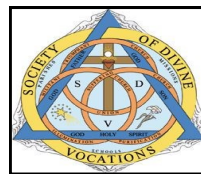




Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

08/22/2020 - 08/30/2020

Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



DAILY & WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASSES

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY
AT 9:00 AM AT ST. MARY'S

WEEKDAY 4:00 PM MASSES
MONDAY - FRIDAY AT
ST. MARY'S WILL RESUME
THIS WEEK ON TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 1ST.



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



Thank You for Your Generosity to
our Mater Dei Parish Churches

Week of August 23, 2020

Envelopes: \$ 3,354.25
Loose: \$ 1,698.75
Online: \$ 311.00
TOTAL: \$ 5,364.00



Budget: \$11,710.58
Surplus/Deficit: \$- 6,346.58

The quarterly collection for Vermont
Catholic Magazine is next weekend.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Sharpest Rebuke

The constant temptation of the good Christian is to seek a comfortable Christ, a Christianity made easy, a Gospel without tears. Such was the temptation to which even the Apostles succumbed. When Jesus makes it clear that He was destined to go to Jerusalem, to suffer and die there, Peter begins to rebuke Him. Poor Peter! Impetuous but embarrassingly honest! He meant well. He wanted to protect Jesus from harm only to receive the sharpest rebuke in the Gospel. Jesus had called the Pharisees a brook of vipers, blind guides, whitened sepulchres, but never Satan! "Get behind me, Satan! You are the obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way, but man's!"



Peter had exceeded his brief. As a disciple, he was correcting the Master. A disciple follows the master and walks behind the master out of sheer deference. Peter, instead, was trying to teach Jesus and walk in front of Him. Jesus turns and asks him to get behind Him. Be my disciple, not my master! With these words, Jesus was teaching Peter, the disciples and us an important lesson: he was a suffering servant, a Messiah who would be handed over to death. The cross was central to his message, mission and ministry. If we look for Jesus without the Cross, we will find the Cross without Jesus.



RCIA IS COMING SOON!
RITE OF CHRISTIAN
INITIATION FOR ADULTS



WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

IF YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, ARE THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC, WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH, OR WISH TO BE BAPTIZED, RECEIVE FIRST COMMUNION, OR BE CONFIRMED, WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO CHECK OUT THE FORMAL WELCOMING PROCESS INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

WHEN: EVERY WEDNESDAY - STARTING

DATE TO BE DETERMINED

TIME: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

WHERE: SR. MARY'S RECTORY

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL
DEACON WARD NOLAN AT (802) 624-4964
OR EMAIL: NEKDEACON@GMAIL.COM.



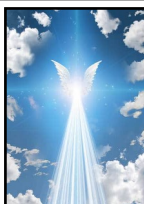
Keep In Touch With Fr. Denis

Fr. Denis would love to hear from
you! Write him at:

Fr. Deniskingsley Nwagwu, SDV
St. Cecilia Church
45 Wilus Way
Iselin, NJ 08830



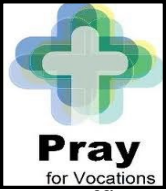
Please pray for the repose of the
souls of † Northeast Kingdom
Residents who passed away
during this past week and for
their grieving families.



Fr. Vincent Coppola, CSC

who served in the Diocese of
Burlington in Bennington and West
Rutland, is on a ventilator and in critical
condition following surgery. Please
pray that the Lord will bring him
healing and that those who love him
may be strengthened during this
difficult time.

“Oh God, You are my God whom I seek.”



As St. Augustine recognized, our hearts are restless until they rest in the Lord. Eliminate that which blocks your search for God. If you want to talk about your discernment, call Fr. James Dodson, Director of Vocations, at the Vocation Office at (802) 658-6110 X 2275, or visit vocations@vermontcatholic.org for more information.

FOOD SHELF NEEDS

Mater Dei's Food Pantry is looking for the following items this week:



mayo, mustard & ketchup

Food Shelf needs can be found on the Mater Dei Parish Website.

Query www.materdeivermont.com.

Thank you for your continued support of our food shelf and your generosity toward the less fortunate in our communities.

May God bless you!!



PARISH BLUE MASS

St. Mary's is hosting a Blue Mass sponsored by James Cardinal Gibbons Assembly 1157 4th Degree Knights of Columbus on:

Sunday, September 13th at 11:00 am

All are welcome to pray for and with our local Law Enforcement, Firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians.

In order to meet Covid-19 restrictions and seating at St. Mary's, please contact the parish office at (802) 334-5066 if you plan to attend.

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.

Call the parish office at (802) 334-5506 to reserve your light.



Please Wear a Face Mask

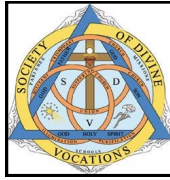


Help Stop the Spread

COVID-19 INFORMATION

It is up to all of us to slow the spread of COVID-19. Everyone, including young and healthy people should follow the Covid-19 mandates and wear a mask at all indoor locations .

Stay up to date with public health guidelines at cdc.gov and www.healthvermont.gov.



VOCATIONIST'S CORNER

“Vocations are born IN prayer and FROM Prayer; and only THROUGH prayer can they persevere and bear fruit. ~ Pope Francis

Christ Our Hope: Building A Vibrant Church



This month marks the official start of the **Christ Our Hope** diocesan campaign. Our parish goal is \$471,571 over three years.

You should have already received a packet prepared for each parishioner by the diocese. The packet contains a letter which includes a specific dollar amount that the Bishop and Fr. Rijo would like you to consider. Please review the campaign material and pray about your response. A member of our parish will be contacting you to answer any questions you might have and help you complete your donor card. Remember that 60% of your donation is returned to Mater Dei Parish.

“I have promised and I will do it, says the Lord.”

A REFLECTION ON THE EUCHARIST



For two months this year, our churches were closed for public worship, an unprecedented time for the Catholic Church in VT.

Even now, with our churches open for worship, we are still in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, and many are still hesitant about coming to Mass. Without being able to attend Mass, many have temporarily lost the ability to physically receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

Join Josh Perry, Director of the Office of Worship for the Diocese of Burlington, for a time of reflection on how the graces of the Eucharist are still available to us, even in these uncertain times.

Join us via Zoom on Saturday, September 19th from 11:00 am – Noon to consider how we can receive the real graces of the Eucharist even when we are unable to attend Mass. This hour of spiritual reflection is in place of our usual annual seminar for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. If you plan to join us, please contact Retha Piette at (802) 323-2433 or Mary Nolin at (802) 766-8829 by Monday, September 14th. All Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers are urged to attend.