

Mater Dei Parish
St. Mary Star of the Sea St. Edward the Confessor
St. James the Greater St. Benedict Labre



07/04/2020 - 07/12/2020
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!

DAILY & WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASSES

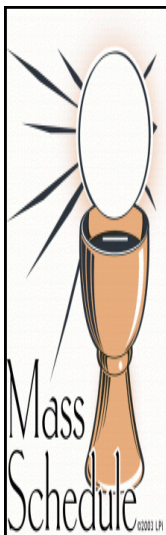
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AT
 9:00 AM & 4:00 PM AT ST. MARY'S
 & AT 9:00 AM ON SATURDAY
 MORNING AT ST. MARY'S

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM @ ST. JAMES
 4:00 PM @ ST. MARY'S
 5:30 PM @ ST. BENEDICT'S
 SUNDAY: 8:30 AM @ ST. EDWARD'S
 9:30 AM @ ST. MARY'S
 11:00 AM @ ST. MARY'S

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH
 OF JULY ARE AVAILABLE ON THE
 TABLE IN BACK OF THE CHURCH.
 MANY DATES ARE STILL OPEN.

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT
 (802) 334-5066 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
 SCHEDULE A MASS FOR A LOVED ONE OR TO
 MARK A SPECIAL OCCASION.



**Thank You for Your Generosity to
 our Mater Dei Parish Churches**

Week of June 28, 2020
 Offertory: \$ 5,192
 Budget: \$11,010
 Surplus / Deficit: \$- 5,818



There is a special collection **next** weekend for **FUEL**. Mater Dei's 2019-2020 fuel budget is \$40,000, and the pandemic has caused us to be significantly behind in our attempt to meet this budget item. Please keep the collection for fuel in mind when you consider your donation for the **weekend of July 11th & 12th**.

Thank you for your continued support of Mater Dei Parish.

**INVITATION TO JOIN US IN PERSON FOR
 ADORATION AND TO PRAY THE ROSARY**

WHEN: FRIDAY, JULY 10TH
 WHERE: ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA
 TIME: 7:00 PM



JOIN US FOR
 ADORATION AND TO
 PRAY THE ROSARY
 TOGETHER AS A
 PARISH FAMILY.



News About St. James

For those of you who did not see Bishop Coyne on TV last weekend, he had good news for Island Pond and the parishioners of St. James.

Bishop Coyne said that St. James would be one of Vermont's rural parishes that would be sustained by the Diocese and allowed to remain open because of Island Pond's distance from other churches in the Northeast Kingdom.

Thank You Jesus!



**Confessions Are Now
 Available by Appointment**

Confessions are available
Monday through Friday at
10:00 am, 10:30 am & 11:00 am
and 4:30 pm, 5:00 pm & 5:30 pm

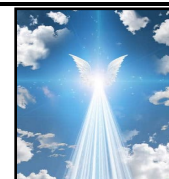
Please call the Parish Office at
 (802) 334-5066 to schedule
 an appointment.

Important Scam Alert

It has come to our attention from our good friend Fr. Shiju that scammers are posing as priests to ask parishioners for money through text messages. Please do not respond with any personal information or purchase any gift cards. **THIS IS A SCAM.**

This scam has also targeted some members of Mater Dei Parish. The messages seem to originate somewhere in Africa. PLEASE IGNORE THESE MESSAGES AND REPORT IT IF YOU RECEIVE ONE.

*Please pray for the repose of the
 souls of †those who died from
 COVID-19 this past week and for
 their grieving families.*

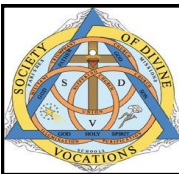


Jesus, Mary and Joseph





“You are in the spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you.”
 Is the Holy Spirit leading you or someone you know to serve Christ and His Church as a priest or in the consecrated life? If you are discerning your vocation, visit vocations@vermontcatholic.org or call the Vocation Office at (802) 658-6110 X 1175 for more information.



VOCATIONIST’S CORNER

Congratulations to Bro. Michael Chibuzor Okondu SDV, Bro. Edwin Andrès Pinzòn Rendon SDV, Bro. Donisius Dotantunti SDV, Bro. Valentinus Robi SDV, Bro. Rivo Stephan Anjarasoa SDV and Bro. Paulus Bau Mau SDV who received the Sacred Order of the Diaconate, on June 28, 2020 in Naples, Italy.

First Communion at Mater Dei

Our 2019-2020 2nd Grade Family Formation class will finally receive their First Communion next weekend! They have been waiting patiently (or not so patiently!) to receive Jesus for the first time since the outbreak of the pandemic.



First Communion will be on:

Saturday, July 11th at 4:00 pm at St. James
Sunday, July 12th at 2:00 pm at St. Mary’s

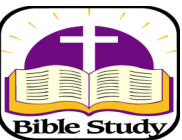
Please support our First Communicants and their families with your presence at this very special event in their young Catholic lives and especially with your prayers.

www.materdeivermont.com

Log in to our **new & improved Parish Website** to keep up with upcoming parish events & happenings at Mater Dei.



You will find daily Mass streamed online at 9:00 am, opportunities to pray the Rosary, weekly reflections by Fred Barker, “almost daily messages” from Deacon Ward, the Mater Dei You Tube channel, and so much more!!!
 You won’t believe all the parish news, picture & videos, along with info from the diocese you will find!



Parish Bible Study

Weekly Bible Study has resumed at St. Mary’s Rectory on **Wednesdays at 6:00 pm**. All are welcome.

Please call the parish office at (802) 334-5066 if you would like to register to participate online.



More Information on the Need for Vocations in Vermont

20 Churches have **closed** in Vermont **since 1990**.

In 2019, Vermont had **50 priests: 19** were **over 60 years old** and only **8** priests were **under age 35**.

There were only **384** Baptisms in Vermont in 2019, compared to **2,097** in 1990.

The Diocese has made the painful decision to close the following Churches in Vermont because there are simply no priests available to celebrate Mass at these locations.

- St. Stephen’s in Winooski**
- St. Edward’s in Williamstown**
- North American Martyrs in Marshfield**
- St. Sylvester’s in Graniteville**

Please pray daily for Vocations in Vermont and for the parishioners who are losing their beloved Churches.

We thank God daily for the Vocationist Fathers and for Father Roger Charbonneau, Father Leo Bilodeau, and Father Charles Davignon, our retired priests who continue to serve our parish so faithfully.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS JULY MEETING

MATER DEI PARISH K OF C MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND THE JULY MEETING ON **THURSDAY, JULY 9TH AT 6:30 PM AT ST. EDWARD’S PARISH HALL**. OUR DISTRICT DEPUTY WILL BE PRESENT AT THIS MEETING. SOCIAL DISTANCING WILL BE OBSERVED, AND MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED. WE CONTINUE WITH OUR MISSION TO GROW THE DOMESTIC CHURCH. YOUR ATTENDANCE IS MUCH APPRECIATED AND YOUR IDEAS ARE GREATLY VALUED.



*God Bless America!
 Land that I love.
 Stand beside her
 and guide her
 through the night
 with the light from above.*



You are invited to reserve a Tabernacle Vigil Light or Chapel Light in any of our parish Churches in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a special occasion.



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