



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

08/12/2023 - 08/20/2023

Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



MATER DEI MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

MON – FRI: 9:00 AM & 4:00 PM @

ST. MARY'S

MON & FRI: 5:30 PM @ ST. EDWARD'S

FRIDAY: 11:00 AM @ ST. JAMES

SATURDAY: 9:00 AM @ ST. MARY'S

"SUNDAY" MASSES

SATURDAY: 4:00 PM @ ST. MARY'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

August 6, 2023

Envelopes: \$ 3,678.00

Loose: \$ 3,698.00

eCatholic: \$ 600.00

TOTAL: \$ 7,976.00



Vocationists: \$ 917.00

Weekly Budget Expenses

(5 year basis): \$10,756.00

Deficit/Surplus: \$ -2,780.00

Feast of the Assumption of the BVM



TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH IS THE
FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND
A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

Please join us for Holy Mass and
pray to the Patroness of Mater Dei
Parish to intercede for us in our
troubled country & world.

Vigil Masses: Monday, August 14th

4:00 pm: St. Mary Star of the Sea

5:30 pm: St. Edward the Confessor

Tuesday, August 15th

9:00 am & 4:00 pm: St. Mary Star of the Sea

5:30 pm: St. James the Greater

CEMETERY MASS IN ISLAND POND

Weather permitting, St. James' 11:00 am

Holy Mass on Friday, August 18th will
be celebrated at St. James Cemetery.

Please join us to pray for the deceased
parishioners of St. James the Greater. Church.



LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS



LECTORS PROCLAIM THE HOLY WORD OF
GOD FROM SACRED SCRIPTURE DURING
THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS DISTRIBUTE
THE HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS
CHRIST DURING HOLY COMMUNION
AND TO THE HOMEBOUND.



BOTH OF THESE FUNCTIONS ARE VERY
IMPORTANT IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY
MASS. CANDIDATES MUST BE PRACTICING
CATHOLICS WITH A STRONG FAITH AND FIRM
CONVICTION THAT THE DUTY THEY PERFORM IS
TRULY THE WORD OF GOD AND THE BODY AND
BLOOD OF CHRIST.

PLEASE READ THE INSERT FOR MORE INFORMATION

MATER DEI PARISH PICNIC

The countdown is on! Only
one more week until the
biggest and most fun parish
party of the year!

Please join us for **Mater Dei's
9th Annual Parish Picnic.**

Bring the kids! Bring your parents!

Come with your Grandparents!

Sunday, August 20th at Noon

St. Mary's Church lawn

Join us for great food, door prizes,
games for all ages and parish fellowship.

Special appearance by Mark Shelton!



**Have you bought your
50/50 raffle tickets yet?**

Tickets are \$50 each or 3
for \$100. Buy two tickets
and get the third one **FREE!**

30 ca\$h prizes will be awarded!!!

Tickets can still be purchased at the
Parish Office in Derby Line or after Holy
Masses this weekend at all our parish
churches.

Door prizes and winning raffle tickets will
be drawn at the picnic when we will
continue to honor Fr. Leo Bilodeau's 50
years of priesthood and have a second
surprise celebration...

Ticket sales have generated \$17,400.

Who will be the lucky ticket
holders? Do you have your tickets yet?
Can't wait to see you there!

NOVENA FOR OUR NATION

August 15th – October 7th

Visit: USGRACEFORCE.COM





"Fear Not, It is I."

Our Gospel today is a direct repetition of one we read less than a week ago. But today we find it in the same setting with two very lovely readings from the first Book of Kings and Paul's letter to the Romans.

There is a little bit of Peter in each one of us. We ride a stormy sea. We are so afraid. When we least expect it, Jesus draws near, but we fail to recognize Him. If only we could hear His reassuring words echoing across time: "Fear not, it is I!" If we were to banish fear, another bit of Peter would emerge, and we would echo his cry: "Lord, if it is you, tell me to come to you on the water."

Will we hear Him and dare to listen when He says, "Come"? Recall Paul's conviction and go for it..."I can do all things in him who strengthens me." Remind yourself that there will be no trumpets and banner headlines. God works in whispers and quiet ways. Note the gentle breeze that reassured Elijah in today's first reading. God was not in the wind, the earthquake, or the fire. God's whisper is no longer only for Jews, but for all of us who recognize that we are children of God: chosen, blessed, loved. And now we dare to get up and walk toward Him!

HOSPITAL VISITS BY OUR PRIESTS

Our priests visit North Country Hospital each Thursday from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. If you are a patient in the hospital and would like a visit from a priest, please call the parish office at (802) 334-5066. If you are not able to contact us yourself, either inform the hospital staff that you would like a visit from a priest or ask a family member to notify us.



If you would like to see a priest after 4:00 pm on weekdays or during the weekend, please call (802) 487-9881. One of our priests will receive your message and go to the hospital as soon as possible.



NEW TO MATER DEI PARISH?

WELCOME!! We invite you to REGISTER WITH THE PARISH. REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT EACH OF OUR PARISH CHURCHES AND AT THE PARISH OFFICE IN DERBY LINE.



VOCATIONIST CORNER

Are you considering a vocation to the priesthood? Ask yourself: What has God called me to do with my life? How does God want me to serve Him? What exactly does God want me to do for Him in this world? And most importantly, pray. God's answers to your questions will help you discern your vocation.

SAVE ST. MARY'S RECTORY CAMPAIGN

The fundraiser to repair St. Mary's Rectory has begun! Mater Dei's priests' home is in **URGENT** need of crucial repairs and we need your help!



From July 30th until August 27th, Gibbons Council Knights of Columbus will match your donations up to \$20,000!

Your help is needed **NOW** to provide our faithful servants with a safe home to live in!

Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus 2285 and write "Rectory Repair" in the memo. Your gifts can be placed in the collection basket during Mass or mailed to K of C 2285, P.O. Box 635, Derby, VT 05829.

Below is a breakdown of repair expenses:

\$17,900 — window & porch repairs
\$ 9,000 — rectory white trim painting
\$ 6,000 — roof & flashing leak repairs
\$26,500 — metal roof repairs & painting
\$69,400 — TOTAL rectory repair expenses

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you for responding to this call for help.

The Knights will update parishioners on the status of the campaign at the parish picnic on August 20th.



PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Join us for Bible Study:
Wednesday @ 6:00 pm: St. Mary's Rectory or on Zoom with Fr. Rijo.
Friday @ 6:00 pm: St. Edward's Parish Hall with Fr. Tom.

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



*With sincere sympathy....
Please pray for the repose of
the soul of † Margaret Gilman,
and for her grieving family.*