



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, Betty Ferraro, Joseph Duprey, Charlotte Swain, Marilyn Morris, Mary Doherty, David Philipsen, Katherine Bryant, Gloria Peduto, Rene Hendricks, Brendan Holbritter, Rosa Santos, Brian Kilpeck (Wanda Murray's son), Alison Walter, Emilie Rasmussen, Ann Marie Ford and Laura Begnoche.

SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS

Week of February 24, 2019

Sat 4:00 PM Sue Kagle by Robert Rojecki and Family
Sun 11:00 AM Deacon Gary Griffin by Jeannine Griffin
Wed 9:00 AM For the People
Thurs 9:00AM For the People
Fri 1:00-3:00 PM Adoration
Sat 4:00 PM Don Howland by the Family
Sun 11:00 AM For the People

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of February 17, 2019
(Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose	\$371.43
Envelopes	\$749.00
Total	\$1120.43



Ministry Schedule

Eucharistic Ministers

02/23 Jerry Flint
 02/24 Guy Beck
 03/02 Dan St. Germain
 03/03 Bob Gearwar

Lectors

Diane Benware
 Trish Bertino
 Marge Munger
 Wanda Murray

Gift Bearers

02/23 L. O'Brien Family
 02/24 T. Depatie Family
 03/02 E. Parmelee & S. Munger
 03/03 S. Ouellette Family

Altar Servers

Brooke Bertrand
 Nathan & Olivia Depatie
 Jordan Bertrand
 B. Thornton & B. Stanley



Collection Counters

02/24 Tina Wiles & Glenda Gearwar
 03/03 Bob Gearwar & Katherine Bryant
 03/10 Mike Frankiewicz & Carol Bertrand



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

2nd Collection for weekends in Feb./Mar.:

02/24 Utility Fund (Goal \$500)
03/03 Bldgs. & Maint. (Goal \$600)
03/06 Vermont Catholic Charities

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 24, 2019

Office Hours: The office will be open on Tuesday, February 26th from 10:00-1:00 and Wednesday, February 27th from 10:00 – 3:00. Thank you

Happy to Announce:

The Diocese of Burlington under the leadership of Bishop Coyne is beginning to implement the results of the Synod. One of the goals of the Synod is to ensure vibrant parish communities. To assist the parishes in identifying their needs **Catholic Leadership Institute** has been contracted. I am excited to share with you that our parish is going to participate in a parish in-pew survey the First Sunday of Lent. The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** allows parishioners to reflect on their own spiritual growth and discipleship and identify the ways in which the parish effectively supports that growth. At the completion of the survey, our parish will receive an aggregate report of the results. We will NOT have access to individual survey responses. This survey offers us a unique and important opportunity to learn about issues of importance to families in a confidential and professional way. We will use these results to 1) look at opportunities to support parishioner growth in discipleship and 2) create goals and action plans to achieve that growth

Thank you for your help with this! **Fr. Moe**

Installation of Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist: will take place on March 2nd and 3rd at both masses. You will be called forth after the homily for a small ritual and blessing.

Diocesan News: Catholic Men's Conference:

2nd Annual Vermont Catholic Men's Conference Saturday, March 23rd, 2019 9:00AM – 3:00PM St Anthony's Church, White River Junction, VT. Four inspirational talks, opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration, confession, and fellowship. Mass at midday with Bishop Christopher Coyne. Keynote speaker, former NFL coach Eric Sutulovich. Admission: adults \$40, attendees 21 and younger \$20. Lunch is included. Please go to <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/men> to register, or for more information call Diocesan organizer Deacon Phil Lawson: (802) 658-6110 x1453, or John Morin: (802) 885-3946

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: The Diocese is asking those that currently serve churches in Rutland County attend a ministry formation workshop which will be held in two different locations.

Lector Workshops:

Tuesday, March 5 from 1:00-3:00 pm at Christ the King, Rutland
 Tuesday, March 5 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Christ the King, Rutland

Wednesday, March 20 from 5:30-7:30 pm at St. John the Baptist, Castleton

Eucharistic Ministers:

Wednesday, March 20 from 1:00-3:00 pm at St. John the Baptist in Castleton

Monday, April 1 from 1:00-3:00 pm at Christ the King Church, Rutland

Monday, April 1 from 5:30-7:30 at Christ the King, Rutland

*You are asked to RSVP by filling out the form that will be available at the back of the church.

Reflections for the Week

In last Sunday's gospel we heard Jesus' discourse to the disciples, Luke's version of the Beatitudes. Today's gospel continues this discourse with the same seemingly paradoxical, even absurd, directives for his followers. He tells them to love their enemies and to do good to those who hate them. He asks them to bless those who curse them, to turn the other cheek to those who strike them, and to let people take what belongs to them. Be merciful and forgiving, expect nothing, and "your reward will be great." If we hear these as rules of conduct or obligatory behavior for becoming a disciple, we are missing the point. This is one of the reasons Christianity is dismissed by so many.... taken literally, Jesus seems to be advocating passivity in the face of all manner of mistreatment. Let people walk all over you now, your reward is in heaven, i.e. "later." But his discourse begins with a key phrase, "to you who hear..." One would assume the hearing is intact for the great majority of people who were gathered, so why begin is discourse with that phrase? Perhaps Jesus is speaking to those who "get it," whose world view had already been turned upside down. Those who were already living in the kingdom of God, the kingdom of Love, understand that Jesus is talking about receiving our identity from God, rather than from how others treat us. "Nobody is going to take advantage of me" is not an identity we receive from God. Those who live in the kingdom are willing to risk being generous, forgiving and vulnerable, as they draw from the Ultimate Abundant Source – God – the source of all generosity, forgiveness and vulnerability. They live without the protection of power, position, privilege and righteousness. "We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!" is how the song goes. Letting our light shine brightly, without fear of being snuffed out, ushers us into the kingdom of God now, not later. Our first reading tells the story of David's restraint in not killing Saul when seemingly, God had presented this auspicious moment. We are challenged daily to show restraint, not in the battlefield, but in board rooms, classrooms and family rooms. Restraint from harming others is a good thing, demonstrates human maturity, but Jesus is offering us so much more: Spiritual Freedom! The second reading from Paul reminds me of a quotation attributed to Teilhard de Chardin. "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." And what an adventure it is. *onlineministries.creighton.edu*

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

Readings for the Week of February 24, 2019

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45