



*\*Please note that the mass times on the bulletin cover do not yet reflect the current changes*

**SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS**

**Week of September 23, 2018**

**Sat 4:00 PM** For the People  
**Sun 7:30AM St. Agnes** – For the People  
**Sun 11:00 AM** Deacon Gary Griffin by Jeannine Griffin  
**Wed 9:00 AM** For the People  
**Thurs 9:00AM** For the People  
**Sat 4:00 PM** For the People  
**Sun 7:30 AM St. Agnes**– Germain Bilodeau by Anita Bilodeau  
**Sun 11:00 AM** For the People

**Parish Support**

Offering for the weekend of September 16, 2018  
 (Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

**Sunday Collection**

<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$339.00</b>
<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$754.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1093.00</b>
<b>Utility Fund</b>	<b>\$571.00</b>

**Important Change: Checks:** The Diocese has informed us that we are technically St. Mary Parish Charitable Trust in terms of financial matters and not Our Lady of Good Help. So please **make out any checks to St. Mary Parish** from now on. Thank you.

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

**Readings for the Week of September 23, 2018**

**Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

**Monday:** Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18

**Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21

**Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

**Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9

**Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22

**Saturday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51

**Next Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48



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, and Rosa Santos .*

**Ministry Schedule**



<b><u>Eucharistic Ministers</u></b>	<b><u>Lectors</u></b>
09/22 Donna Swingleton	Joe Flynn
09/23	Trish Bertino
09/29 Joe Flynn	Joe Flynn
09/30 Mary Bugnacki	Bernie Carr
<b><u>Gift Bearers</u></b>	<b><u>Altar Servers</u></b>
09/22 L. Bertrand Family	Brooke Bertrand
09/23 Glenda & Bob Gearwar BThorton&N.Depatie	
09/29 R. Howland Family	David Betrand
09/30 R. Doty Family	A. Depatie & M. Harding

**Collection Counters**



09/23 Bob Gearwar & Katherine Bryant  
 09/30 Helen Williams & Paula Bizon  
 10/07 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](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).

**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.:**

**09/30 Catholic University**  
**\* 10/07 Restoration/ Bldg. & Maint.– Goal: \$600**  
**10/17 Utility Fund - Goal: \$500**

**\* Funds from this collection will go towards the much needed painting of the exteriors of the church and rectory.**

**Harvest Fest:** Will be September 30th at Estabrook Field from 1-4 PM. We will be setting up at noon with Baked Goods, Donuts, Coffee, Hot Cider, and cold water. If you would like to bake something (except pies) it would be greatly appreciated! If you can help at our booth please contact Donna Young at 247-8072. Thank you!

**Parish Dinner: Saturday, October 6th at 5 PM** in the Parish Hall. Spaghetti and Meatballs/Tossed Salad/ Garlic Bread/ Beverage/ Dessert. \$8.00 per person/6-12 years \$5.00/ Under 5 Free. Tickets available before and after each mass.

**Thank You** to those who cleaned the chandeliers in the rectory. They look beautiful!

**Winners of our Annual Raffle** were:

1st Prize– 100 gals. of fuel—Fred Zimmer  
 2nd Prize- \$300 cash– Karen Decker  
 3rd, 4th, 5th Prize– \$25 Gas card-Tina Wiles, M.Parmelee, & Kathy Bryant  
 6th Prize—Quilt & Pillow– Charlotte Frankiewicz  
 7th Prize– Quilt & Jewelry– Diane Benware  
 Extra Prize-Quilt & Jewelry– Randy Denis  
 8th Prize– Box of Truffles—Diane Fouracre  
 50/50 Winner– Lena Pierce (\$224.00)

Net Profit was \$1944.00 **Thank you** parishioners for coming through t make our raffle a success!

**Vermont Catholic Advance Directive Presentation:**

Decision making for end of life care can be fraught with anxiety and confusion. The VCAD is an important tool to navigate the territory and ensure that decisions made are ethical and moral. Join bioethicist Deacon Pete Gummere for discussion around the Vermont Catholic Advance Directives, the “do’s and don’ts” of Advance Directives, and a time for questions & answers. Come to Christ the King Church, Rutland, on Thursday, September 27, presentations at 2 PM and 6:30 PM.

**Reflections for the Week**

Today's first reading from the book of wisdom addresses the suffering of the “just one,” especially the suffering that results from the cruelty of others. This cruelty is driven by self-centered egos that want only comfort in life and will not tolerate any challenge to be more than they can be. The letter of James calls this “jealousy and selfish ambition.” It's a refusal to acknowledge our own ongoing need for conversion. The second reading is an apt description of the human condition; the warring within the human heart. As the letter of James is written to an early Christian community, most likely Jewish Christians, this is not so much a chastisement of their evil and bad behavior, but rather a pastoral letter of encouragement. It is a reminder that conversion is an ongoing process, not a onetime event. He gives them an “antidote” to jealousy and selfish ambition. He tells them they can recognize the kingdom of God present among them where there is peace, gentleness, compliance, mercy, sincerity and “good fruits.” They are continually transformed in Christ to the extent that they seek goodness. Today's gospel from Mark includes a second prediction from Jesus of his approaching passion, which is “prophesized” in the reading from Wisdom. “He will be tortured and put to the test, condemned to a shameful death.” This leaves the disciples speechless - confused and fearful. How alone he must have felt! When they arrive in Capernaum Jesus changes the subject: “What were you arguing about on the way?” Again, they were speechless, embarrassed because they had been discussing among themselves who was the greatest... again the self-centered ego at work. Then Jesus sat down and called together his closest followers for this important teaching moment. What he tells them next must have been quite a shock. “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.” If this had been the 21st century, we might interpret this action as welcoming innocence and trust, vulnerability and dependence. But in this time and place, children had no status, they were not even considered to be a person. And what was the child doing in the room with the teacher and his disciples? The child's place was with the mother and other siblings. How does this change your understanding of Jesus' words? In my work here at Creighton with professional health care students, I often here about their desires to be of service and not to be selfish. This bodes well for our future health care providers! Sometimes we need to talk about what they consider “selfish” – what is driven by the self-centered ego and what is just good, healthy self-care. I tell them that taking time to work out and care for their bodies or taking time to be alone to pray, be quiet and reflect and care for their souls is not selfish. Quite the opposite – we must take good care of ourselves in order to be able to give ourselves away! Healthy self-care is driven by gratitude for the gift of life that we have been given. Self-care and service to others are not in opposition to each other but rather service is the good fruit of healthy self-care. [onlineministries.creighton.edu](http://onlineministries.creighton.edu)

**From the Pastor's Desk:**

**Holyday and Holiday Mass Schedule:**

**Committee Information**

The second meeting of the ad hoc committee took place in Brandon. Time was taken so that the committee members could reconnect over coffee and apple cake. A brief prayer service took place in the church. The committee members then divided into partners (two people - one from each parish) to answer a questionnaire regarding best times for Masses and services.

Five additional values that the committee is considering in creating the Holy Day and Holiday Mass schedule are as follows:

- **Community Building:** It is best when the pastor can greet the parishioners both before and after Mass. It may be the only opportunity for the pastor to see some of these parishioners. Time needs to be allotted for this purpose in the new schedule.
- **Limitations:** Both parishes are sharing one priest. In creating the master schedule, we cannot have the expectation that an additional priest will be hired to cover a Mass on the set master schedule.
- **Travel Time:** One priest is responsible for three worship sites. There is a fifteen-mile distance between Saint Alphonsus and Saint Agnes, and a nine-mile span between Saint Alphonsus and Our Lady of Good Help. The master schedule needs to take this into account.
- **Compromise:** The two parishes will need to compromise in making the master schedule. One parish should not dominate the schedule.
- **Combined Liturgies:** On some occasions it may mean that the parishioners of Our Lady of Good Help and Saint Alphonsus gather in one church while the ministries are staffed by people from both parishes. -Father Moe