



The Baptism of the Lord
01/09/2021 - 01/17/2021
Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



DAILY & WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASSES

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY:
 9:00 AM, & 4:00 PM & SATURDAY
 MORNING AT 9:00 AM. ALL MASSES
 ARE AT ST. MARY'S. THERE WILL BE
NO NOON MASS AT ST. MARY'S
DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

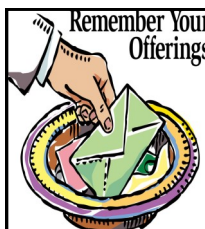
MASS IS ALSO CELEBRATED EACH
 FRIDAY AT ST. JAMES AT 4:00 PM

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY: 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
 10:30 AM @ ST. JAMES



Thank You for Your Generosity to
 our Mater Dei Parish Churches
Week of December 27, 2020



Envelopes:	\$ 5,527.00
Loose:	\$ 1,836.90
Online:	\$ 406.00
TOTAL:	\$ 7,769.90
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 1,801.85
Budget:	\$10,439.00
Surplus/Deficit:	\$-2,669.10

There is a special collection next weekend for Insurance. Please be as generous as possible.

Christ Our Hope:
Building A Vibrant Church

From our 700 parish families, Mater Dei has received 89 gifts totaling \$128,127, which is 27% of our parish goal.

Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to the campaign. If you have not yet contributed, please prayerfully consider how you can help. Every gift makes a difference. Your sacrifice will help us build a vibrant parish now and well into the future.



Keep Them in Your Prayers



Fr. Curtis Miller, Pastor of Most Holy Trinity Parish in Barton, has been suffering from a "non-Covid" illness and must recuperate and rest during the month of January. The Bishop has asked our Mater Dei Priests to cover Masses at St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church in Orleans, St. John Vianney Church in Irasburg and Church of the Conversion of St. Paul in Barton during Fr. Curtis' absence. Please keep Fr. Miller in your prayers for a speedy recovery and our Vocationist Fathers as they take on this added responsibility.

Tabernacle Lights



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 mark a special occasion.

Call the Parish Office at (802) 334-5066 to reserve your light.

CALLING ALL ST. MARY'S & ST. JAMES PARISH MEMBERS

ST. MARY'S monthly meeting will be on **Monday, Jan. 11th.**

ST. JAMES monthly meeting will be on **Monday, Jan. 18th.**

All meetings are on ZOOM at 6:00 PM. All parishioners are invited to attend.



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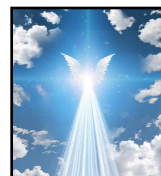
Pope Francis' Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord Jesus,
 As we start a new year, we pray for evangelization and for human fraternity.

Lord, give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, and open to all.



*Please pray for the repose of the souls of † **Pauline Bouffard** & † **Ernest Beauregard** and for their grieving families.*



Jesus Mary & Joseph





“This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.”

Are you considering making known the love of our heavenly Father as a priest, deacon, brother or sister?

Visit vocations@vermontcatholic.org

or contact Fr. James Dodson, Director of Vocations at the Vocations Office at **(802) 658-6110, X 2275** for more information.

VOCATIONIST'S CORNER



As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, let us recall our own Baptism, and remember that Jesus commanded us to go and baptize all nations.

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



Google: materdeivermont.com

You will find daily Mass streamed online at 9:00 am, opportunities to pray the Rosary and participate in Bible study, blogs by Fred Barker and Deacon Ward, daily messages from Fr. Rijo, the Mater Dei You Tube channel, and so much more!!!



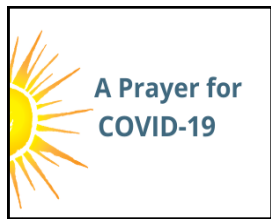
JANUARY 2021 K OF C MEETING

ALL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO ATTEND THEIR COUNCIL MEETING ON **THURSDAY, JANUARY 14TH AT 6:30 PM IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH BASEMENT.** SOCIAL DISTANCING

AND MASK WEARING WILL BE PRACTICED. WE WILL DISCUSS CURRENT PROJECTS. A LIGHT SOCIAL WILL BE SERVED AND NEW YEAR GIFTS WILL BE GIVEN AWAY. GIVE GRATITUDE TO GOD! SEE YOU THERE!

Prayer During the Covid Pandemic

Jesus, during Your ministry on earth, You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of Covid-19. May they feel the power of Your healing through the care of doctors and nurses.



Take away the fear, anxiety and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment for Covid or suffering from isolation. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends, and bring peace to all who love them.

“Heal me O Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for You are my praise.” [Jeremiah 17:14]

Baptismal Blessings



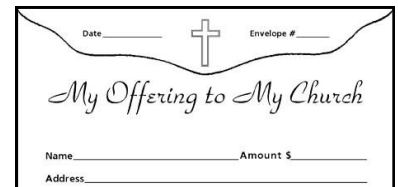
Towards the end of his second book, Isaiah invites the people to return to God. It is the prerequisite to receiving mercy and pardon. Israel needs to seek the Lord as one people because it has abandoned the Holy One who had been with them throughout their history, beginning with the Patriarchs. The period of Exile in Babylon was seen as a consequence of their failure to seek the Lord and His ways.

Jesus, as the restorer of the New Israel, renews the call of Isaiah to return to the Lord God. He surprises everyone as He himself sets out to receive the baptism of repentance. As He comes out of the water, a voice from Heaven reassures Jesus: “You are My Beloved Son”, reminding us of God’s words to Moses: “Israel is my first-born Son” [Ex 4:22]. Israel was the chosen one who received the blessing from the Father. So too, in the new covenant, Jesus is the chosen one who receives the love and blessing of God the Father. For John, all those who believe in Jesus as the Son of God, are born of God. Since we are baptized in the Lord, we too have a share in the inheritance of God’s children and merit His love and blessing.

How do we upkeep the blessings of our Baptism?

2021 Church Envelopes Have Arrived!

You will find the 2021 offering envelopes by the doors of each Church. Are you unable to find your envelopes where you usually attend Mass? Please add your name to the list next to the boxes of envelopes and call the parish office at (802) 334-5066. We will track them down for you. Thank you for your continued generosity to Mater Dei Parish.



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