



Easter Sunday

04/03/2021 - 04/11/2021

Happy Easter!! 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 & ON 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 28, 2021

Envelopes:	\$ 4,873.00
Loose:	\$ 5,615.94
Online:	\$ 296.00
TOTAL:	\$ 10,784.94
Budget:	\$ 10,439.00
Surplus/Deficit:	\$ + 345.94
Vocationists:	\$ 1,244.31



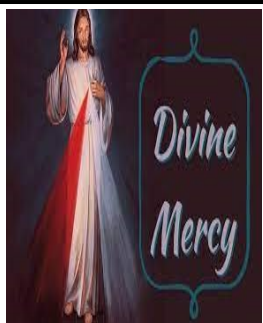
100% OF THIS WEEKEND'S EASTER COLLECTION WILL REMAIN HERE AT MATER DEI. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR FUEL. PLEASE BE AS GENEROUS AS POSSIBLE.

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 11, 2021

11:00 am Mass at St. Mary's
Adoration: 12:30 - 3:00 pm
Confessions: 12:30 - 2:30 pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 pm
followed by Benediction & Communion



"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment."

[St. Faustina Diary 699]

Join us at St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church next Sunday, April 11th at 11:00 am.

April is Prevent Child Abuse Month



National Child Abuse Prevention Month, also known as Child Abuse Prevention Month in America, is an annual observance in the United States dedicated to raising awareness and preventing child abuse. April has been designated Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States since 1983.

"I believe every abortion is a tragedy." [Diane Abbott]

Adoration at St. Benedict's

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

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



St. Joseph the Provider Feed the Hungry Initiative

Due to the pandemic, nearly 30 percent of Vermonters have been experiencing food insecurity since March 2020. In response to the crisis, Bishop Coyne began the St. Joseph the Provider Feed the Hungry Initiative to harness the goodwill of the Catholic community. Through our 68 parishes we are working to increase food donations and volunteer capacity at food shelves throughout the state so no one goes hungry. Together, as a Catholic community we can make a huge difference and answer the call to care for the most vulnerable among us.



The diocese is inviting Vermont Catholics to join the St. Joseph the Provider Feed the Hungry Initiative and participate in any of three ways: pray, volunteer & donate food. Go to vermontcatholic.org and click on Learn More to join the St. Joseph the Provider Feed the Hungry Initiative and receive regular email updates with inspiration, prayer, volunteer opportunities, food donation needs and stories about how Catholics around the diocese are pitching in to alleviate hunger in Vermont.

"St. Joseph has the power to assist us in all causes, in every necessity, in every undertaking."

[St. Thomas Aquinas]

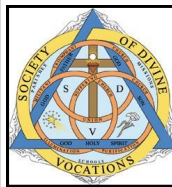


Please pray for the repose of the soul of † **Maureen Fountain** and for her grieving family.

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



The stone is rolled back; the tomb is empty! We must go out and tell the Good News. Rejoice in the power of the Resurrection! Alleluia! 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, X2275.**



VOCATIONIST'S CORNER

Fr. Rijo, Fr. Benny & Fr. Tom wish Mater Dei parishioners and their families a very Happy & Blessed Easter. May God Bless you all.

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, prayers, 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 very blessed to have this holy priest among us!

May God bless him always.

K of C April Meeting

All Knights are asked to attend a business meeting on Thursday, April 8th at 6:30 pm in St. Mary's basement.



Current projects will be discussed. Two Newport Farm & Garden gift certificates will be given away to those present. Fraternity and an April birthday cake will round out the meeting.

Bring a mask and fellow brother and give Glory to God. Hope to see you there.

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 even earmark your contribution for a specific project. 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.

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day on the **Second Sunday after Easter.**

Today, we know that feast as **Divine Mercy Sunday**, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.



The Lord expressed His will regarding this feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My mercy.



In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast. Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is not a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelation, nor is it primarily about St. Faustina.

The Second Sunday of Easter was already celebrated as the Octave Day of Easter centered on the theme of Divine Mercy and forgiveness. The title "Divine Mercy Sunday" highlights the special meaning of that day.