



SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS
Week of October 6, 2019

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, Joel Rivera, Betty Ferraro, Joseph Duprey, Charlotte Swain, Marilyn Morris, Mary Doherty, David Philipsen, Rene Hendricks, Brendan Holbriiter, Rosa Santos, Laura Begnoche, Bertha Dolan, Jim Lofland, Peter Giancola, Fella Molina, and Stanley Delorm,

Ministry Schedule



<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
10/05 Marge Munger	Laurie Bertrand
10/06 Kathie Bryant	Terry Zimmer
10/12 Joe Flynn	Marge Munger
10/13 Trish Bertino	Wanda Murray
<u>Gift Bearers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
10/05 S. Munger & K. Decker	Brooke Bertrand
10/06 Glenda & Bob Gearwar	A. & O. Depatie
10/12 T. Howland Family	Jordan Bertrand
10/13 T. Depatie Family	B. Stanley & B. Thornton

Collection Counters



10/06 Katherine Bryant & Carolyn Walker
10/13 Donna Swington & Bob Gearwar
10/20 Helen Williams & Glenda Gearwar

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

2nd Collection for weekends in Sept/Oct.:
10/06 Bldgs. & Maint. (Goal \$600)
10/13 Utility Fund (Goal \$500)
10/20 World Mission Sunday

BLESSING OF PETS: Since Saint Francis is the patron saint of animals it is fitting that a blessing of pets take place close to his feast day. This year Father Moe will be available Sunday, October 6, at 1:00 PM at Saint Alphonsus parking lot in front of the Parish Hall. All are encouraged to bring their pets.

Month of October - Month of The Rosary: For the Tuesdays of the month of October, desserts and coffee will be offered in the rectory at 6 PM. We will pray the rosary in the church at 7 PM. All are invited to participate.

St. Agnes: Last mass for the season will be Sunday, October 13, 2019 at 7:30 AM.

Thank You: A big thank you to Donna Young for organizing the School Supply Drive!

Parish Council: Meeting will be Wednesday, October 9th at 6:30 PM at St. Alphonsus Rectory in Pittsford.

Brandon Organ Recital: There will be a Brandon Organ Recital on Sunday, October 13th beginning at Our Lady of Good Help at 3 PM. It will then move on to the Episcopal Church and the Baptist Church. All are invited to attend.

St. Alphonsus Parish, Pittsford, Vermont 2019 Annual Harvest Dinner October 13, 2019 Roast Turkey Dinner with all the fixings and Homemade Desserts will be held on Sunday, October 13, 2019 in the Parish Hall. Serving between 4:00 – 6:00 PM. Adults: \$13.00, Children 12 and under \$7.00. Family of 4 (2 adults, 2 children under 12) \$32.00. Take outs available. Tickets sold at the door. All are welcome. Point of contact: Bill & Mary Gladski, Phone: 802-483-2391

40 Days for Life: Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion in your community September 25 - November 3, 2019. 16,004 lives have been saved, 104 abortion centers closed and 191 abortion workers have quit because of 40 Days for Life. We need you! Please join 40 days for Life - Rutland or 40 Days for Life - Burlington. For more information and location information please visit: 40daysforlife.com

Diocesan News: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life: "... [T]ogether we may offer this world of ours new signs of hope and work to ensure that justice and solidarity will increase and that a new culture of human life will be affirmed, for the building of an authentic civilization of truth and love." — Pope St. John Paul II, "Evangelium Vitae" During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. Here in Vermont, we grasp at the seasons that change and embrace the life that the natural environment provides for us; the warmth of summer to the respite of winter. We respect the seeds that grow into food and embrace the leaves that blaze and fall. Our love for all good things must extend to the potential life nestled in the womb of a woman, our neighbor. Growing up on Lake Champlain surrounded by nature, I marveled at potential; what an apple held inside, an acorn, a fish egg and the whirling maple seed. Each could become something more and mighty — with a lineage. We, as Catholics, are called to defend and protect those who are the most vulnerable from the beginning of life to its end. Our vocation is to be the salt of the Earth, to be light and to share the hope we have in Christ. Thank you for all your continued efforts protecting the lives of the unborn, caring for the sick, the imprisoned, the poor, the dying and the elderly. In Vermont today, human life and its potential for greatness are threatened to the extent of enshrining abortion in our constitution by the first-ever amendment (Proposal 5). This would be tragic. Yet, we are the Church, and Christ has always breathed life into the darkness of the world and will continue to. We pray that our hope in Christ's resurrection will strengthen us in protecting human life. This year's theme for the Respect Life Program is "Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life." St. Pope John Paul II wrote, "We need to bring the Gospel of life to the heart of every man and woman and to make it penetrate every part of society" (Evangelium Vitae). We all can pray for a culture of life; share your stories of hope, be the one who brings the Gospel of life to your neighbor and watch as the ripple effect of our unity in prayer, action, joy and our hope in Christ alter the future of our families, communities and Church. Prayer and hope will bring Vermont back to life, flourishing and full of potential. Resources and ideas for building a culture that cherishes and protects human life can be found at respect-life.org. For more information and/or support contact me at: meisenbarth@vermontcatholic.org. — *Maggie Eisenbarth is the respect life coordinator for the Diocese of Burlington.*

Reflections for the Week

I see today's readings as encouraging personal grit. The passage from Habakkuk warns of hard times. The Psalm encourages one to keep the faith. Paul's letter considers suffering for the sake of the Word. The Gospel reminds me of my role as a servant. Habakkuk seems to focus on doubt and frustration but moves on to trust in God. The passage starts in a world of injustice and warns of the impending chastisement that will come with Babylonian domination. He draws some solace in his prediction of the eventual downfall of the Babylonians. In the last verse of today's passage, he makes clear his call to steadfastness in faith. Psalm 95 is again a summoning to devotion and commitment. Although I read it as a call to trust, I am reminded of the people's frustration with Moses and their putting God to the test. Paul's letter to Timothy makes clear the challenges that faith demands. With God as the source of our strength, we are called to respond with courageous service. The Gospel Acclamation fits well with today's scripture passages. It reminds us of the enduring nature of the World in spite of the trials that come in its way. The apostles ask for an increase in faith in the Gospel. Earlier in this chapter Jesus lays out a set of challenging expectations; this prompts the apostles to recognize the need for more faith. I see Jesus responding with a reminder that my position is not as lofty as I sometimes imagine and perhaps I should adjust my expectations. I am in the midst of a week with my grandchildren – twins, 22 months old. They know when they want something, and they want things now. They do not hold back in letting me know. They love their Grandpa, but they are not going to trust me enough to endure delays or denials in fulfilling their wishes in the immediate moment. Delayed gratification is clearly something that is learned. I know where they are developmentally. This brings me to reflect on my own impatience. Like the Israelites of Habakkuk's time, I can grow weary. Too often I would like to see my efforts pay off in the short term. I think the more significant way in which these readings touched me was as a reminder of how little I am willing to resign control to God. My personality leaves me wanting to decide how things will progress. I am more than willing to take on the role of co-creator with my God. I am less eager to accept the moments when events are not under my influence. When I imagine myself as a person in the time of Habakkuk. I find myself accepting his concern about societal breakdown, but his message of the end of the kingdom and pending Babylonian domination are not something that I would welcome ultimately trusting in God. Similarly, I can see myself as one of those from the Psalm with misgivings at Meribah. Continuing in this vein, I do not think that I could have the same pride in being a prisoner for the Word that Paul reports even with the gifts of the Spirit as a source of strength. Finally, as was the case for the apostles, I see myself responding in asking for greater faith after learning what is expected. The second half of this Gospel particularly served as a reminder of where I fit in the grand scheme of things. My prayer today centers around coming to grips with my place in this world. *Lord, Free me from any sense of entitlement. Give me the patience and insight to recognize Your many gifts and to thankfully respond. Grant me the courage to overcome my need for control. Allow me to embrace the gifts of the Spirit. and help me to grow in faith.* onlineministries.creighton.edu

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Sat 4:00 PM For the People
Sun 7:30 AM St Agnes + Gil, Ellie & Mike Kupfer by Laura & Pam
Sun 11:00 AM + Karen Rouse by Jeannine Griffin
Wed 9:00 AM For the People
Thurs 9:00 AM For the People
Sat 4:00 PM For the People
Sun 7:30 AM St. Agnes For the People
Sun 11:00 AM +Deacon Gary Griffin by Jeannine Griffin
+ indicates deceased
* indicates living

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of September 29, 2019
(Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose	\$ 366.00
Envelopes	\$ 1090.00
Total	\$ 1456.00

Please Note:
Please make out all checks to St. Mary Parish .Thank you.

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

Readings for the Week of October 6, 2019

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14
Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19