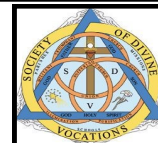




Palm Sunday

03/27/2021 - 04/04/2021

Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



MATER DEI MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASSES

ST. MARY'S: MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AT 9:00 AM IN CHURCH & 4:00 PM IN THE CHAPEL, AT 12:00 NOON ON WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAY MORNINGS AT 9:00 AM.

ST. JAMES: FRIDAYS AT 11:00 AM



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 March 14, 2021

Envelopes:	\$ 3,276.25
Loose:	\$ 1,501.00
Online:	\$ 492.00
TOTAL:	\$ 5,269.25
Budget:	\$10,439.00
Surplus/Deficit:	\$ - 5,169.75



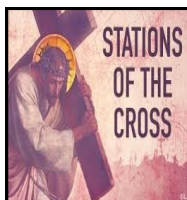
USHERS ARE NOW TAKING THE REGULAR OFFERING AT ST. MARY'S, ST. EDWARD'S AND ST. JAMES DURING THE OFFERTORY. ANY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER COMMUNION.

100% OF NEXT WEEK'S EASTER COLLECTION WILL REMAIN HERE AT MATER DEI. PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS POSSIBLE.

Stations of the Cross on Good Friday

Stations of the Cross will be prayed at each of our parish churches at 3:00 pm on Good Friday.

The Diocese is also offering livestream Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 7:00 pm. Go to vermontcatholic.org. Click on Lent 2021 and again on Live Stations of the Cross on the left side of the page.



Christ Our Hope Campaign

Mater Dei Parish has received its first reimbursement from the Christ Our Hope Campaign in the amount of **\$19,520.08** thanks to your generosity!!!

The next distributions will be in August, 2021, February 2022 and August 2022.

This money will be placed in a special account where it will not be touched for three years. The Finance and Parish Councils will determine how it can be best spent at each of our parish churches.

Remember that 60% of your donation is returned to our parish. If you have not yet contributed to the campaign, please prayerfully consider how you can help.



There Is Still Time to Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation Before Easter



St. Mary's: Saturday from 3:00 pm until 4:00 Mass

Sunday at 9:00 am and 10:30 am until 9:30 and 11:00 Masses

St. Edward's: Sunday at 8:00 am until 8:30 Mass

St. James: Sunday at 10:00 am until 10:30 Mass

Confessions are always available at the Rectory by appointment. Please call the parish office at (802) 334-5066 to schedule an appointment.

Adoration at St. Benedict's

April's Adoration at St. Benedict's will be on **April 10th & 11th.**

Join us in gratitude to reflect on God's greatest gift to the world.



A Message from the Food Pantry

We sincerely thank the parishioners of Mater Dei for their generous contributions to the food pantry. Because of your generosity, our shelves are currently well stocked! However, if you are able, a monetary contribution to the Mater Dei Food Pantry Fund would be greatly appreciated.

May God continue to bless all of you.

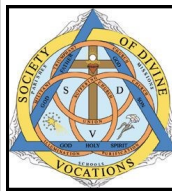


St. Mary's Tabernacle Light burns this week in loving memory of:
† **Delma Metras**

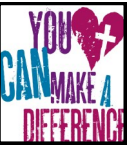


Please pray for the repose of the souls of the † **Victims of Atlanta, GA & Boulder, CO Shootings** and for their grieving families.

Jesus emptied himself and became obedient even to death on a cross. Are you willing to die to selfishness? Let Christ reign in your heart! If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, Visit vocations@vermontcatholic.org or contact Fr. James Dodson, Director of Vocations, at **(802) 658-6110, X 2275.**



VOCATIONIST'S CORNER
Fr. Rijo, Fr. Benny & Fr. Tom wish Mater Dei parishioners and their families a faith-filled Holy Week and a blessed Easter.



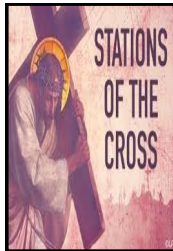
St. Mary's Roof Fund Update

OUR BILLS FOR PHASE I OF THE ROOF REPAIRS TOTALED \$183,297. WE HAVE RECEIVED \$140,467.55 IN DONATIONS, LEAVING US WITH A BALANCE OF \$42,820.45 STILL OWED TO OUR SAVINGS ACCOUNT. WE COULD USE YOUR HELP PUTTING THIS DEBT TO REST BEFORE POINTING BEGINS.

Thank you to all our generous parishioners and friends in our parish communities who have already donated to the Roof Fund!

Walk the Way of the Cross

The Knights of Columbus Fr. Gibbons Council #2285 are sponsoring a **Walk the Way of the Cross on Good Friday, April 2nd at Noon.**



The Stations of the Cross walk and prayers will be held at the Glorious Cross located on Glen Road in Newport. The location is the old Chamberlain Birch ski area, so **it is a steep incline.**

We are hoping to have people sign up to carry the cross a portion or half way between stations.

There are 14 stations and three crosses will be available to be carried as we stop at each Station for prayers. The hill is steep, but even if you are able to carry the cross only a short distance, someone else will take your cross to continue the path to the next Station.

What a wonderful way to experience a small portion of what Jesus endured on that first Good Friday. Knights of Columbus members will help carry the Cross as needed to make it easier, just as Simon helped Jesus.

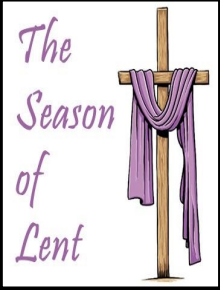
All are welcome to join us for what we hope will become an annual event.

Whether you want to just walk the Way of the Cross or would like the opportunity to carry a cross for a portion of the way, please plan to arrive by 11:45 am to start promptly at Noon. Please call Maurice at (802) 334-5501 or Anne Marie at (802) 895-4045 to sign up or with any questions.

We hope to see you there to walk Christ's path to Calvary with us.

Don't forget to wear your mask.

This Week is Holy Week
The Holy Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday - are commemorated on **April 1st, 2nd & 3rd** this year and are the holiest days of the liturgical calendar.
The services will be held at **St. Mary's at 7:00 pm each evening.**



Because of Covid restrictions, **you must sign up in advance to attend these services.** Sign-up sheets for each of the services are at all of our parish churches. If you have not signed up yet and would like to attend these services, please call the parish office at (802) 334-5066. You must sign up three times if you plan to attend all three services.

A special **Sunrise Mass** will be celebrated at **6:30 am on Easter Sunday at St. Benedict's.** All other Easter Sunday Masses will follow the regular Sunday Mass schedule at all parish churches.

All parish churches will be open from 3:00 pm until 4:30 pm on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday for those who would like to come to Church to pray in silence.

Please call the Parish Office if you have any questions.

Card Party for Fr. Charles Davignon!

Fr. Charles will be celebrating the 65th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood on April 7th!

We are hoping to "shower" him with cards of love, blessings & congratulations on this very special milestone.



Please send your cards to:
Fr. Charles Davignon
Michaud Memorial Manor
47 Herrick Road
Derby Line, VT 05830

Mater Dei Parish is so blessed to have this holy priest among us! Send him your congratulations and remember him in your prayers.

May God continue to bless him on April 7th and always!

Parish Office Closed

The parish office will be closed on Friday, April 2nd to observe Good Friday. The office staff wishes everyone a blessed and fruitful Holy Week.

