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 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

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Religious Education is for Everyone

Family Formation Program - PreK-10th grades including First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation preparation.
 Parents and their children meet on the 1st Sunday of the month from September-May 10am-Noon at St. Edward's. Gathering includes parent presentations, class lessons and family prayer experiences.
 Families come together again on the 2nd Sunday of the month at St. Mary's at the 10am Mass where children serve as lectors, ushers, greeters, and gift bearers.
 Following the Mass, there is a service project at St. Mary's from 11am-1pm based on the Corporal Works of Mercy for students in grades 7-10.

Young Apostles Youth group meets monthly on the second and fourth Friday of the month at St. Mary's from 6-8pm for adoration, fun, dinner and reflection time. Additionally, the Young Apostles serve in various ministries throughout the parish life. All high school teens are welcome!
 To register for Family Formation or Young Apostles, please contact:
 Ann Gonyaw, Director of Catholic Formation
 802-323-8585 or E-mail: littlewayoflove@gmail.com

Adult Education and Sacramental Preparation
 Adult Education (RCIA) St. Edward's Hall. Call Deacon Ward Nolan at 802-624-4964 for schedule.
 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 Lent



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Saturday: Feb. 29, 2020 Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11
 4:00 pm St. James: † Richard Caouette & † Charles Roth
 4:00 pm St. Mary: † Vivien Farrar
 6:00 pm St. Edward: † Leo Gosselin
Sunday: March 1, 2020 Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11
 8:30 am St. Edward: Intentions of Heart Donor
 Please Note Time Change for Michaud Manor Mass
 10:00 am Michaud Manor: Living & † Deceased Residents
 10:00 am St. Mary: † Arthur, Sr. & † Mary Leontine Belisle
 10:10 am St. James: † Winston Hammond & † Danielle Carpenter
 10:45 am St. Benedict: Stations of the Cross
 11:30 am St. Benedict: † All Souls
 7:00 pm St. Mary: All Leaders of Our Country
Monday: March 2, 2020 Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
 9:00 am St. Mary: † Arthur, Jr., † Larry & † John Belisle
 10:00 am Michaud Manor: † Fr. Donald Bean
 5:30 pm St. Edward: † Robert McDermott
Tuesday: March 3, 2020 Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
St. Katherine Drexel: Virgin
 9:00 am St. Mary: † Wilfred & † Yvette Leblanc
 10:00 am Michaud Manor: † Fr. Michael St. Pierre
 10:45 am Bel Aire: Intentions of Residents
Wednesday: March 4, 2020 Jonah 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
St. Casimir: Patron Saint of Poland
 9:00 am St. Mary: Thanksgiving for Miracle Received
 10:00 am Michaud Manor: † Diane Therrien & † Peter Place
 2:30 pm N.S.C.F.: Intentions of the Residents
Thursday: March 5, 2020 Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
 9:00 am St. Mary: † Fr. Robert Deforge
 10:00 am Michaud Manor: In Thanksgiving
 4:00 pm Sunrise Manor: † Theresa Goulet
Friday: March 6, 2020 Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
 9:00 am St. Mary: Healing of Mr. Conrad Bessette & † Celeste Isabelle
 10:00 am Michaud Manor: Fr. Albert Baltz
 5:30 pm St. Edward: † Mr. James Beauregard
 6:00 pm St. Edward: Stations of the Cross
 6:00 pm St. Mary: Stations of the Cross
Saturday: March 7, 2020 Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48;
Saints Perpetua & Felicity: Martyrs
 9:00 am St. Mary: Health of Jason Wright
Second Sunday of Lent
Saturday: March 7, 2020 Gen 12:1-4a; 2 Tim 1 8b-10 Mt 17:1-9
 4:00 pm St. James: † Alice Major
 4:00 pm St. Mary: † Maurice & † Jack Nadeau & † Lisa Shelton
 6:00 pm St. Edward: † Norbert Lessard
Sunday: March 8, 2020 Gen 12:1-4a; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9
 8:30 am St. Edward: Intentions of Heart Donor
 10:00 am Michaud Manor: Living & † Deceased Residents
 10:00 am St. Mary: † Lucille Carter
 10:10 am St. James: † Jeannine Stebenne
 11:30 am St. Benedict: † Fr. L.G. Duquette
 7:00 pm St. Mary: † Rose Ange & † Jose Perrault

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO THE CHURCHES OF MATER DEI PARISH

February 23, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 3,545.00
Loose	\$ 2,097.66
Online Giving	\$ 160.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,802.66 *

* includes \$1,211.00. for Insurance



BUDGET	Insurance Budget
Weekly Budget: \$11,710.58	2020 Budget: \$42,000.00
Gain / Loss: - \$ 5,907.92	Collected: \$12,241.48
	Remaining: \$29,758.52

There will be a special collection this weekend for **Fuel**. The fuel budget for FY 2020 is \$40,000. So far we have collected \$17,156 with \$22,844 still needed. The collection will be taken after Communion. Please be as generous as possible.



2020 Prayer List

♥ Dan Barry	♥ Raymond Gobeil	♥ Andre Morin
♥ Noella Berthiaume	♥ Evelyn Guillette	♥ Maurice Patenaude
♥ Tanner Blais	♥ Carol Jamson	♥ Michael Poginy
♥ Lorraine Blake	♥ Evelyn Jenne	♥ Marcel Poulin
♥ Mary Ann Blake	♥ Bernadette Kelley	♥ Beverley Poutre
♥ Gabrielle Bolton	♥ Jennie Kirsch	♥ Ghislaine Powers
♥ Enita Boudreau	♥ Rita LaBelle	♥ Roger Raboin
♥ Mary Brainard	♥ Jacques Lacroix	♥ Cecile Ricard
♥ Theresa Carrier	♥ Rita Lantagne	♥ John Ricard
♥ Steve Coggin	♥ Sue Leavitt	♥ Bob Risicato
♥ Claire Comeau	♥ George Leblanc	♥ Marc Rivard
♥ Sr. Francis Comeau	♥ Noella Leblanc	♥ Robert Rivard
♥ Lise Comeau	♥ Rene Leblanc	♥ Fr. Shawn Roberson
♥ Stephen Comeau	♥ Robbie Lynn LeBlanc	♥ Jennifer Patenaude
♥ Norma Covill	♥ Amanda Letourneau	♥ Royea
♥ Regis Dagesse	♥ Andy Letourneau	♥ Gerry Royer
♥ Peter Daigle	♥ Dolores Letourneau	♥ Deb Tanguay
♥ Kathleen Davignon	♥ David Moeykens	♥ Rita Tetrault
♥ Joyce Davis		♥ Regina Switzer
♥ Brenda Deslandes		♥ Cecile Wheeler
♥ Marcel Deslandes		♥ Janis Wilson
♥ Jean Piette		♥ Yvonne Wood
♥ Paul Diette		♥ Sandy Worth
♥ Edward Fortin		
♥ David Foy		



Welcome Back Father Charles!
 Father Charles is back from Florida! He will resume celebrating Mass at Michaud Manor on Sundays and Thursdays. **Sunday Mass will be at 10:00 am.** The Vocationist Fathers will continue to celebrate Mass at Michaud Manor on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. All Masses will be at 10:00 am.

Information for the bulletin must be submitted to the parish office by 4:00 pm on Tuesday to be included in Sunday's bulletin. Thank you for understanding.



Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at: (802) 658-6110 X 1175 or visit vocations@vermontcatholic.org



CALLING ALL ST. BENEDICT'S & ST. MARY'S PARISH MEMBERS!
ST. BENEDICT'S MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE ON **MONDAY, MARCH 9TH** AT **6:00 PM** IN WEST CHARLESTON.
ST. MARY'S MONTHLY MEETING WILL BE ON **MONDAY, MARCH 9TH** AT **6:00 PM** IN ST. BERNARD CHAPEL.
 ALL PARISH MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND

RCIA Continues This Week
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS
 Next Class: **Wednesday, March 4, 2020**
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm at St. Mary's Rectory
 Topic: **Walk Through the Mass**

FOOD SHELF NEEDS FOR THE 1ST WEEK OF LENT
 Mater Dei's Food Pantry is requesting these items during the first week of Lent:
Canned Baked Beans & Condiments [Ketchup, Mustard or Mayonnaise]
 Thank you for your continued support of our food shelf and your generosity toward the less fortunate in our communities.
 May God bless you!!



www.materdeivermont.com
 Log in to our new & improved Parish Website to keep up with upcoming parish events & happenings at Mater Dei.
 You won't believe all the news & info you will find!

Calling All Crafters
 When: **March 4th & 11th**
 Where: **St. Edward's Parish Hall**
 Time: **10:00 am - 2:00 pm**
 Bring your lunch and a project to work on. Join us and enjoy the company of other crafters.
 Call Evelyn Gilbar at (802) 766-5119 with any questions.



The Tabernacle Vigil Light burns this week for: **Forgotten Souls in Purgatory**
The Chapel Light burns this week for: **Intentions of Pope Francis**

VOCATIONIST'S CORNER
Welcome Father James!
 Mater Dei Parish warmly welcomes Fr. James Butts S.D.V. to our parish family. Fr. James is originally from Philadelphia, PA and comes to us from St. Gerard's Church in Paterson, NJ. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 2, 2001. You may remember Fr. James from when he came to help out in January while Fr. Rijo was on vacation. He will be with us until June when Fr. Michael plans to send us a permanent replacement for Father Antony.
 Welcome to Mater Dei Parish Fr. James! We look forward to growing in our faith with your guidance.



Mater Dei's Weekly Bible Study
 Mater Dei's weekly Bible Study continues this week on **Wednesday, March 4th** at **10:00 am** and **6:00 pm** at St. Mary's Rectory. All are welcome!



CHRIST OUR HOPE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS
Inspiring HOPE
 Campaign for the Future of Our Catholic Faith
 WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT BEGINNING NEXT MONTH, MATER DEI PARISH WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE **Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church** CAMPAIGN. THE CAMPAIGN WILL BUILD UP OUR DIOCESE THROUGH VIBRANT PARISHES, STRENGTHENING FAITH FORMATION EFFORTS, AND SERVING THE POOR.
 WE WILL KICK OFF THE CAMPAIGN IN APRIL. WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO SERVE ON THE CAMPAIGN TEAM TO HELP SPREAD THE MESSAGE AND FOLLOW UP ON GIFT REQUESTS. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CALL MARY NOLIN AT THE PARISH OFFICE AT (802) 334-5066, EXT. 2.

WE WILL BE SHARING MORE INFORMATION WITH YOU AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE KICKOFF DATE. BE SURE TO READ THE VERMONT CATHOLIC MAGAZINE AND INLAND SEA FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN.
One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
 NATURAL DESIRES OF FOOD, POWER AND WORLDLY RECOGNITION WILL NEVER SATISFY OUR TRUE LONGING. OUR CALL IS TO BE UNITED TO THE BREAD OF LIFE, THE WORD OF THE LORD, AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

Can you help?
 Disabled couple staying at Derby Four Seasons Inn is looking for a ride to Saturday's 4:00 pm Mass at St. Mary's. Please call the Parish Office at (802) 334-5066 if you are able to help.



We pray in a special way for the repose of the soul of **† Ghislaine Powers** who has entered into eternal life and for her grieving family.

