



## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

09/30/2023 - 10/08/2023

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

September 24, 2023

Envelopes: \$ 3,130.00

Loose: \$ 2,971.00

eCatholic: \$ 415.00

TOTAL: \$ 6,516.00

Catholic Faith Formation: \$ 961.00

Weekly Budget Expenses

(5 year basis): \$10,756.00

Deficit / Surplus: \$ -4,240.00

THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
GENEROUS  
SUPPORT!

There is a second collection this weekend for **Repairs & Maintenance**. The parish paid \$15,925 for snow removal during FY 2022/2023. This is only one of many payments supported by your Repairs & Maintenance donations. Please be as generous as possible.



### Are You Registered Yet?

Catholic Faith Formation begins this week! Have you registered your children yet?

**St. James** first class is **Tuesday, October 3rd from 3:00 pm–4:15 pm at St. James Parish Center in Island Pond**. Can you help? Please call Anita at (802) 723-5006 if you would like to volunteer in any capacity.

**St. Mary's/St. Edward's** first class is on **Sunday, October 8th from 9:30 am–Noon at St. Edward's Parish Hall in Derby Line**. Please call Mary at (802) 624-4970 or Patricia at (802) 624-4912 if you would like to volunteer to help.

Patricia Petersen is Mater Dei Parish's new Parish Catechetical Leader (PCL). She can be reached at (802) 624-4912 or at [pclmaterdeiparish@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:pclmaterdeiparish@vermontcatholic.org). Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to help! Your support of our youth is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to seeing all our old friends again and making new ones.

### Welcome to the Mater Dei Parish Family



**MICHAEL BLAKE FLETCHER**

son of

**CAITLYN & BLAKE FLETCHER**

received the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Mary's on August 24, 2023 and became the newest member of Mater Dei Parish.

*Heavenly Father, surround this child with Your love and protect him from evil. Fill Michael 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 at St. Mary's Rectory in Newport at (802) 487-9881 to begin preparations.

### SAVE THE DATE

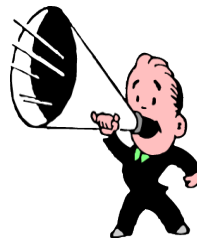
#### HEALING SERVICE

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

WITH FR. LANCE HARLOW

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023

6:00 PM



NEW TO MATER DEI PARISH?  
**WELCOME!! WE INVITE YOU TO  
REGISTER WITH OUR PARISH.**

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT EACH OF OUR PARISH CHURCHES OR AT THE PARISH OFFICE IN DERBY LINE. CONTACT US AT (802) 334-5066.

### 2023 ROSARY CRUSADE

Join us on:

**Saturday, October 14th**

**12:00 Noon at**

**Newport Botanical Garden**

**Railroad Square, Newport**

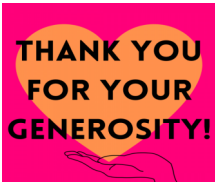
to pray the Holy Rosary together  
as a community.

For more information, contact Mary Staples at  
(802) 323-4847.



*Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

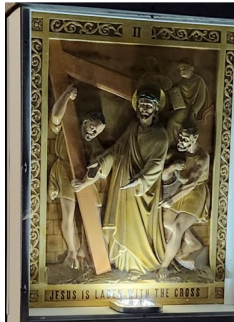
## THANK YOU TO POLLY DAGESSE



Mater Dei Parish is grateful to Polly Dagesse for her generous donation for the flowers that make St. Mary's grounds so beautiful. We greatly appreciate her continuous support of our parish. May God continue to bless Polly and her family.

## St. Mary's Outdoor Stations of the Cross

We are so Blessed to have these Stations of the Cross!! If you have not had an opportunity to see them yet, we invite you to the front lawn at St. Mary's to visit this very special garden. People have already begun to stop by to meditate on the Stations. What a beautiful spot for our parishioners to come to pray!



The garden is coming to life with the planting of Hydrangea bushes and lilac trees across the back of the garden and the installation of a split-rail fence across the front of the Stations. We are so thankful for the talented expertise and guidance of Robert Gosselin as our plans progress!

We are now offering opportunities for an individual or family to sponsor one of the 4 foot polished granite benches with backrests and the corresponding Station of the Cross. Engraving of the bench will be included.

Please contact Nancy Cook at (802) 334-5711 for more information or with any questions.



## ANNUAL PET BLESSING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023 AT 11:00 AM

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH

BRING YOUR BEST FRIEND(S) FOR A BLESSING AND GET ACQUAINTED WITH OTHER PARISH PET LOVERS.



*With deepest sympathy...*

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of † **Barbara Bartley.***

## VOCATIONISTS CORNER



Ticket sales for the Vocationists' annual 50/50 fundraiser raffle are underway.

Tickets are available after weekend Masses at all our parish churches, at St. Mary's Rectory in Newport and at the parish office in Derby Line.

Tickets are \$5 each or buy six tickets for \$20 and get two tickets free! Please make checks payable to Mater Dei Parish.

**Mater Dei ticket sales total \$320.**

Proceeds from the raffle support the Vocationists' Seminar program.

Winning tickets will be drawn on November 11, 2023 in Whippany, NJ.



## SPONSOR A WINTER COAT FOR A LOCAL CHILD

Knights of Columbus Gibbons Council 2285 is sponsoring "Coats for Kids" this year. Coats will be donated to local school districts with the goal of keeping every child warm this winter.

The K of C supreme office in Connecticut will match funds we raise locally to double the amount of coats we can distribute to our Northeast Kingdom kids.

The Knights are asking for a contribution of \$10 to "sponsor a coat" for a child. You can sponsor as many coats as you would like to. Every penny donated will be used to purchase coats.

Please donate by October 1, 2023. Coats will be distributed to local schools by November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Make checks payable to Gibbons Council 2285 K of C and mail to P.O. Box 635, Derby, VT 05829 or place your donation in the collection basket at Holy Mass.

Please call Mike Coutu at (802) 624-3828 or Keith Mandart at (516) 480-2076 with any questions. Thank you for your generosity.

## YOU'RE INVITED

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

OCTOBER 5 – 6, 2023

TRINITY PARISH HALL

EAST STREET, ORLEANS, VT 05860

DROP OFF: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH  
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT  
TAMMY GAGNON AT (802) 673-9859.

