



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

SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS
Week of August 12, 2018

Sat 4:00 PM Stephen Condon by the Cram Family
Sun 7:30AM St. Agnes – Gil, Ellie & Mike Kupfer by Laura & Pam
Sun 11:00 AM Damian Quesnel by Victor Quesnel
Wed 9:00 AM Aime Seguin by Anita Bilodeau
Thurs 9:00 AM Kevin Flynn by Victor Quesnel
Sat 4:00 PM Art Pfenning by Jeannine Griffin
Sun 7:30 AM St. Agnes– Ruth Tebo by Jean Lemarre
Sun 11:00 AM Ina Ricard by Jean Pfenning

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of August 5, 2018
(Our Goal is \$1,800.00 each week)
Sunday Collection
Loose \$724.00
Envelopes \$1204.00
Total \$1928.00
Bldg&Maintenance \$563.00

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 August 12, 2018

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51
Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Mt 19:13-15
Next Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58



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 Holbriiter, Rosa Santos and Jean Pfenning

Ministry Schedule



<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
08/11 Donna Swington	Joe Flynn
08/12	Wanda Murray
08/18 Sally Foster	Laurie Bertrand
08/19 Jeannine Griffin	Terry Zimmer
<u>Gift Bearers</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
08/11 T. Howland Family	
08/12 S. Ouelette Family	A. Depatie & M. Harding
08/18 L.Bertrand Family	David Bertrand
08/19 T. Depatie Family	O. Depatie & A. Hayes

Collection Counters



08/12 Donna Swington & Katherine Bryant
08/19 Tina Wiles & Glenda Gearwar
08/26 Bob Gearwar & Katherine Bryant

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 Aug./ Sept.:

08/15 Assumption of Mary Offering
08/19 Utility Fund
09/02 Restoration/ Bldg. & Maintenance

Parish Fundraising: Please help us with our **Annual Raffle!** We need people to help sell tickets. Tickets are available before and after each mass. Winners need not be present to win. Drawing Sept. 16, 2018 after the 11 AM Mass. Prizes: 1st -100 Gals. Fuel oil from Mike's Fuel, 2nd - \$300 Cash, 3rd - \$25 Gas Card from Keyser Energy, 4th—\$25 Gas Card from Keyser Fuel, 5th—\$25 Gas Card from Keyser Fuel, 6th—Quilt & Pillow, 7th—Quilt & Jewelry, 8th—Box of Truffles from Keyser Energy. Tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50. Thank you for your support! For Tickets call Jean Lemarre 247-8179 .We also have a **50/50 Raffle:** Tickets \$1 each or 7 for \$5

Greeters: Greeters still needed. Sign up on the schedule in the back or call Terry at 247-3677. Thanks you.

Parish Council Meeting: Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 7 PM

Socials Concerns Meeting: Monday, August 20, 2018 at 6 PM

Finance Council Meeting: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 6 PM

August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, falls on a Wednesday this year. The Mass schedule for this holy day of obligation is as follows:

Tuesday evening, August 14, a Vigil Mass at 7:00pm in Brandon

Wednesday morning, August 15, Mass at 9:00am in Brandon

Wednesday evening, August 15, Mass at 6:30pm in Pittsford

The above schedule follows what had previously occurred on holy days of obligation. In early September, I will create an ad hoc committee with an equal number of people from both parishes to determine the holiday and holy day Mass schedule for the future. This committee will look to create a schedule for Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Triduum and the holy days of obligation. The crafting of this schedule, where two parishes share one priest, will involve both change and compromise. Once the schedule is established it will be followed year after year so that family celebrations are not in flux. My hope is that the ad hoc committee will complete their task by late October. The new set schedule would be published in early November so that family celebrations could be planned well in advance. I hope that this approach to establishing a set schedule for the holy days is acceptable.

Reflections for the Week

As I prayed and reflected with today's readings I felt resistance. It took me several days to realize that my resistance was that I didn't want to reflect on and share about the bread of life referring to Eucharist. This was preventing me from entering fully into prayer. I assumed I knew where my prayer was going to lead. When I was finally able to let go of this presumption a list of questions surfaced. How is Jesus offering himself to us for nourishment? How is Jesus inviting us to be nourished? How does God sustain us? How does the Father draw us to him? How do we listen to the Father? How are we taught by God? In some sense, all these questions ask the same thing, How are we in relationship with God? The other thing I noticed was that all the questions speak of God/Jesus initiating the action. The Divine reaching out to us. In the Old Testament reading today, Elijah, in anguish, is praying for death. Instead, God reaches out to Elijah through an angel, offers him cake and water and encourages him to eat and live and continue his journey. I experience this often at the retreat center where I live. Sometimes when I am down, feeling lonely or afraid, I have to stop and take a moment to look outside or take a walk and hear the wind in the trees or notice the beauty of nature and I can feel the presence of the Divine "feeding" my spirit, encouraging me, reminding me I am not alone. God is reaching out. We just need to take time to notice. In the Gospel of John, Jesus is telling us "I am the bread of life." I will sustain you. We do experience this with the Eucharist but today, I hear the invitation to notice all the other ways God sustains us. Angels, companions, trees and water, scripture, art and music, beauty. God is always and everywhere reaching out to us, sustaining, nourishing, teaching and drawing us near. The Divine is reaching out to us, nourishing us, companionship us, filling us with Love. Today, I hear the invitation to pause and notice the many ways this happens. And then, a last question occurred to me, How will we respond? And, thus the relationship grows. onlineministries.creighton.edu

Diocesan News: Stowe-Bingham Falls Mass & Hike, Friday, August 17th at 9:30 am : *"The higher we go, the more we can hear the voice of Christ"* — *Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati* In the Bible, mountains have always been places of encounter with God. Think of Moses and the 10 Commandments; Elijah and the still, quiet voice of God; and our Lord Jesus being transfigured in glory before His disciples. Here in the Green Mountain State we are building a culture of vocations in our parishes, in our schools and in our homes, where the open ears and hearts of young people can prayerfully ponder, "Lord, what are you calling me to? How am I to make a gift of myself to the world?"

Are you looking for a fun, free, faith-filled way for your family to enjoy some time together at the end of the summer? Please join me on Friday, August 17, at 9:30 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church in Stowe for Mass to promote a culture of vocations in the Diocese of Burlington followed by a hike up to Bingham Falls. This event is open to the whole family and is a way that we, as the faithful of Vermont, can do something fun together to support vocations. No RSVP needed — just show up at 9:30 a.m. ready to pray and hike. Bring your own bagged lunch.

"Come, let us climb the mountain of the Lord!" Isaiah 2:3 — Fr. Jon Schnobrich, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Burlington

August 15, 2018 Feast of the Assumption: A Day to Honor Mary at Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer, 33 Fawn Ledge Lane, Jamaica, VT.

1:00 PM Gathering Time
2:00 PM Guest Speaker, Fr. Joe Buttigieg OFM Cap
3:00 PM Songs and Reflections/
4:30 PM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.
Pot Luck Supper following the Mass. For more information check their website at: ourladyofephesushouseofprayer.org or call 802-896-6000