

Our Lady of Good Help/ St. Agnes Church / Admin: Fr. Vincent Onunkwo



SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS

Week of March 18, 2018

Sat 4:00 PM Joseph Sprague by his Family
Sun 10:00 AM Gil, Ellie, & Mike Kupfer by Laura & Pam
Mon 9:00 AM Arline H. Center by Valerie Center
Wed 9:00 AM Arline H. Center by Valerie Center
Thurs 9:00 AM No Mass
Fri 9:00 AM Arline H. Center by Valerie Center
Sat 4:00 PM Georgiana Delphia by Donna Young
Sun 10:00 AM Rose & Reginald Festa by Angela & Dean

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of **March 11 2018**
 (Our Goal is \$1,800.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose	\$290.34
Envelopes	\$791.00
Total	\$1,081.34
Catholic Relief	\$203.00

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 March 18, 2018

Sunday: Jer. 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn. 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer. 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez. 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16



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, Francine Leary, 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 Holbriiter, Rosa Santos and Jean Pfenning.

Ministry Schedule



Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors
03/17 Tom Giblin	Tom Giblin
03/18 Sally Foster	Bernie Carr
03/24 D. Swington	D. Benware & P. Mitchell
03/25 Guy Beck	Wanda & Katie Murray
Gift Bearers	Altar Servers
03/17 Thomas Howland Family	Brooke Bertrand
03/18 S. Ouellette Family	N. Depatie & A. Hayes
03/24 Karen Decker	David Bertrand
03/25 T. Depatie Family	B. Thornton & B. Stanley

Collection Counters

03/18 Donna Swington & Paula Bizon
03/25 Glenda Gearwar & Tina Wiles
04/01 Mike Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand



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 March:

03/18 Utility Fund
03/29 Holy Thursday
03/30 Good Friday

Fifth Sunday in Lent

MSJ ~ CKS ANNUAL AUCTION & DANCE: Are you ready to shake off winter for a good cause? We welcome you to join us Saturday, April 7th for the MSJ-CKS Annual Auction & Dance at the Holiday Inn in Rutland. This is an adult-only, fun-filled evening that kicks off with a Silent and Live Auction, followed by dancing with music provided by MC Sounds! The MSJ-CKS Annual Auction & Dance is a community event that raises money for our Rutland County Catholic Schools. It is graciously made possible by generous members of the community and MSJ/CKS alumni. Light refreshments will be served with a cash bar available. The event runs from 7 PM to 11 PM. Tickets are \$15 per person and may be purchased from: • A CKS or MSJ student • Either school office • Or at the door on the night of the event *Donations, large or small, are also welcomed.* at mharvey@msjvermont.net or by phone: 802.236.3485.

21st No Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays b/c of Penance Service

Easter Church Flowers: Anyone interested in purchasing flowers to decorate the Church for Easter, in memory of their loved ones, should contact Bernie at 247-3744 and order them through him. The last date to order will be March 28th.

Lenten Penance Service: There will be a Lenten Penance Service for all Parishioners on Wednesday, March 21st at 7 PM.

The Chrism Mass: will be celebrated by Bishop J. Coyne on Tuesday, March 27 @ 11: 00 AM at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral in Burlington.

Social Concern Meeting: Monday 19th of March @ 6pm

PALM SUNDAY, March 25th. After Mass on that day, your help is needed to get OUR Church clean for our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. Bring your buckets, vacuum cleaners and muscles and with many folks the work gets done in a short amount of time.

Saturday, March 31st at 9:00 a.m. ---- Could you find some time to come and help decorate the Church for our Easter Vigil Service as well as Easter Sunday? More hands make light work. Please feel free to call me. Thank you, Jeannine Griffin (247-3432)

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Diocesan News: CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AS A FAMILY: In his exhortation, "The Joy of Love" ("Amoris Laetitia"), Pope Francis reminds families of the importance of the sacrament of Reconciliation and how the graces of the sacrament help individuals face challenges in family life. A beautiful way to encounter Jesus in this sacrament is to go together as a family. Pamela and Larry King and their two daughters, Chasca (Rice Memorial High School) and Zerima (St. Francis Xavier School) live in Milton and attend church at St. Mary's where Pamela serves as the Director of Religious Education. The family recently shared their feelings about the importance of Reconciliation and the joys and challenges of setting aside time as a family to celebrate this sacrament. Larry explained that one of the benefits of going to Reconciliation as a family is that he and his wife can set an example for their daughters by demonstrating that this sacrament is important for kids and parents. In this Year of the Family, and always, families are encouraged to go to Reconciliation together. Although it can seem impossible to find time in one's family schedule to do this, many parishes offer times for confession before and/or after regularly scheduled Masses. By allowing room for Jesus' healing graces in the confessional, family members are strength-ened to practice reconciliation and forgiveness in their daily lives and with each other. To hear more about the King family and their experience attending Reconciliation as a family, including how they prepare for the sacrament and the changes they see in their children, check out the third video in the Year of the Family video series "Called to Holiness" at facebook.com/dioburlington/videos.- Michael Hagan, Coordinator of Religious Education and Catechesis for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington and member of the Year of the Family committee

Holy Week Schedule—Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday: 7 PM—Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Good Friday: 12 Noon—"The Walk" From "The Green" to the Church, followed by soup at St. Mary's Church Hall. All are welcome.
 Good Friday: - 7 PM—Passion of the Lord
 Holy Saturday: 8 PM—Easter Vigil
 Easter Sunday: 10 AM—The Resurrection of the Lord

Remember—Fasten and Abstinence on Good Friday!

THANK YOU for your support by attending the March 10th Dinner. We made a profit of \$253.96.

Reflections for the week

The prophet Jeremiah's ministry took place during many years of turbulent Jewish history. This is apparent in his writings, e.g., he writes that he felt "like a lamb being led to slaughter" when his enemies were plotting his demise. Jeremiah compared their plans to being felled like a vigorous tree, cut off from the land of the living. Even though God informed him of the plot, Jeremiah did not directly pray to the Lord to save him; he instead obliquely refers to the consequences that his adversaries would pay. Jeremiah asks only to be able to witness their punishment. There was no entreaty to the Lord to save him, or praise for the Lord, only the assumption that God would act on his behalf because he had "entrusted his cause" to him. Let us, in our personal struggles, not assume the vengeance of God on our adversaries, but rather, praise him more, and assume less. God will be the "just judge" in any event. He will love and protect us. The psalmist, in today's readings, also is being pursued by enemies. His initial reaction, unlike that of Jeremiah, is to entreat God to save him" from all my pursuers, and rescue me, lest I become like the lion's prey..." He then seems to be making a case for his worthiness for the divine help he asks for by continuing to tell the Lord that he is just and innocent. He essentially prays, "Save me Lord, I am just; Save me, not them: Punish them, not me." Our response is the first line of the psalm, o Lord, my God, in you I take refuge. This line immediately brings us to the presence of our loving God, who certainly will shelter us, even without hearing our justification for his mercy. He is our shield. John, in today's gospel reading, recounts a situation in which some people to whom Jesus is preaching begin to say, "this is truly the prophet." Or, "this is the Christ." To some, this seemed improbable, since Jesus was from Galilee. He was not from the House of David or from Bethlehem... or so the doubters in the crowd believed. The guards reported to the Pharisees and the Chief Priest who instantly became hostile. They accused the guards themselves of being from Galilee. If we put this passage in the socioeconomic context of the times, we realize that Galileans generally were resented or distained for their unrefined manner and their lax observance of some of the religious laws. Their unmistakable accent when they spoke Aramaic also singled them out. Everyone in the crowd heard the amazing words of Jesus, but many would not believe them because of the apparent origin of the speaker. They were deaf to his message, and blind to the presence of the Messiah, primarily because of their personal bias against Galileans. If they had believed that we are all equal and loved by God, Jesus' message would have been accepted more readily. "Does our law condemn a man before it first hears him and finds out what he is doing?," asked Nicodemus, a Pharisee who knew Jesus. Lent is full of opportunities to shed our resistance to the often subtle will of God, to accept it, and move toward openness and love that he expects us to have for him and for our brothers and sisters. "Never before has anyone spoken like this man." Believe in his words. onlineministries.creighton.edu