



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

10/07/2023 - 10/15/2023

Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



MATER DEI MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES

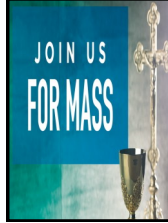
MON – FRI: 9:00 AM & 4:00 PM @

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



YOU ARE INVITED

Please join the Diocese of Burlington and the Benedictine Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Abbey in Westfield as they celebrate the elevation of their monastery to an abbey and the election and blessing of their first abbess, **Sister Benedict McLaughlin, OSB.**

Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 10:00 am
St. Mary Star of the Sea Church

The abbey in Westfield was founded as a monastery in 1981. It is part of the congregation of monks and nuns originally founded in France and present in 11 countries of Europe, Africa, North America and Central America. Due to the community's stability and growth, the monastery has been elevated to the rank of an abbey. On September 21st, Sister Benedict was elected as the first abbess of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Abbey.

Give her a heart full of compassion, wisdom and zeal, so that she may not lose even one of the flock entrusted to her care.

[Abbatial Blessing]



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

The parish office in Derby Line will be closed on Monday, October 9th to observe Indigenous Day (Columbus Day).



Thank You for Your Generosity to our Mater Dei Parish Churches

October 1, 2023

Envelopes:	\$ 4,171.00
Loose:	\$ 3,559.00
eCatholic:	\$ 486.00
TOTAL:	\$ 8,216.00

Repairs & Maintenance : \$ 1,912.00

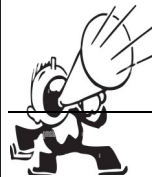
Weekly Budget Expenses

(5 year basis): \$10,756.00

Deficit / Surplus: \$ -2,540.00



There is a second collection this weekend for **Fuel**. Our fuel cost for 2023/2024 is estimated at \$63,180. Fuel collections for the new fiscal year total \$5,197. Please be as generous as possible.



SAVE THESE OCTOBER DATES

Wednesday, October 18th

Healing Service

with Fr. Lance Harlow

St. Mary Star of the Sea at 6:00 pm

Sunday, October 22nd

Bicentennial celebration of the founding of the Congregation of the Daughters of the Charity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on December 18, 1823 and the 118th anniversary of their arrival in Newport on October 24, 1905. The sisters taught many generations of Northeast Kingdom elementary and high school students until the high school closed in 1988 and the elementary school was forced to close in 2007.

PLEASE PRAY FOR FR. RIJO WHILE HE IS AWAY ON RETREAT FROM WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH UNTIL TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17TH.



ST. MARY'S WILL BE CLOSED OCTOBER 23RD & 24TH

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY & TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23RD & 24TH TO CLEAN THE CARPETS.



NO FUNERALS WILL BE HELD AT ST. MARY'S ON THOSE TWO DAYS. DAILY MASSES WILL STILL BE CELEBRATED IN THE CHAPEL.

THANK YOU FOR UNDERSTANDING.

There will be NO Catholic Faith Formation on Tuesday, October 10th at St. James in Island Pond.

From Rejected Stone to Cornerstone



Our food today consists of a sandwich of two lovely parables about vineyards....one from the Old Testament and one from the New, plus a beautiful instruction from Paul to his beloved Philippians. The parables are almost identical. Vineyards are prepared with great care and the owner can rightfully expect them to yield a rich harvest.

In the case of the Old Testament parable, the owner asked the sad question that must touch all our hearts: "What more could I do for my vineyard that I have left undone? It is rhetorical, but the implication is that God has done everything for us and may rightfully expect some fruit in return. Further sadness is stirred by the argument of the owner in the Gospel parable when he unfolds his plan to send his son to look for fruit: "Surely they will respect my son."

Both parables are powerfully direct in the message they want to proclaim. Each human heart is a vineyard, and each is expected to produce fruit. Paul describes that fruit for the Philippians and for us. We are to banish our worries; we are to pray; we are to seek truth, honor, holiness, and beauty; and we are to be open to the peace of the Lord.

May we be fruitful.

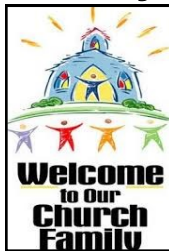
Welcome to the Mater Dei Parish Family

AVA JAMES CATELANO

daughter of

JAMES & MELISSA CATELANO

received the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Mary's on October 7, 2023 and became the newest member of Mater Dei Parish.



Heavenly Father, surround this child with Your love and protect her from evil. Fill Ava with the Holy Spirit and receive her into the family of Your church, that she 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.



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

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.



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.

2023 CATHOLIC WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, October 28, 2023

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

**Immaculate Heart of Mary
Parish Hall**



7415 Williston Road, Williston, VT 05497

Theme : Eucharistic Life: Bread of Life
& Bread for Others

Keynote Speaker: Sr. Paul Mary Dreger FSE

Registration: \$30 which includes lunch

Register online at www.vermontcatholic.org.

Please email Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org with any questions.



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

One of our homebound parishioners needs help with rides to medical appointments. If you are able to help, please contact Donna Marie at the parish office

on Tuesdays or Wednesdays between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm at (802) 624-4948.

Thank you for your help.