



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

09/05/2020 - 09/13/2020

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 RESUMED ON
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



MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER ARE
AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.
MANY DATES ARE STILL OPEN. PLEASE CALL
THE PARISH OFFICE AT (802) 334-5066 TO
SCHEDULE A MASS.

Thank You for Your Generosity to
our Mater Dei Parish Churches

Week of August 30, 2020

Envelopes: \$ 4,063.00
Loose: \$ 3,999.73
Online: \$ 346.00
TOTAL: \$ 8,408.73

VT. Catholic Magazine: \$502.00

Budget: \$11,710.58
Surplus/Deficit: \$- 3,301.85



There is a second collection next week for Insurance.
Please be as generous as possible.

Fraternal Correction

Fraternal correction springs from true charity. We correct not because we are itching with irritation or intolerance; we correct not because we consider ourselves better than others; we correct because we love and wish good of the person being corrected. That is how a good coach trains a budding athlete; that is how a good teacher helps a young student; that is how good parents help growing children. A sapling, if it is not corrected when it is tender and helped to grow straight, cannot be made straight once it has grown into a tree.



Fraternal correction is both a delicate and difficult art. We all need correcting because we are all imperfect, burdened with foibles and frailties. Correction is what we always need, but often do not want. We are quick to correct others, but are slow to take correction ourselves. In fact, we all stand in need of being corrected because none of us is perfect and without fault.

But this does not absolve us from the responsibility of correcting what is not right with courage, conviction, compassion, concern, and above all charity. We cannot condone evil; we cannot connive it. We need to correct it.



PARISH BLUE MASS

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

St. Mary's Tabernacle Light

burns this week
in loving memory of
Armand & Aimee Rose Laplume



Please pray for the repose of the
souls of † Evelyn Guillette,
† Pauline Guay & † Jason Wright
and for their grieving families.



Keep In Touch With Fr. Denis

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

Fr. Deniskingsley Nwagwu, SDV
St. Cecilia Church
45 Wilus Way
Iselin, NJ 08830
(723) 283-2300



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday,
September 7th to celebrate Labor Day.





“Where two or three are gathered, there I am in the midst of them.”

Make Christ the center of your interactions with others. (Matthew 18:20)
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.



VOCATIONIST'S CORNER

Fr. Tom and Fr. Benny have arrived! They are getting acquainted with the Northeast Kingdom. Please welcome them when you see them.



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: ST. MARY'S RECTORY

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

Christ Our Hope: Building A Vibrant Church

“You shall surely give to him, and your heart should not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the Lord your God will bless you in all your works and in all to which you put in your hand. [Deuteronomy 15:10]



The **Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church** campaign is now underway. This fundraising effort is our call to follow the earthly ministries of Christ - healing, preaching and teaching. Our parish will receive 60% of the funds we raise so we may address the many needs at all of our churches. God asks us as stewards to give with generosity and sacrifice in mind. Please prayerfully consider with your family if you might be able to contribute over the next 3 years through small sacrifices. Your sacrificial gift will be used for the glory of God, who always gives us everything we need.

Volunteers will soon begin making outreach calls to discuss the campaign and answer any questions you might have. Once you identify your gift, please complete your pledge form and return it to the parish office. You may also give on line by visiting the website christourhopevt.org.

“We - our faith family - will define campaign success. Let us join as one - as brothers and sisters in Christ - to reach our goal.” Fr. Rijs

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, via Zoom on Saturday, September 19th from 11:00 am – Noon for a time of reflection on how the graces of the Eucharist are still available to us, even in these uncertain times.

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.

FOOD SHELF NEEDS

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

Soups & Spaghetti Sauce

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



Knights of Columbus September Meeting

Knights of Columbus members are requested to attend a meeting on:

Thursday, September 10th at 6:30 pm at St. Edward's Hall

Social distancing will be practiced and masks are encouraged. We continue with our mission to build the domestic church. Your attendance is truly appreciated and your ideas are valued.

A light social will be served.

