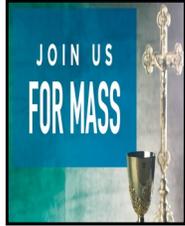




# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

07/16/2022 - 07/24/2022

Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



## MATER DEI MASS SCHEDULE WEEKDAY MASSES

MON – SAT: 9:00 AM @ ST. MARY'S  
MON – FRI: 4:00 PM @ ST. MARY'S  
CHAPEL  
WED & FRI: 5:30 PM @ ST. EDWARD'S  
FRIDAY: 11:00 AM @ ST. JAMES

## "SUNDAY" MASSES

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM @ ST. MARY'S  
4:00 PM @ SACRED HEART OF JESUS  
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 July 10, 2022

Envelopes:	\$ 4,084.18
Loose:	\$ 3,025.00
Online – OSV:	\$ 105.00
Online – eCatholic	\$ 189.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 7,403.18</b>

Fuel: \$ 1,910.00

Weekly Budget Expenses (5 year basis): \$ 10,756.00

Deficit/Surplus: \$ -3,352.82

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



## HELP WANTED!

Mater Dei Parish is looking for a Parish Catechetical Leader (PCL) to direct the

2022 – 2023 Family Formation Program.

Family Formation is the Catholic education program for our parish youth. The program runs from September through May and meets two Sundays a month for an hour each time at St. Edward's Parish Hall.

Candidate must be a practicing Catholic with a deep faith in God, have good organizational skills, and love children.

If you are interested in applying for this rewarding opportunity, contact Fr. Rijo at St. Mary's Rectory at (802) 487-9880 for an application.

## ONLINE GIVING UPDATE

The Diocese has changed the platform for online giving. If you support our parish financially by giving online or



are interested in learning more about online giving, please contact Donna at [finance@materdeivermont.com](mailto:finance@materdeivermont.com) or call her at (802) 334-5066, X 4 for more information. The OSV platform for online giving will no longer be available after August 31st.

Cards have been placed in the back of the churches for our online donors to put in the collection basket.

Thank you for your generous support of Mater Dei Parish!

## Stuffed Animals Needed

New or gently used stuffed animals in all sizes are needed for game prizes at the August 14th Parish Picnic.



Boxes will be provided at each of our parish churches for your donated stuffies. Please bring your donations on or before August 7th.

Thank you for your generosity.



## OFFICE PHONE UPDATE

The office phone system at the Parish Office in Derby Line is up and running! Contacting the parish office should now be smoother & easier.

The office telephone number remains (802) 334-5066.

Fr. Rijo's phone number at St. Mary's rectory is (802) 487-9880. The general phone number for the rectory is (802) 487-9881.

Thank you for your patience during our transition.

## Tootsie Roll Drive this Weekend



K of C members will be handing out tootsie rolls this weekend to benefit Orleans/Essex County Special Olympians. Any donation will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your help!

## HOSPITAL VISITS FROM OUR PRIESTS

FR. BENNY VISITS PATIENTS AT NORTH COUNTRY HOSPITAL EACH THURSDAY MORNING BEGINNING AT 9:30 AM.



*"Mary has chosen the better part."*



Today's readings give us pause to really think about what the Lord is trying to tell us. In doing some of my research, it was very interesting to learn about and understand the times many centuries ago. People traveled to many places, and some of those journeys were through desert, so it was just the gracious thing to do: to invite those travelers into your home for rest, food, and drink – just as Abraham did in today's first reading from the Book of Genesis. What hospitality! Abraham invited the three strangers to rest by the tree while he brought them water to wash their feet and offered them food and a place to rest. Is this not one of the Lord's greatest commandments – to "love thy neighbor"? But I do not think that Abraham was worried about being childless; he had great faith and trust that God would not forget His promise. And Abraham was rewarded for that faith and trust with the gift of his son, Isaac.

In his letter to the Colossians, St. Paul was faced with many troubles and difficulties in spreading the Gospel to the Gentiles. But he was undaunted by such sufferings. Rather, he embraced them as his way of sharing in the sufferings of Christ.

In Christ's time, it was normal for the women to prepare food and drink for their guests, just as Martha does in today's Gospel. But on the other hand, Mary just sat at Jesus' feet and listened to His teachings. We are seeing two different ways to follow the Lord: active and contemplative discipleship.

Martha represents active discipleship, while Mary represents contemplative discipleship. Which of the two is more desirable? It all depends on which calling we have received. Some of us are called to be active like Martha, while others are called to just listen and reflect on what Jesus is telling us. Sometimes we just need to relax and listen. Martha's active ministry lacked spiritual input and enlightenment; she was too busy working and worrying about other things. Mary, instead, took the time to be still and listen to the Word of God with faith and trust in Jesus' wisdom.

Another way to look at this is to remember to have faith and trust in the Lord, and pray first before beginning work so you will receive guidance, enlightenment, inspiration and strength from God. If we know that we will be very busy on a particular day, we need to spend more time in prayer. Work alone is useless, and prayer without reflection is meaningless. When a person works, it is only

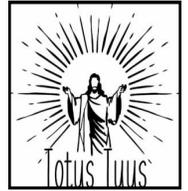


## Vocationists Corner

*Oh God, whom you have called St. Justin Mary the priest, to arouse generous responses to Your work of universal sanctification, grant us also, through his intercession, to discover and faithfully live our vocation for our Lord. O My God and my All! Saint Justin Mary Russolillo, pray for us.*

## TOTUS TUUS IS COMING NEXT WEEK!

Write it on your calendars! Totus Tuus is next week! Plan to come and spend a week with old friends and make new ones. Invite your friends to join you for a week of games, talks and loads of fun!



Totus Tuus starts on **Sunday, July 24th at St. Mary's** in Newport from **7:00 pm — 9:00 pm** for high schoolers and on **Monday, July 25th from 9:00 am — 3:00 pm** at **St. Edward's Parish Hall** in Derby Line for grade school students. Elementary school students should bring a lunch with them.

We are happy to announce that the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly and the K of C Councils from Newport, Orleans and Troy will be generously covering the cost of all Totus Tuus registration fees this year.

Don't forget to register! Registration forms are available at the parish office in Derby Line or from the Totus Tuus Coordinator Lorie Markush.



## INDOOR YARD SALE

WHEN: JULY 22ND & 23RD

TIME: 9:00 AM–2:00 PM

WHERE: ST. BENEDICT'S  
WEST CHARLESTON, VT

STOP BY TO PICK OUT A MEMENTO FROM ST. BENEDICT'S. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BOXES AND BAGS FOR YOUR TREASURES.



*St. Mary's, St. Edward's & St. James' Tabernacle Lights burn this week in love & support for the parishioners of St. Benedict Labre Church*

the person who works, but when a person prays, it is God who works.

So, when prayer comes before our work, we are confident that God will help us finish our work fruitfully and successfully with no more worries or stress.