Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday
04/23/2022 - 05/01/2022
Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!

Mater Dei Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

St. Mary's: Monday – Friday at 9:00 am in Church & 4:00 pm in the Chapel and at 9:00 am on Saturday Morning in Church.

St. Edward's: Wednesday & Friday at 5:30 PM

St. James: Friday at 11:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:00 pm @ St. Mary's
4:00 pm @ Troy

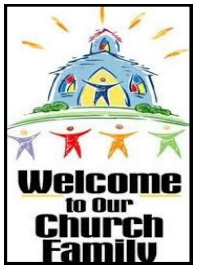
Sunday: 8:30 am @ St. Edward's
9:30 am & 11:00 am @ St. Mary's
10:30 am @ St. James

SATURDAY FUNERALS ARE RETURNING!

Mater Dei has begun to schedule Saturday funerals at all our parish churches starting **Saturday, April 23rd.**

Funerals may be scheduled on Saturdays until 12:00 Noon which will allow our priests time to prepare for Saturday afternoon Masses.

Welcome to the Mater Dei Parish Family!



CONRAD ASHBY GRATTON

son of

NATHAN & KATELYN GRATTON

received the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Mary's on April 18, 2022 and became the newest member of Mater Dei Parish.

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

If you have a child you would like to have baptized, please call Sherry or Adriana at the parish office at (802) 334-5066 to begin making preparations.

A special **HAPPY 72nd BIRTHDAY** to **Marc Proteau** who has been serving at St. Mary's Saturday 4:00 pm Mass for many, many years! Thank you for your dedicated service!

Thank You for Your Generosity to our Mater Dei Parish Churches

Week of April 17, 2022

Envelopes:	$ 4,821.91
Loose:	$ 3,898.00
Online:	$ 398.00
TOTAL:	$ 9,117.91
Good Friday (Holy Land):	$ 950.00
Weekly Budget:	$ 10,756.00
Deficit/Surplus:	$ -1,638.09

100% of the Easter Collection remains at Mater Dei Parish. Thank you for your generosity.

Doubting Thomas

For the Apostle Thomas, it was difficult for him to believe that Jesus had appeared to the disciples in his absence. He insisted on having a personal and verifiable experience of the Risen Lord. It is intriguing that the point of his verification was the suffering of Jesus. He wanted to see and touch Jesus' wounds.

Isaiah foretold: "…. He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities. Upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed (Is 53:5).

Thomas did not demand that the Lord perform a miracle or preach as He had earlier preached. He simply wanted to experience the Lord in His sufferings.

May the Lord help us understand the value of suffering in our own day-to-day lives!

DO YOU HAVE HIDDEN TALENTS?

Do you play the piano or organ? Are you willing to play at St. Mary's or St. Edward's? Nancy Goad has been accompanying St. Mary's Senior Choir for over 30 years and could use some backup!

Please call the parish office with your name & phone number at (802) 334-5066, ext. 2 if you are able to substitute when our regular accompanists are not available.

Thank you for volunteering!

"As the Father has sent Me, so I send you."

Do you have a growing interest in sharing the Lord's saving mission as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? If you are considering a vocation to religious life, contact Fr. James Dodson, Director of Vocations, at (802) 658-6110, X 2275 or visit vocations@vermontcatholic.org.

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH!

The Mater Dei Parish community joyfully welcomes our RCIA candidates who entered into Full Communion with the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil service.

Shauna Boisvert
Michael Hager
Joshua Ciampi
Kristopher Lauderbach
Danielle Schneider
Michael Thomas
Scott Winick
Lisa Linendoll
Brian Brown

During the Easter Vigil, these candidates proudly stood up and proclaimed their faith to the entire congregation. In return, we promise to pray for them as they continue their journey into the Catholic Faith.

If you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic or are considering joining the Catholic faith yourself, please call the parish office at (802) 334-5066. We are already planning for our September, 2022 class!

WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE

We wish to sincerely thank all our Mass Coordinators, music ministers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers & ushers from St. James, St. Edward's and St. Mary's for all their hard work & help during Holy Week.

We are also grateful to the decorating committees for making our churches so beautiful for Easter and to St. Mary's decorating committee for preparing for the Easter Triduum.

We give special thanks to Fred Barker and sponsors who taught and prepared our RCIA candidates to become our newest Catholics during the Easter Vigil.

Thank you all so much for your hard work and the time & talents you continue to so generously share to serve our Risen Lord.

Vocationists Corner

Mater Dei is looking forward to the canonization of **Blessed Fr. Justin Russolillo** on May 15, 2022 and to the celebration in New Jersey on May 29th.

Thank You for Dinner!

Thank you to **Robert, Lynne & Jillian Fortunati** for providing the delicious Fish Fry at St. Mary's on Good Friday.

Thank you also to the Knights of Columbus for their financial support and for all the volunteers who helped set up and clean up.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

TOTUS TUUS IS COMING!

Totus Tuus will be coming to Mater Dei Parish this summer **July 24 - 29, 2022!** Write it on your calendars; plan to attend; come spend a week with former friends and make new ones!

Totus Tuus is an energetic and fun Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship.

Grade School Program: 9:00 am — 3:00 pm
Monday, July 25th — Friday, July 29th
St. Edward's Parish Hall

High School Program: 7:00 pm — 9:00 pm
Sunday, July 24th — Thursday, July 28th
St. Mary's Rectory

Registration forms available at the Parish Office.
Grade School cost: $60 per student
High School cost: $25 per family
There is a maximum cost of $150 per family and scholarships are available through the parish.

St. Mary's Tabernacle Light burns this week for a Friend at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of † Robert Fortin, † Rita Lantagne and † Fr. Richard Tinney, who served the people of Sacred Heart Church in Troy from 1973 - 1982, and for their grieving families.