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 191 Clermont Terrace
 Newport, VT 05855
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 Sunday Vigil 4:00 PM Saturday
 Sunday 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM
Weekday Masses:
 Monday - Saturday 9:00 AM



St. Edward the Confessor
 Elm Street, Derby Line, VT 05830
 Parish Center 802-873-4577
Sunday Masses:
 Saturday 6:00 PM
 Sunday 8:30 AM
Weekday Masses:
 Monday - Friday 5:30 PM



St. James the Greater
 146 Middle Street
 Island Pond, VT 05846
Sunday Masses:
 Saturday 4:00 PM
 Sunday 10:10 AM
Weekday Mass:
 Thursday 4:00 PM



St. Benedict Labre
 1466 VT Route 105
 West Charleston, VT 05872
Sunday Masses:
 Sunday 11:30 AM

Mater Dei Parish

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Christmas Schedule 2018

Monday, December 24, 2018 - Christmas Vigil

St. Mary Star of the Sea - Newport	3:30 pm Christmas Carols (Folk Group of St. Mary)
	4:00 pm Christmas Mass
	6:30 pm Christmas Carols (Sr. Choir of St. Mary)
	7:00 pm Christmas Mass
St. Edward the Confessor - Derby Line	4:00 pm Christmas Carols (St. Edward Choir)
	4:30 pm Christmas Mass
St. James the Greater - Island Pond	4:00 pm Christmas Mass

Tuesday, December 25, 2018 - Christmas Day

St. Mary Star of the Sea - Newport	10:00 am Christmas Mass
St. Benedict Labre - West Charleston	11:30 am Christmas Mass

All Mater Dei Parishioners are encouraged to register for free access at www.formed.org under Mater Dei Parish for many online programs to learn about their Catholic faith.

H Please call the parish office, 802-334-5066, if you would like a priest to visit a loved one at the hospital. If it is an emergency, call the pager number at 802-452-6333 with your telephone number and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Anytime upon request or by appointment as well as Saturday, 5:30 - 6:00 PM at St. Edward the Confessor
 Saturday, 3:30 - 4:00 PM at St. James the Greater
 Saturday, 3:00 - 4:00 PM at St. Mary Star of the Sea

Marriage: Must begin preparation at least six months in advance of the proposed wedding date

Other Information

New parishioners: Welcome to our Parish Family! Please call the rectory to register.
Parishioners: Please keep us informed of any address, phone or family member health changes.

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018 Rev 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36
 9:00 am St. Mary: † Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
First Sunday of Advent
Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018 Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2
 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
 4:00 pm St. James: † Clifford Phillips
 4:00 pm St. Mary: † Jeannette Nadeau & † Steven Pooler
 6:00 pm St. Edward: † Bob & † Theresa Wheeler
Sunday, Dec. 2, 2018 Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2;
 Lk 21:25-18, 34-36
 8:30 am St. Edward: Intentions of Fr. Roger Charbonneau
 10:00 am St. Mary: † Pauline Choquette & † Ruth Joseph
 10:10 am St. James: † Bishop Kenneth Angell
 11:30 am St. Benedict: † Frederick LaBarron
 7:00 pm St. Mary: Intentions of Vocationist Fathers

Monday, Dec. 3, 2018 Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
St. Francis Xavier - Priest
 9:00 am St. Mary: † Norman Bessette
 5:30 pm St. Edward: † Arthur, Sr. & Mary Leontine Belisle

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018 2 Tim 1:13-14, 2:1-3; Mt 25:14-30
St. John Damascene - Priest & Doctor of the Church
 9:00 am St. Mary: † Andre Gaudreau
 10:45 am Bel-Aire: Intentions of the Residents
 5:30 pm St. Edward: For Our Seminarians

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018 Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
 9:00 am St. Mary: Survivors of abuse & cover up by the clergy
 2:30 pm N.S.C.F.: Intentions of the Residents
 5:30 pm St. Edward: † Virginia Holbrook

Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018 Is 6:1-8; Lk 10:1-9
St. Nicholas - Bishop
 9:00 am St. Mary: † Deacon John Gratton
 4:00 pm St. James: † Rick Tec & † Hectorine Osborne
 5:30 pm St. Edward: † Beth Tilton (1st Ann)

Friday, Dec. 7, 2018 Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-21
St. Ambrose - Bishop & Doctor of the Church
 9:00 am St. Mary: † Harry Carboneau, Sr.
Vigil for Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 4:00 pm St. James: Parishioners of St. James
 5:30 pm St. Benedict: Parishioners of St. Benedict's
 6:00 pm St. Edward: † Deacon John Gratton

Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018 Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;
 Lk 1:26-38
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 9:00 am St. Mary: † Tony Pomerleau

Jesus, Mary & Joseph **JMJ**

The Tabernacle Vigil Light burns this week for **Aimee Rose Laplume**

The Chapel Light burns this week for **His Holiness Pope Francis**

Second Sunday of Advent
Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018 Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
 4:00 pm St. James: † Lorraine Caouette (1st Ann)
 4:00 pm St. Mary: † Leo & Claudette Chaput & † Messier & Royer Families
 6:00 pm St. Edward: † Winston Hammond & † Danielle Carpenter

Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018 Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
 8:30 am St. Edward: † Gisele Seymour & † Norbert Lessard
 10:00 am St. Mary: † Luc Quirion & † Francis Lantagne, Sr.
 10:10 am St. James: † Norman Bessette
 11:30 am St. Benedict: St. Benedict Volunteers & † Gerry Begin
 7:00 pm St. Mary: † Pierette Marsh & † Adrien Patenaude & † Virginia Holbrook

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH

Weekend of November 24 & 25, 2018

Offertory	\$6,463.00
Fuel	45.00
Repairs & Maintenance	252.00
All Souls	21.00
Christmas Flowers	5.00
Human Development	69.00
TOTAL	\$6,855.00

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2018 Prayer List

Michael Allard	Alex Fauteux	Nancy Poulin
Dan Barry	Yvon Fortin	Michael Poginy
Leo Bernard	Maureen Fountain	Marcel Poulin
Tanner Blais	Pauline Fournier	Beverly Poutre
Mary Ann Blake	Meghan Fuller	Roger Raboin
Richard Bouffard	Gerry Gagnon	Cecile Ricard
Rita Bouffard	Michael Gonyaw	Leonard Richardi
Irma Bowen	Raymond Goulet	Bob Risicato
Yolande Brasseur	Joan Green	Norman Rivard
Jacob Callaway	Roberson	Fr. Shawn
Tom Carson	Beverly Robitaille	
Raymond Choiniere	Sr. Theresa	
Alice Collins	Gerry Royer	
Birdena Collins	Steve Sheltry	
Lisa Collins	Bernie Shiner	
Thomas Collins	Nancy Tierra	
Lise Comeau	Denise Turner	
Cleveland Cornell	Susan Waltrip	
Cynthia Cornell	Lindsey Warren	
Jim Cross	Sienna Wolf-	
Jean Coutu	Rhoda Lynn Margola	
Regis Dagesse	Waterhouse	
Joyce Davis	Timothy Marland	Daniel Westlake
Dave DeLaBruere	Jennifer Martin	Jennifer Wilkie
Brenda Deslandes	Phil B. Mesina	Gary William
Marcel Deslandes	Purie G. Mesina	Christina Wilson
Jean Diette	Jenn	Lucille Wing
Paul Diette	Alphonse Patenaude	Yvonne Wood
Mary Dunbar	William Patenaude	Liz Young
Priscilla Fortin		


We pray in a special way for the soul of **Joseph McDuff** † who has entered into eternal life and for his grieving family.

"Strengthen your heart in holiness."
 Are you being called in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?
 Contact the Vocation Office at:
 (802) 658-6110, X 1175 or email:
 vocations@vermontcatholic.org

Pray for Vocations


ST. EDWARD'S GIVING TREE

This year, St. Edward's Giving Tree will be for gifts for the residents of Michaud Manor. The tree is decorated with ornaments with suggested gift ideas for each resident. Get into the **Christmas Spirit** by taking an ornament and buying a gift to make someone's Christmas a little brighter. Please return your wrapped gift with the ornament attached to the package to the tree by **Sunday December 9th** when the gifts will be distributed to the Michaud Manor residents by the Young Apostles. Thank you for your generosity!




2018 Advent Appeal

Please join Vermont Catholic Charities in supporting the Annual Advent Appeal. The "Season of Giving" knows no bounds for people in need. Whatever the season, it is a daily struggle for many Vermonters to maintain housing, stay warm, or feed their families. With your help, we can make a difference for those who are living on the edge. Help people like Grace & John keep the electricity and heat on. Grace, John and their 3 children were struggling to keep the utilities on as John's hours at work were reduced and they faced unexpected medical bills. We helped them avoid disconnection of their utilities and provided food cards for the family. Whether your gift is \$10, \$100, \$1000 or more, your gift will make a difference in the life of a needy person. To donate, please mail a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403, or give online at www.vermontcatholic.org/adventappeal.



St. Benedict's Christmas Angels

St. Benedict's is collecting donations to purchase Christmas gifts for area children. Please put your donation in an "Angel Envelope" and place it in the collection basket by **December 9th**. Thank you for your generosity!



Second Sunday of Advent is Next Weekend


December 9th the Second Sunday of Advent. Please bring a Christmas ornament to be blessed.



O Come, O Come Emmanuel


Vocationist's Corner

Heavenly Father,
 You love me and you call me every moment of my life.
 You have a plan for me,
 a plan that will help me grace the world in the unique way that only I can.
 Send your Spirit into my heart and mind.
 Enlighten me with your wisdom that I may come to know today where you are calling me in life.
 Give me the strength today to answer that call and inspire others to help me.
 I make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



Calling All St. Mary's Volunteers!!

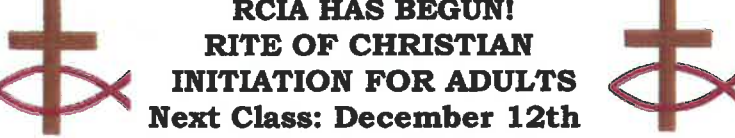
All volunteers in the various ministries at St. Mary's are asked to meet on **Monday, December 3rd** at 6:00 pm to discuss roof repairs and plans for Advent & Christmas.



RCIA HAS BEGUN!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Next Class: December 12th
Topic: The Paschal Mystery
Time: Following the 5:30 pm Mass
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm at St. Edward's Parish Hall
Classes will resume in January 2019



DO YOU WANT TO BE CONSECRATED TO THE BLESSED MOTHER?

DURING HER APPEARANCES TO THE 3 SHEPHERD CHILDREN AT FATIMA IN 1917, THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PROMISED SALVATION TO ANYONE WHO CONSECRATED THEMSELVES TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY.

BEGINNING JANUARY 1ST ON THE FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD AND CONTINUING THROUGH FEBRUARY 2ND, MATER DEI PARISH WILL BE HOLDING A 33 DAY NOVENA DEDICATED TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

YOUR NOVENA CAN BE PRAYED EACH NIGHT AT ST. BERNARD CHAPEL IN NEWPORT AT 7:00 PM OR IN YOUR HOME.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THIS NOVENA AND CONSECRATING YOURSELF AND/OR YOUR FAMILY TO THE BLESSED MOTHER, PLEASE CALL MARY AT THE RECTORY AT (802) 334-5066, X 2 TO SIGN UP.



ST. EDWARD'S ADORATION EVERY MONDAY

ST. EDWARD'S CHAPEL
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Come & spend time with Jesus!

