

## Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

04/01/2023 - 04/09/2023

Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



### MATER DEI MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

MON – SAT: 9:00 AM @ ST. MARY'S  
MON & 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



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 NOON: GLORIOUS CROSS  
GLEN ROAD, NEWPORT

[FORMER CHAMBERLAIN BIRCH SKI AREA]

3:00 PM: ALL MATER DEI PARISH CHURCHES

PLEASE JOIN US AND WALK THE WAY OF THE  
CROSS WITH JESUS DURING THIS MOST HOLY DAY.



### HOLY WEEK REHEARSALS AT ST. MARY'S

MONDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 6:00 PM:  
REHEARSAL FOR HOLY THURSDAY  
TUESDAY, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 PM:  
REHEARSAL FOR GOOD FRIDAY  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 PM:  
REHEARSAL FOR HOLY SATURDAY  
RCIA CANDIDATES ARE ASKED TO COME AT 7:00  
ON WEDNESDAY FOR HOLY SATURDAY PRACTICE.  
ALL THOSE WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO  
PARTICIPATE IN THESE SERVICES ARE ASKED TO  
ATTEND THE REHEARSALS.



### Calling all Engaged & Married Couples!

#### "SPRING FLING" DATE NIGHT

Saturday, April 22, 2023  
St. Edward's Parish Hall  
59 Elm Street, Derby Line

Join us for Fellowship, Fun & Games and  
Door Prizes!

#### Babysitting provided free of charge!

Please RSVP by April 14th by calling the  
Mater Dei Parish Office at (802) 334-5066.  
Bring a dish to share if you are able to.  
Sponsored by Mater Dei Parish.

My God, My God, why have  
you abandoned me?



### Thank You for Your Generosity to our Mater Dei Parish Churches

March 26, 2023

Envelopes: \$ 4,238.00  
Loose: \$ 2,510.00  
eCatholic: \$ 490.00  
TOTAL: \$ 7,238.00



Vocationist Mission: \$ 1,580.00  
Weekly Budget Expenses (5 year basis): \$ 10,756.00  
Deficit/Surplus: \$ - 3,518.00

There is a special collection this weekend for **Repairs & Maintenance**. Our parish paid \$12,035 for snow removal during 2021. This is only one of many expenses supported by your Repairs & Maintenance Donations. Thank you for your generosity.

There will be a collection on **Holy Thursday** for the **Priesthood**.

The **Good Friday** collection is for the **Holy Land**..  
**100% of the Easter Collection remains at Mater Dei Parish.**  
Please be as generous as possible.



### LENTEN TIPS

- #1 Commit yourself to attending daily Mass once or twice a week during Lent.
- #2 Set aside 20 minutes each day to read the Bible.
- #3 Replace 30 minutes of TV time with praying the Holy Rosary with your family.
- #4 Attend Stations of the Cross at one of our parish churches.
- #5 Give three compliments to your spouse and children each day.
- #6 Pray for the person who has hurt you the most.
- #7 Apologize to someone you have hurt.

Your reward will be great!  
With Prayers & Blessings, Fr. Rijo

### HOLY WEEK PRACTICE AT ST. EDWARDS

All Altar Servers, Lectors and  
Eucharistic Ministers who volunteered  
to serve at St. Edward's on  
**Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or  
Holy Saturday** are asked to meet in  
church to practice for Holy Week on  
**Wednesday, April 5th at 6:00 pm.**

Anyone who has not signed up but would still like to  
participate is also welcome to join us.

Thank you for your dedication to St. Edward's.



### VOCATIONIST CORNER

Vocationist dates to remember  
in April:

April 23rd: Fr. Rony's birthday  
April 26th: Fr. Firmino's 15th anniversary of  
his Ordination to the Priesthood

### MATER DEI PARISH FOOD SHELF UPDATE

As we enter the holiest week of  
the liturgical year, the Food Shelf  
requests the following items for  
the week of April 2nd:

**canned/dried meats  
toothpaste/brush  
body lotion**



Thank you for your generous support of the  
Food Shelf throughout this holy season  
of Lent.

Please contact our Mater Dei Parish Food  
Shelf Coordinator Jen Patenaude, at  
(802) 238-0388 or email her at  
[agapepeace96@gmail.com](mailto:agapepeace96@gmail.com) with any  
suggestions or to volunteer.



### MATER DEI PARISH 50/50 RAFFLE

It's time to buy your Mater Dei  
Parish 50/50 raffle tickets!

Tickets are \$50 each or 3 for \$100.

Buy two tickets and get the third one **FREE!**  
There will be a total of 30 ca\$h prize winners!

Tickets may be purchased at the Parish Office in  
Derby Line or after weekend Masses at all our  
parish churches. Armand Belisle will be selling  
tickets at the entrance to the parish hall in Derby  
Line. Tickets will be available after each Mass in the  
rectory garage at St. Mary's. Raffle tickets will be at  
the church entrance at St. James.

Winning tickets will be drawn at our annual Mater  
Dei Parish Picnic on August 20, 2023 when we  
continue to celebrate Fr. Leo Bilodeau's 50 years of  
priesthood.

Last year's raffle netted \$49,000! Lets increase  
ticket sales and prize money even more this year!  
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

### With sincere sympathy...

Please pray for the repose of the  
soul of † **Madeline Pion**  
and for her grieving family.



There will be **NO Faith Formation on Monday, April 3rd** for St. Edward's and St. Mary's  
students **or on Tuesday, April 4th** for St. James students as we observe Holy Week.



### EASTER BANNERS AT ST. MARY'S

We have purchased 6 new  
EASTER BANNERS for St. Mary's.  
The banners are 2' X 6' and will be  
hung on the 6 columns in the  
center of the church for the  
Easter/Spring season. These  
banners will be used for many  
years to come!

We are looking for a \$100  
donation for each banner.

Donate in honor of a family or in memory of  
a loved one!

Due to timing, the banners will be  
embroidered with names at the bottom of each  
banner after the Easter season.

Each banner has a different word on them.

HOPE =

LOVE = THE COMEAU FAMILY

PEACE = CLARENCE & DOMINA NOLIN  
JOANNE NOLIN

FAITH = IN MEMORY OF ROGER DAGESSE

MERCY =

GRACE =

Please contact Carmen Comeau at  
(802) 334-7250 to reserve the banner of  
your choice. First Come; First Serve!!

### ST. JAMES NEW CARPET

Installation of St. James new  
carpet is now finished, just in time  
for Palm Sunday and Holy Week.

Many thanks to those who did the  
heavy lifting and installation to make sure this  
project was completed in time to celebrate this  
holy time in our liturgical year. Your dedication  
to your beautiful church sets a wonderful  
example of stewardship.

Thank you also to the parishioners of St. James  
for your patience during the installation.



### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed on  
April 6<sup>th</sup> for Holy Thursday, April  
7<sup>th</sup> for Good Friday and April 10<sup>th</sup>  
for Easter Monday.

The office staff wishes everyone a joyous and  
blessed Easter.

**St. Mary's Tabernacle Light**  
burns this week in loving memory of  
† **Jordan Carpenter**

