



**SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS**

**Week of October 1, 2017**

**Sat 4:00 PM** John A. Swington by D.Swington  
**Sun 8:00 AM St.Agnes-** Janice Godin by E. Godin  
**Sun 10:00 AM** Pro Populo  
**Mon 9:00 AM** Anthonia Compeau by Rita Bilodeau  
**Wed 9:00 AM** Patricia Zimmer by F.& T.Zimmer  
**Thurs 9:00 AM** Margorie Laporte by Helen Williams  
**Fri 1-3 PM** Adoration  
**Sat 4:00 PM** John W. Wood by A. & J Pfinning  
**Sun 8:00 AM St. Agnes** Pro Populo  
**Sun 10:00 AM** Sandy Renaud by Diane Custeau

**Parish Support**

**Offering for the weekend of September 24, 2017**  
**(Our Goal is \$1,800.00 each week)**

**Sunday Collection**

<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$374.55</b>
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$838.10</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1212.55</b>
<b>Catholic University</b>	<b>\$ 223.55.</b>

*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 October 1, 2017**

**Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

**Monday:** Zec 8:1-8 //Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Tuesday:** Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday :** Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12

**Friday:** Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24

**Next Sunday:** Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43



*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, Patricia Ward, Mary McManus, Virginia Wolf, Francine Leary, 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, and Brendan Holbriiter.*

**Ministry Schedule**



**Eucharistic Ministers**

9/30 Marge Munger  
 10/1 Robert Rojecki  
 10/7 Mary Bugnacki  
 10/8 Robert Rojecki

**Lectors**

Marge Munger  
 Guy Beck  
 Laurie Bertrand  
 CCD Students

**Gift Bearers**

09/30 Scott & Marge Munger  
 10/01 Russell Doty Family  
 10/07 L. Bertrand Family  
 10/08 CCD Students

**Altar Servers**

Brook Bertrand  
 N. Depatie & A. Hayes  
 Jordan Bertrand  
 A. & O. Depatie

**Collection Counters**



10/01 Helen Williams & Bob Gearwar  
 10/08 M. Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand  
 10/15 Tina Wiles & 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](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).

**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 Oct.:**

**10/01 Restoration Fund**  
**10/08 Emergency National Collection for Hurricane Harvey & Irma**  
**10/15 Utility Fund**

**Surprise Raffle:** Sorry for another raffle so quickly. We needed to use these prizes by the end of the year (couldn't be helped). I called this "Surprise Raffle". Prizes are: 1st Prize: Lilac Inn/ I night w/breakfast; 2nd Prize: 1 Gallon Maple Syrup; 3rd Prize: Flash Bag by Carr's Gift Shop 4th Prize: \$20 Gift Certificate-BHOP; Drawing: Sunday, November 26, 2017 after the 10 am mass at St. Mary's; Tickets \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 .

**October Parish Dinner:** Oct. 7th Saturday Night Dinner at 5 pm Baked Stuffed Chicken/Mashed Potatoes/Gr.Beans/Tossed Salad/Desserts and beverage. \$8.00 per person/ 6-12 \$5.00 and Free for 5 & under. Tickets available at the back of the church before and after each mass. Please support your parish.

**Emergency National Collection for Hurricanes Harvey & Irma** will take place on **October 7 & 8**. Please be generous.

Sister Mary E. Harvey, SSJ will lead a tour of the sisters of St. Joseph Heritage Room located at Mt. St. Joseph Academy at 127 Convent Avenue in Rutland on Wednesday, October 18 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Please call Sister Mary E. Harvey at 345-4900 for more information and to sign up for the tour. There is no fee.

**The Fatima Centennial Vermont Tour for Peace.** All parishioners are invited to the 7th and last tour destination, a spiritual journey, which started from May through October 2017, in fulfilling the prophetic message from Jesus through Mary's apparition in Fatima: "He wishes to establish devotion to my Immaculate Heart throughout the world". For peace and end of the prosecution of Christians in the world on October 7, 2017 at Saint Joseph Co-Cathedral, Burlington, VT. Event starts at 9:00 AM with the devotion of Rosary with procession, Confession and Mass starting at 10:00 with the blessing of the brown scapular of our Lady of Mt. Carmel, followed by light refreshments. Our new Spiritual Director Father Julian Asucan will be our celebrant for this Mass.

**Diocesan News: Be Not Afraid** The twofold theme for this year's Respect Life Month pairs the oft-repeated reassurance from Scripture, "Be Not Afraid," with the words of Jesus at the Ascension, "Be-hold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matthew 28:20) The following meditation from the USCCB explains why: When battered by life's storms, or immersed in a dense fog of suffering and uncertainty, we may feel alone and unequipped to handle the circumstances. Yet with words that echo through thousands of years into the corners of our hearts, the Lord says to us, "Do not fear: I am with you" (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new. He is always with us. Jesus promised this when he gave the disciples the same mission he gives to each of us: Go. Go be my hands and feet to a world enslaved by fear. Go to the woman who is unexpectedly pregnant and fears the future. Go to your friend who fears reprisal at work because he takes a stand for the protection of human life. Go to your aging parent in failing health who fears being a burden. And go to others, too, for their support. We don't need to have everything figured out. We can simply follow the guidance of Our Blessed Mother, the first disciple: "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5). Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us.— *Reprinted from Respect Life Program, copyright © 2017, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C. All rights reserved.*

**Reflections for the Week:**

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?" Martin Luther King, Jr. Today's readings all seem to be centered on actions...about the choices we make...about which path we decide to follow. I love the opening line of the first reading: "The Lord's way is not fair." Often in my much younger days, one of my six siblings and I would lament about how much easier our lives would be if our parents had not raised us to be "fair". And not only about acting fairly, but needing to do something when confronted with situations that were unfairly hurting others. Why couldn't we be like so many others, skating away from unfair circumstances or not being able to see the unfairness in the first place?" we would whine to each other. Our lives would be so much more comfortable and much easier if only we could not see. But then I would return to a saying that I always loved that goes along the lines that "Christ came to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable." Was it Christ who afflicted the older brother in the gospel today so that, in the end, he went out and did what his father requested? The other concept that tugged at me about today's reading was glory. I have a friend who has a difficult personality. However, my friend spends her time quietly doing things for others that help them cope or get past a bad patch in their lives. She consistently manifests the glory of God inside her. Her family members, friends and community are significantly better off because of her kind, thoughtful actions. Each of us is called to a different path so that God's glory can be revealed here on earth. I think that if each us let the unique glory of God that is within us shine forth, we could create the kingdom of God here on earth. So, don't be shy. Too many people today need to see some of God's glory and feel God's goodness so they can have the hope and strength they need to carry on. So, I am going to stop whining, roll up my sleeves and get to work. And while I am not always grateful for this perspective...thanks anyway, Mom, thanks anyway, Dad. [onlineministries.creighton.edu](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu)