



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

09/26/2020 - 10/04/2020

Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!

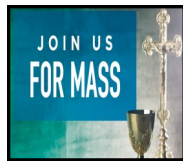


DAILY & WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASSES

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY
AT 9:00 AM &

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
AT 4:00 PM 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 & 11:00 AM @ ST. MARY'S



BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1ST, THERE WILL NO LONGER BE A 4:00 PM MASS AT ST. JAMES ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON. MASS WILL MOVE TO SUNDAY MORNING AT 10:30 AM.

TRUE OBEDIENCE HEALS

IN 1855, A YOUNG GIRL NAMED FERNIER, WHO WAS LAME, WENT TO ARS, FRANCE TO ASK FOR A MIRACLE FROM ST. JOHN VIANNEY. "MY DAUGHTER," REPLIED THE SAINT, "YOU DISOBEY YOUR MOTHER TOO OFTEN AND ANSWER HER BACK. IF YOU WANT THE LORD TO HEAL YOU, YOU MUST CORRECT YOUR DEFECTS. AND REMEMBER, YOU WILL GET WELL, BUT LITTLE BY LITTLE ACCORDING TO YOUR EFFORT TO CORRECT YOUR DEFECTS." THE YOUNG GIRL RETURNED TO HER VILLAGE, AND AS SHE IMPROVED, HER LEG BECAME NORMAL.

ONE MAY SAY THAT THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS PARABLE IS TO SHOW THAT TRUE OBEDIENCE CONSISTS OF DEEDS, RATHER THAN WORDS. ONE'S ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN - AND ARE FAR MORE IMPORTANT THAN - THE WORDS ONE SPEAKS. PERFORMANCE WILL FAR OUTWEIGH PROMISES.

1 SAMUEL 15:22 SAYS: "DOES THE LORD DELIGHT IN BURNT OFFERINGS AND SACRIFICES AS MUCH AS IN OBEYING THE LORD? TO OBEY IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE, AND TO HEED IS BETTER THAN THE FAT OF RAMS."

OUR OBEDIENCE TO THE WILL OF GOD IS THE MOST PLEASING TO THE GOOD LORD, AND WHOEVER FOLLOWS THE WILL OF GOD WILL BEGIN TO SEE MIRACLES HAPPENING IN THEIR LIVES.



Thank You for Your Generosity to our Mater Dei Parish Churches

Week of September 20, 2020



Envelopes:	\$ 3,802.00
Loose:	\$ 2,092.00
Online:	\$ 469.00
TOTAL:	\$ 6,363.00
Fuel:	\$ 1,372.00
Budget:	\$11,710.58
Surplus/Deficit:	\$- 5,347.58

2020 - 2021

Family Formation

Because of Covid-19 concerns, Family Formation will begin this fall with the

First Communion and Confirmation Classes.

First Communion: If your child is at least 7 years old or will turn 7 by May, 2021 and would like to receive their First Communion, please contact Fr. Benny at (802) 624-4912 with your child's name, parent(s) name(s) and telephone number.

Confirmation: If your child is between grades 7-9 and would like to be confirmed, please contact Fr. Tom at (802) 624-4103 with your child's name, parent(s) name(s) and telephone number.



Reverence for God and the Mass



Thanks be to God that our Mater Dei's Churches are open again for worship and that Mass attendance is increasing each week!

One way we show reverence for God is by honoring the worship service. Mass begins with an opening hymn and ends with a closing hymn. St. Augustine tells us that "those who sing pray twice."

We ask that you show your reverence for God and the Mass by remaining in your pew and joining in the closing hymn before preparing to leave Church. Thank you for your participation.



St. Mary's Tabernacle Light
burns this week in loving memory of
Theresa Brunelle

YOUR LIFE
HIS CALL



“Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths.”

The paths of the Lord lead to eternal life, if we but have the courage to walk where He leads. [Psalm 25:4]

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

Important Dates in October:

October 9th: Fr. Deniskingsley's Birthday

October 15th: Fr. Benny's Birthday

Don't forget to remember them with your prayers on their special day!



RCIA HAS BEGUN RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BEGIN LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH, PREPARING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, HOLY COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION, OR STARTING THE FORMAL PROCESS OF JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

CLASSES ARE HELD EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY.

THE NEXT RCIA CLASS WILL BE;

WHEN: OCTOBER 7, 2020

TIME: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

WHERE: ST. MARY'S RECTORY

TOPIC: DIVINE REVELATION

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL DEACON WARD NOLAN AT (802) 624-4964

FOOD SHELF NEEDS

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

Cereal & Canned Pasta

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

May God bless you all!



Christ Our Hope: Building A Vibrant Church

“Do not neglect to do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

[Hebrews 13:16]



You will be receiving your request to support the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* soon. Until then, please prayerfully consider what you can do to help and the impact of a successful campaign on Mater Dei Parish and the Diocese. Remember that 60% of our donations will come back to us so we may address our many needs, such as the roof and church windows at St. Mary's, the sound system and choir loft at St. Edward's, the church windows and parking lot at St. James, and the parking lot at St. Benedict's.

When a volunteer from our parish calls to discuss the campaign with you and answer your questions, please be receptive to their call and take a few minutes to talk with them. These volunteers are your fellow parishioners, your friends & neighbors, your brothers & sisters in Christ. They are serving God in their volunteer role. Remember that success comes only through prayer, dedication and sacrifice from our faith family. Don't forget to stay current with all the campaign news. Visit <https://www.christourhopevt.org/>.



K of C 300 Club Tickets

The Vermont State Council Knights of Columbus has 300 Club tickets to sell for \$50 each. There are 19 weekly cash drawings of \$100, \$75 & \$50. On the 20th week, the grand prizes of \$1000, \$500 and \$25 will be drawn. A few tickets are available. Please call Grand Knight Maurice Basseur at (802) 334-5501 to arrange to purchase a ticket.

Thank you for your support of the K of C.



Mater Dei Parish and Estate Planning

Are you thinking about the future and planning your estate?

Why not consider making Mater Dei Parish a beneficiary of your will? You can designate which one of our parish churches you would like your gift to go to, and earmark your contribution for a specific project or need. Our needs are many and we rely on the generosity of our wonderful parishioners to meet these needs. Please keep Mater Dei Parish in your prayers as you make these important decisions. Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

Please Support our Bulletin Sponsors

Please support the businesses that advertise on our bulletin with your patronage. They need your help now more than ever.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of † Joseph Fournier, † Allen Raboin, † Mark Stewart & † Sr. Monica Blais who will be laid to rest this week and for their grieving families.

