reflection of weakness or hopelessness in a troubled time. Quite the contrary: Jesus' birth reflects power and dominion that are no less potent today than they were in the stable in Bethlehem. The shepherds knew of this power. Jesus' birth was heralded by a "heavenly host" of angels (Lk 2:13), which they witnessed while in their fields. No minor event could possibly be worthy of such pronouncement. They had to leave everything, go, see and worship. The Magi also knew, and they traveled a great distance at serious peril to do homage to the Christ Child. Even before the dream that instructed them to go home "by another way" (Mt 2:12), these Wise Men must have sensed Herod's violence-prone jealousy when he dispatched them to Bethlehem. And they bowed to another, more powerful ruler - the babe in the manger - never betraying Him, but defying Herod's order to tell him where the child lay. Close by, through all the visitors to the manger, Joseph stood watch and Mary "kept all these things" in her heart (Lk 2:19). Theirs were not passive but very active acknowledgements of the glory God was revealing to them and others, and to the power exercised through their lives. First, Mary's yes, and then Joseph's obedience to heavenly instruction manifest how far God's dominion extended beyond their understanding and own human will. Beyond the stable in Bethlehem, others who did not yet know of Christ's birth were living in the world, with worldly cares and worldly kings. Other shepherds, not blessed with angels' song, were lifetime social outcasts. Other wise men not attuned to God's call either never set out on the road to Bethlehem or perhaps they gave in to manipulation by persons in power with their own agendas and went astray. Outside the stable, kings like Herod could rule with unfettered violence, and no one could stop them. It was an utterly dark world, fraught with human injustices. But Jesus' coming, full of love, light and the grace of salvation, changed their world. And He continues to change ours, today. Then, as now, Jesus' message of salvation rings true among all who will listen. — *Maureen Pratt, Catholic News Service*

Reflections for the Week

The folks with Habitat for Humanity used to put on an elaborate living Nativity in a field in my area when I was growing up. Upon arrival, guests would be assigned a family name and told where to report for the census. Tour guides dressed as shepherds led groups along the path where they met Mary, Joseph, and their real donkey on their way to Bethlehem; heard the angels sing "Gloria" (including my school choir one year); went through the census tent with the Roman soldiers; shopped at a middle-Eastern bazaar; and ran into King Herod and the three magi. There was always a bit of audience participation at that point. The magi would ask the children in the group whether we thought they should come back and tell Herod when they found Jesus. We, knowing the story, would reply, "No no, don't tell him! He wants to hurt Jesus!" The magi always trusted us, and we would see them again (or at least three people in the same costumes) at the end of the journey in the stable. I wonder what it was like for those three to see the star, to know its true meaning, and to follow the light. They must have been trusting people, to believe that the sign in the sky meant what they hoped it meant, and to believe that what it meant was worth the risk of the long trip. They trusted the light. And then, I imagine, they were "radiant at what [they saw]" as they brought the wealth of nations to the Christ child. Where do we see a glimmer of light this Christmas season? Are we courageous enough to believe in the hope it brings? What gifts do we bring into that hope? onlineministries.creighton.edu

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

Readings for the Week of January 6, 2019

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7