



SCHEDULES & MASS INTENTIONS

Week of November 18, 2018

Sat 4:00 PM Mr. & Mrs. Francis J. Leary 78th Wedding Anniversary by the Family
Sun 11:00 AM All Souls
Wed 9:00 AM All Souls
Thurs 9:00AM No Mass
Sat 4:00 PM All Souls
Sun 11:00 AM For the People

Parish Support

Offering for the weekend of November 11, 2018
(Our Goal is \$1,250.00 each week)

Sunday Collection

Loose	\$30100
Envelopes	\$785.00
Total	\$1086.00
Utility Fund	\$463.00

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 November 18, 2018

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

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



Eucharistic Ministers

11/17 Donna Swinington
 11/18 Sally Foster
 11/24
 11/25 Guy Beck

Lectors

Pike Mitchell
 Bernie Carr
 Laurie Bertrand
 Aaron Boynton

Gift Bearers

11/17 R. Howland Family
 11/18 T. Depatie Family O. Depatie & A. Hayes
 11/24 C. Mitchell & K. Decker Brooke Bertrand
 11/25 Glenda & Bob Gearwar BThornton&B.Stanley

Altar Servers

Jordan Bertrand

Collection Counters



11/18 Donna Swinington & Katherine Bryant
 11/25 Carolyn Walker & Katherine Bryant
 12/02 Tina Wiles & Glenda Gearwar

St. Mary's Cemetery



Location: RT 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

Parish Hall Library— by appointment.

Please call Emilie at 458-7962

2nd Collection for weekends in Nov/Dec.:

11/18 Campaign for Human Development

*** 12/02 Bldg. & Maint.(Goal \$600)**

12/09 Retirement Fund for Religious

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

Thanksgiving Mass: On the Monday of Thanksgiving week, the Otter Valley Roman Catholic Community will gather for its first annual Thanksgiving Mass. The location of the Thanksgiving Mass will alternate from year to year. **This year's Thanksgiving Mass will take place at Saint Alphonsus Church, Pittsford, November 19th, at 7:00pm.** The committee encourages the parishioners from both parishes to attend this Mass where we recognize God's generosity. As an extension of this generosity, the committee is asking everyone attending the Mass to bring non-perishable food. That food (canned goods, pasta, puddings, etc.), will be brought up during the offertory procession and blessed. After the Mass, the food will be given to the Pittsford Food Shelf for distribution. If your schedule allows, please make the effort to join us for what will be a great joint communal celebration.

Office Hours: Next week the office will be open on Monday, November 19th, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM and on Tuesday, November 20th, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Thank you

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Campaign for Human Development: Please be generous in this week's second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. This collection supports programs which address the root causes of poverty and empower individuals living in poverty to make real, positive change in their communities. 25 percent of funds collected remain in our Diocese to fund anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Let us live and love in our marriage as we await the coming of Jesus. Make time for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 30-Dec 2, 2018 in Isle La Motte, VT and Mar 15-17, 2019 in Isle La Motte, VT. For more information, call Gary & Lynn Root at 802-456-8114 or visit them at <https://www.mevtw.org/>.

Diocesan News: Home To Thanksgiving: As they have since I first came to Burlington, a number of my family, including my mother, will be journeying this week to my home for Thanksgiving. Others will be coming up on Friday after spending Thanksgiving Day with their in-laws. There's lots of room in the old rectory for everybody, and the dining room accommodates us all around one table. We have plenty of time to enjoy each other's company and, I have to say, I do a real good job on the turkey. The only problem is that there are not quite enough couches and easy chairs to handle the post-meal nap. Supposedly, eating a lot of turkey makes one sleepy. I guess I never knew how many people eat turkey before coming to Mass. ... There's a lot of jokes out there about people falling asleep during the homily at Mass: A priest says to the wife of a man who has fallen asleep during his homily, "Madame, can you wake up your husband?" to which she replies, "You put him to sleep, you wake him up." Another one involves a priest, who trying to be magnanimous as a mother takes out a crying baby, says, "That's all right, he can stay. He's not bothering me," to which she replies, "Yeah, but you're bothering him." Like, you, I've sat through many homilies that just seem to go on and on. When I taught preaching in the seminary, we used to talk about this as a failure "to land the plane." Just when you thought the priest was finishing — "landing the plane" — he would take off again in another flight of elocution. As someone who does a lot of preaching now myself, I always try and land the plane on time. Still, I haven't always been successful. I used to be able to tell if I had lost my community's attention by their subtle (or not so subtle) glances at their watches. Now, since most folks don't wear watches anymore, the hint instead may be a quick glance at one's mobile device. During this week in which we give thanks to God for all of His gifts and blessings, I, like you, am grateful for so many things: family, friends, life, food, shelter, good health, faith. ... The list goes on and on. I've tried to cultivate this sense of thankfulness throughout the whole year. It forms and informs my whole life as a Catholic. As one Christian preacher put it, "I like to have that attitude of gratitude. It keeps me focused on God's gifts and how I am using them for His purposes." An "attitude of gratitude" fostered in ours lives calls forth from us a response of praise and thanksgiving to God "from whom all blessings flow" and a desire to use them as Christ asks us to. So allow me to use the gift of this page to say how grateful I am to you, my brothers and sisters here in the Vermont. In spite of all of the scandals of the past and the recent revelations of the present, you are still here in this church, still loving and supporting your priests (even when they have a problem "landing the plane") and still spreading the Good News that Jesus is our Lord and Savior in and through His Church. In the original Greek, "Eucharist" means to give thanks. In all of its meanings and modes, may we always be a Eucharistic people. God bless. Enjoy the turkey ... and the nap that follows. The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne, Bishop of Burlington

Reflections for the Week

We are in the part of Mark's gospel where we hear Jesus consoling his disciples about the trouble to come for them. Of course, this is really important for Mark's disciples - the first to read this gospel - for the troubles they are facing. And, it is really important for us, as we face the troubles of our time. When Jesus said that no one knows when the end of time would be, he sure was right. For us today, while we might be deeply concerned about the growing critical condition of our planet, the real issue of our concern is about the end of our lives. Who among us hasn't had a relative or friend die recently. I'm most affected by it when the death involves someone who is younger than me - something that happens more and more frequently. Every other trouble we face is some kind of mini-death, which is difficult to face. The common effect of these experiences is that they can shake us. They can disturb our confidence and upset our sense of security. What Jesus wants to do for us today is what he did for his first disciples. He wants us to not let our hearts be troubled. Jesus knows he will be with us in the midst of everything. He wants us to have confidence that we are never alone. And, he wants us to trust that he has won the victory over sin and death - over every sin; over every death. The way we can let our faith be deepened is to express our gratitude to our Lord at very times each day. We can thank the Lord for being with us - in whatever situation in which we might find ourselves. And, the more we place our trust in the promise of eternal life, the more fearless we can become. To be without fear is so empowering. It is so liberating. It can allow us to face any challenge - even death itself. Death is just a scarecrow. It isn't frightening for us at all. Therefore, we can be bold. We can be courageous. We can face great difficulties, knowing that we will fall into the hands of a loving Savior. This lack of fear, this freedom, makes selfless love so much easier. I don't have to "calculate" what this or that act of love will "cost" me. In fact, Jesus has assured us that the secret to happiness is that we will really find ourselves when we lose ourselves in love. We can practice this faith - really exercise it and strengthen it, perhaps like a muscle we haven't used much - by simply practicing surrender. Not being so cautious becomes less scary and helps us to be more confident in loving. We can say, "Lord, I know that nothing can separate me from your care for me. Help me love this person with your own type of love, thinking less of myself, and more for the other person. Let me be bold and free." Let us be confident before the trials and tribulations of our day, placing our lives in his hands.