



SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS
Week of April 29, 2018

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



Eucharistic Ministers

04/28 Donna Swingtonton
04/29 Jeannine Griffin
05/05 Joe Flynn
05/06 Guy Beck

Lectors

Pike Mitchell
Wanda Murray
Joe Flynn
Terry Zimmer

Gift Bearers

04/28 K. Decker & C. Mitchell
04/29 Glenda & Bob Gearwar
05/05 E. Parmalee & S. Munger
05/06 Russell Doty Family

Altar Servers

David Bertrand
B.Stanley&A.Hayes
Jordan Bertrand
N.Depatie& BThornton

Collection Counters



04/29 Mike Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand
05/06 Helen Williams & Paula Bizon
05/13 Donna Swingtonton & Kathie 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 April/May:

04/29 Home Missions/Black and Native Americans
05/06 Restoration Fund
05/10 Ascension

MOTHER'S DAY: May 13th is Mother's Day, the day we remember our mothers living or deceased. For anyone wishing to remember them during Mass on that day, please take the Mother's Day envelope at the front and back of the church, write the name of your mother/grandmother to be remembered with your donation and put the envelope in the collection basket or on the altar or drop it at the parish office before May 13th. The names will be read and prayed for at all Masses during that weekend. One of the best gifts for them is prayers.

First Holy Communion: Will be on May 6th at the 10:00 AM Mass. **Congratulations to Tegan Boynton!** It will be followed by the Crowning of Mary and then a coffee social gathering in the Parish Hall to celebrate our newest communicant and those that were confirmed on April 17th.

St. Agnes will open May 6 for 8:00 AM Mass.

TOTUS TUUS: "This summer, Christ the King is hosting a Catholic youth camp called **TOTUS TUUS** (Latin for "Totally Yours"). The camp is open to all those from 1st grade to 12th grade. There is a section for those entering 1st - 8th grade, and evening sessions for those entering 9th - 12th grade. The diocese organizes the program, and they send a teaching team of some seminarians and college-aged students, who do a great job combining enrichment in the faith with a ton of energy and fun. The day includes catechetical instruction, daily Mass, songs, games, and recess. I've worked with the **Totus Tuus** programs in the past and have always found them to be engaging and fun, as well as a great way for the students to grow in their love for God. The dates for the program are as follows: The grade school camp runs from **Monday, July 23rd - Friday, July 27th** 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The high school camp runs from **Sunday, July 22nd - Thursday, July 26th** 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. The price is \$55.00 for a grade student, \$25 for a high schooler. For families with multiple students, the maximum cost is \$90. Please make checks out to: Christ the King Parish. **Registration:** Registration forms are available at the Christ the King parish office and Christ the King school. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Matthew 773-6820 or email: mattensch@gmail.com"

Diocesan News: Vermonters helping Vermonters: Will you Help Us to Continue to Fill the Gaps for the most vulnerable Vermonters? Since 1929, Vermont Catholic Charities has been filling in the gaps for the most vulnerable Vermonters of all faiths and races. Thousands of individuals and families receive support through emergency aid, residential care homes, counseling services, and denture program. Taste the Best Vermont Has to Offer on Wednesday, June 6, 6:30 PM at the Dion Center, St. Michael's College. \$50 per person. Live music by the Cassarinos. To purchase tickets, go to: goo.gl/T9vPLG Featuring product tastings from:

- Dog River Brewery
- 14th Star Brewing Company
- Mill River Brewing
- Green Mountain Baked
- Jasper Hill Farm
- and many more!

We fill the gaps no one else can. "Sue", an elderly woman with chronic respiratory problems, needed an air conditioner in her home before she could go home from the hospital. We made this happen. Running from an abusive ex-husband after he slashed her tires, smashed in her car window and threatened her life, "Ellen" needed to be moved to a secret location. She had enough money to cover the tires and we helped with the window. "John and Lisa" are raising their 2 year old grandson and faced a utility disconnect. Due to Lisa's illness and raising their grandson, they had fallen behind. We helped pay the bill to keep the power on.

Reflections for the week

Today's first reading addresses us as children. We are given some advice...Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and in truth. Translation: Actions speak louder than words. It's pretty easy to talk about doing the right thing, but acting on it can be a challenge. However, John goes on to share some tips to help us do this: Love one another. Keep His commandments and do what pleases Him. Sounds simple right? I can easily think of a couple of people who present huge challenges to me personally when I try to practice the "love one another" idea. No matter what I do, or how hard I pray for patience in dealing with them, things are difficult! However, I must persevere and love them. So, here's my trick...I stop and think of how difficult I might be to deal with, and how it may be difficult to love me—this can be painful. I tend to spend more time thinking of the shortcomings of those I am trying to love than my own faults, but perspective is gained. Today's gospel is the story of the vine and the vine grower. "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit because without me you can do nothing" The story starts with a description of our Father, the vine grower. The vine grower very carefully works in the vineyard caring for the individual branches daily. Those branches that are not bearing fruit are removed; the fruit bearing branches are pruned so as to produce more fruit. The vine grower wants nothing more than to have a fruitful crop, and spends great time and care in achieving that. He will do whatever is needed to that end. The Father spends great time and care in watching over each of us. If we remain in Him and His words remain in us, we are told to ask for whatever is wanted and it will be done. As I write this I am just back from a wake service for a friend who was taken too soon — a young husband, father, coach, brother and friend to so many. A sibling reflected on how for five days everybody prayed for healing, and it may seem that those prayers weren't answered. She went on to talk about the different outcomes that could have been. She shared that although it may seem that prayers weren't answered, actually they were — going to Heaven was better than some outcomes. In one of the most difficult times of her life, she encouraged others not to despair, that prayers are answered. For me, this was very powerful message from a suffering family. This was a true example of a family who has been 'pruned' by our Father. During an incredibly difficult time, fruit is born. The vine grower is caring for his crop. onlineministries.creighton.edu

Sat 4:00 PM Germain Bilodeau by Anita Bilodeau
Sun 10:00 AM Donald Howland by Elizabeth Howland
Mon 9:00 AM Gil Kupfer by Laura Driscoll
Wed 9:00 AM Noella Bertrand by Kathy Bertrand
Thurs 9:00 AM Anna Pfenning by Art & Jean Pfenning
Fri 1-3 PM Adoration
Sat 4:00 PM Deacon Gary Griffin by Jeannine Griffin
Sun 8:00 AM St. Agnes –Unice Flynn by Paul Quesnel
Sun 10:00 AM Georgianne Delphia by Donna Young

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of April 22, 2018
(Our Goal is \$1,800.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose	\$211.50
Envelopes	\$664.00
Total	\$875.50
Utility Fund	\$366.00

The Parish of St. Mary /St Agnes depends mainly on each parishioner's contribution of his or her fair share. A suggested minimum contribution for each working adult is one hour's wage per week. Many thanks to those who have contributed to the collection this past week. Your gifts are really essential to our parish. Please, let us continue supporting our parish!

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

Readings for the Week of April 29, 2018

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10