



## Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

08/26/2023 - 09/03/2023

Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



### WHAT A PICNIC!!!

Beautiful weather, the heavenly voice of Mark Shelton, great food, fun games, faith, fellowship and love all made for an outstanding backdrop to celebrate the **50<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary** of our beloved Fr. Leo and the bonus surprise **60<sup>th</sup> birthday party** for Fr. Tom.



It takes an entire family working together to organize an awesome event like our parish picnic! Attendance was estimated at between 350 and 400 people.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to plan and prepare for our **9th Annual Parish Picnic** this year. We are truly grateful to **Gibbons Council 2285 Knights of Columbus** who began planning months ago for our biggest parish party of the year. The picnic would not happen without them! Thank you to their wives and the many Mater Dei parishioners who came together as a team to create such a beautiful and memorable celebration.

Thank you also to **Carmen Comeau, Diane Laramie** and **Margaret Morrill** who organized the salads and desserts, and to everyone who made a delicious salad or baked a dessert to share with your fellow parishioners. Special thanks to **Roberta Bruce** and **Gail Singer** who made the beautiful (and delicious!) cakes for Fr. Leo and Fr. Tom. And let's not forget our **Grill Masters** who, as always, cooked the burgers, hot dogs and chicken to perfection.

Our picnic would not have been complete without games to entertain our young people. Thank you for all you added to the fun!

We are also grateful to all who worked so hard to sell tickets for our 50/50 raffle and to everyone who purchased them. Ticket sales generated **\$21,500!**

Finally, thank you to our parishioners who supported our parish by coming to the picnic. We hope you had a great time! May God's choicest blessings fall upon those who contributed either food or money, and upon the many who gave hours of their time to plan, prepare and accomplish this very special event.



Thank You for Your Generosity to our Mater Dei Parish Churches

August 20, 2023

Envelopes:	\$ 4,382.00
Loose:	\$ 3,133.00
eCatholic:	\$ 298.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 7,813.00</b>

Assumption of Mary:	\$ 1,133.00
Insurance:	\$ 1,206.00
Weekly Budget Expenses	
(5 year basis):	\$10,756.00
Deficit/Surplus:	\$ -2,943.00



2023/2024 Insurance Bill: **\$56,463.00**

Total Insurance Collections

2023/2024: **\$ 5,402.50**

Remaining Insurance Bill: **\$50,060.50**

There is a second collection this weekend for **Vermont Catholic Magazine**. Please be as generous as possible.

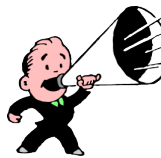
Archbishop Coyne will celebrate his final Mass at **St. Joseph's Cathedral**

29 Allen Street  
Burlington, VT

on **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 am.

A public reception will follow from 12:00 — 3:00 pm at the Doubletree Hotel, 870 Williston Road, South Burlington, VT.

All are welcome to attend!



**CALLING ALL  
MATER DEI PARISH  
COORDINATORS!**



Fr. Rijo has asked that

Coordinators from all our Mater Dei Parish churches to please attend a Coordinators & Liturgy meeting on:

**Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm**  
at **St. Mary's Rectory**

Your attendance and input are very important!

### 2023 – 2024 FAITH FORMATION SCHOOL YEAR



**Faith Formation**

Plans are underway for Faith Formation's new school year which will begin in October.

If you would like to help, please

call Mary at the parish office at (802) 624-4970.

Watch the bulletin for updates as plans progress.



JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



## 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



## SAVE ST. MARY'S RECTORY CAMPAIGN



The fundraiser to repair St. Mary's Rectory is going very well! At the parish picnic, the Knights announced that

**\$38,150** in contributions have been received plus the **\$20,000** in matching funds donated by the K of C, for a total of **\$58,150!** Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The total cost of repairs is **\$77,000**, so your help is still needed. If you have not already donated to the campaign, please consider making a gift today. 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.

The Knights of Columbus unveiled a thermometer at the parish picnic to keep track of the progress of the fundraiser. Any money donated over the goal will be set aside for future needed repairs to St. Mary's Rectory.

May God bless you for responding to this urgent call for help.

## VOCATIONISTS' RAFFLE

The annual Vocationists' Raffle will be starting soon! Tickets are \$5 each. Buy a book for \$20 and receive 2 tickets **free!**



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

*St. James Tabernacle Light  
burns this week in loving memory  
of: † Lorraine Caouette*

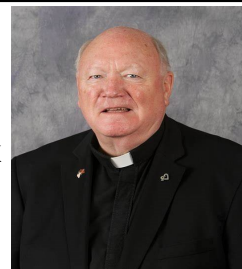


## VOCATIONIST CORNER

From the beginning, Saint Justin requested that all religious in their Congregation not use common greetings such as "Good Morning", but instead use the words "Jesus, Mary & Joseph!" when they greeted each other. St. Justin wanted the Vocationists to remember the three relationships with which the Holy Family of Nazareth loved God: with the relationship of Son (Jesus), the relationship of Mother (Mary) and the relationship of Spouse (Joseph). That is why Vocationists joyfully greet you with the words **"Jesus, Mary & Joseph!"**.

## THANK YOU FROM FR. LEO

To all of the wonderful parishioners of Mater Dei Parish and Fr. Rijo, a very special thank you for the beautiful award of recognition of my 50th Anniversary of Ordination.



I have it in my office window, and it shows off all the colors of the rainbow. I will think of you all and the wonderful picnic celebration every time I look at it.

May our Lady, Star of the Sea intercede with our Blessed Lord to bring God's blessings on all of you, and give you His peace for your kindness and generosity.

Peace, Love & Joy,  
*Fr. Leo*



## RETROUVAILLE OF NEW ENGLAND A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Retrouvaille is a lifeline of hope and healing for couples seeking a better marriage. It offers a marriage program that teaches a new way to communicate with your spouse on a deeper level, providing hope, encouragement and practical tools to help rebuild a disconnected marriage.

For more information, query  
HelpOurMarriage.org or call (508) 271-7155.

*With sincere sympathy....*

*Please pray for the repose of  
the soul of † Barbara Testut  
and for her grieving family.*



**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.