



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

08/14/2021 - 08/22/2021

Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



Congratulations to Fr. Roger Charbonneau!!



MATER DEI MASS SCHEDULE WEEKDAY MASSES

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



ST. JAMES: FRIDAYS AT 11:00 AM
ST. EDWARD'S: WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30 PM

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM @ ST. MARY'S
4:00 PM @ TROY

MASS IS NO LONGER CELEBRATED
ON SATURDAYS AT 5:30 PM AT
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 August 8, 2021

Envelopes:	\$ 4,327.60
Loose:	\$ 2,321.19
Online:	\$ 541.00
TOTAL:	\$ 7,189.79
Budget:	\$ 10,439.00
Surplus/Deficit:	\$ - 3,249.21



Bishop's Annual Appeal Update

We are almost halfway there!
Mater Dei's generous parishioners
have donated \$31,498.20 to this
year's Bishop's Annual Appeal,
which is 49% of our goal of
\$64,297.90!



Bishop's Annual Appeal

If you have not yet made a gift to
the appeal and would like to
donate online, please visit

vermontcatholic.org/giveonline.

Thank you for your continued support of this
important campaign.

FAMILY FORMATION IS COMING SOON FOR GRADES 1 - 6!



Grades 1, 2 & 3 will begin on **September 5th** at
9:30 am at St. Edward's Parish Hall.

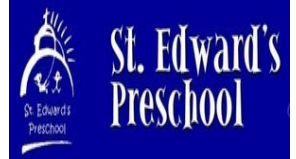
Grades 4, 5 & 6 will begin on **September 12th**
at 9:30 am at St. Edward's Parish Hall.

Registration forms are available online or at
the parish office. Completed forms may be
returned to the parish office in person or sent
to us via e-mail.

**The \$25 per child registration fee is waived
for all children registered by August 23rd!**

Please call Donna at the parish office at
(802) 334-5066 if you have any questions.

Job Opening at St. Edward's Preschool



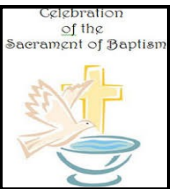
Are you hardworking and
energetic? Do you love kids?

St. Edward's Preschool is looking for you!

The preschool still has an opening for another
part-time teacher for one afternoon a week.
Experience in a school setting or caring for young
children is preferred, but will train the right
person.

Interested individuals should contact Preschool
Director Theresa Forbes at (802) 334-8877 for
more information or to apply.

Welcome to the Mater Dei Parish Family



ISAAC MAGEE

received the Sacrament of Baptism
at St. Edward's on **August 14, 2021**
and became the newest member of
Mater Dei Parish.

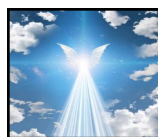
*Heavenly Father, surround this child with
Your love and protect him from evil. Fill
Isaac with the Holy Spirit and receive him
into the family of Your church, that he
may walk with us in the way of Christ*

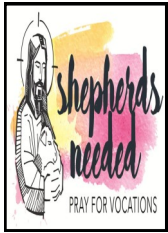


Coming this Weekend!

Raffle Tickets! Limited number of
Tickets sold...30 prizes...Top prize
is 10% of ticket sales up to
\$10,000! Tickets available at the picnic!

Please pray for the repose of the
souls of † **Deceased Members**
of **Father Roger's Family.**

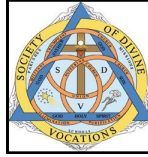




"I am the living bread that came down from heaven."

Are you called to keep your eyes fixed on Christ and run the race of faith to heaven as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? If you think God is calling you to religious life, contact

Fr. James Dodson, Director of Vocations, at
(802) 658-6110, X 2275 or visit
vocations@vermontcatholic.org.



VOCATIONIST'S CORNER

Mater Dei Parish was blessed this week by a visit from our old friend Fr. Deniskingsley and we were able to celebrate the 13th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood with him!

The Assumption of Mary



The Assumption of Mary was defined as a dogma of the Catholic faith on November 1, 1950 by Pope Pius XII.

Pope Pius proclaimed the belief that the Blessed Virgin Mary, at the end of her earthly life, was taken up, body and soul, into the glory of Heaven with her Son Jesus Christ. This proclamation was a formal declaration of what the faithful already believed and practiced. The Pope did not state how or when the Assumption took place - only the fact that our Blessed Mother's body was assumed or "taken up" into Heaven. With that, an ancient belief became Catholic doctrine, and the Assumption was declared a truth revealed by God.

There is no evidence that Mary died or was buried. In today's reading from the Book of Revelation, John describes how a "great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars". Chapter 45 in Psalms notes that "the queen takes her place at your right hand, arrayed in gold". These passages seem to describe Mary in Heaven.

As we celebrate the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary, we affirm that she is our guide in everything and a role model for Christian believers. Mary was conceived without original sin, and was born to be the first and perfect disciple of the Lord. We look to Mary for guidance, and learn by her example of faith and virtue.

On this Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we celebrate Mary being taken up - assumed - body and soul into Heaven. When we die, our bodies will decay, wither, and return to the elements, but our souls will face the final judgement; for the just, body and soul will be united.

Today, let us look to our Blessed Mother and follow her example. By meditating on this Solemnity, we pray that Mary will lead us to be closer to God, that she will show us the ways to holiness, that we may be strengthened by the Eucharist - the Heavenly Bread, and that she will give us hope for the future and bring us closer to her Son, Jesus Christ.

The song, *Hail Mary: Gentle Woman*, asks the Blessed Virgin to "teach us wisdom, teach us love". Let us pray to Mary every day with the Rosary to inspire our journey of faith to know her Son. Amen

From All of Us at St. James the Greater...

The weather may have been dreary in Island Pond on the morning of July 25th, but it was truly a beautiful day in the neighborhood!



We would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped us celebrate our wonderful 150th year anniversary! It was a great success! It was a success because of all the hard working volunteers who gave us their time and expertise to plan our special event, clean and decorate the church, invite our guests, and prepare the liturgy program. St. James owes a debt of gratitude to Anita Gervais and Jocelyne Gervais who organized and spearheaded the celebration.

We especially thank Ellen Kane, Josh Perry and Cori Fugere Urban who came from the Diocese to celebrate with us. St. James is most grateful to Bishop Christopher Coyne for joining us to celebrate our anniversary Mass.

We truly appreciated the presence of our treasured retired priests Fr. Leo Bilodeau and Fr. Roger Charbonneau, our former pastor Fr. Michael Reardon, SDV, and our Deacon Ward Nolan. We are also grateful to our Vocationist Fathers, Fr. Rijo, Fr. Benny and Fr. Tom, who support us, not only on special days, but every day of the year.

We also thank our First Communicants and their families for sharing their special day with us. We are grateful to everyone who came from Mater Dei's other parish churches and from other parishes to worship with us and join in our celebration, as well as our own St. James parishioners for their presence and support..

Last, but definitely not least, we extend a special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the delicious brunch they provided.

May God bless all of you for helping to make July 25th such a special and memorable day.

St. Mary's Tabernacle Light
burns this week in loving memory of
† *Cecil J. Barton*



*The queen stands at your right hand,
arrayed in gold.*