



**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**01/27/2024 - 02/04/2024**  
*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

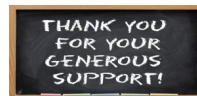


**Thank You for Your Generosity to  
 our Mater Dei Parish Churches**

*January 20 & 21, 2024*

Envelopes:	\$ 3,866.00
Loose:	\$ 2,431.00
eCatholic:	\$ 443.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 6,740.00</b>

Insurance: \$ 2,041.00  
 Weekly Budget Expenses: \$ 10,756.00  
 Deficit / Surplus: \$ - 4,016.00



2023/2024 Insurance Bill: \$56,463.00  
 Total Insurance Collections: \$ 8,666.50  
 Remaining Insurance Bill: \$47,796.50

There is a second collection this weekend for Catholic Education. The youth in our country desperately need faith-based education and enrollments are declining.

Please be as generous as possible.

**PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP**



*ALMIGHTY GOD, Eternal  
 Shepherd and guide, in your love  
 for us, grant to the Diocese of  
 Burlington a shepherd who will  
 lead us to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice  
 of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to  
 fill our minds and hearts with the truth of  
 the Gospel, the power of the sacraments,  
 and the desire to build up your holy Church.  
 Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

**WIN A WEEK AT LOON MOUNTAIN RESORT  
 IN LINCOLN, NH!**

K of C James Cardinal Gibbons  
 Assembly 1157 would love for you to  
 win a week at Loon Mountain  
 Resort in Lincoln, NH during the  
 week of **03/09/2024 - 03/16/2024.**

Raffle tickets are \$30 each or buy 2  
 tickets for \$50. Only 75 tickets will be sold. What  
 a great opportunity for up to four people to enjoy  
 relaxing by the fireplace and a week of skiing! The  
 drawing will be on Wednesday, February 28, 2024  
 during the Assembly's general meeting.

Call George Piette at (802) 323-2470 or email  
[georgepiette@gmail.com](mailto:georgepiette@gmail.com) to reserve your tickets.



**CALLING ALL MATER DEI PARISH  
 COORDINATORS**

Mater Dei Parish Coordinators from  
 St. Mary's, St. Edward's and St. James  
 are asked to attend a meeting with Fr.  
 Rijo on **Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm**  
 at St. Mary's Rectory in Newport.



Lent begins on February 14<sup>th</sup> so there is much to  
 discuss and plan for during this busy time of year.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO....  
 REV. MICHAEL REARDON, SDV**



Fr. Michael Reardon, SDV will be  
 celebrating the 25th Anniversary of  
 his Ordination to the Priesthood on  
 February 13<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Michael served  
 our parish from 2009—2015 and  
 was our first Vocationist pastor. He then served  
 as Fr. Provincial of the USA Quasi Province  
 Council in Florham Park, NJ until his retirement.

Send Fr. Michael a congratulatory card at:

Fr. Michael Reardon, SDV  
 c/o St. Michael's Church

172 Broadway

Newark, NJ 07104

He would love to hear from you!

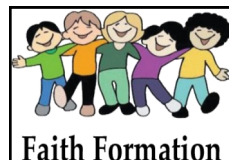


*With deepest sympathy...*

*Please pray for the repose of the  
 souls of † Claire Comeau, † Lionel  
Carbonneau and † Richard Krisak  
 and for their grieving families.*

*Save us, O Lord our God!*

**St. James Catholic Faith  
 Formation with Adoration** will  
 meet on **Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 3:00 pm** in the Parish Center.





## Thank You FOR All You Do .....

St. James the Greater Church in Island Pond is blessed with many generous people, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the wonderful Christmas season we were all able to enjoy because of them and those who are always willing to help throughout the year without ever receiving recognition for their dedication and work.

Thank you to our decorating team for the beautiful Christmas decorations, to St. James music leader and choir members for their time and dedication to make every Holy Mass special with their beautiful music and voices, the Catholic Faith Formation team, the Christmas Pageant team and children, St. James faithful Altar Servers at every Holy Mass, Lectors, Ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist, the Church coordinators and Parish Council members.

We especially thank Reno Gervais who has made it a priority for many years to plow the Church parking lot at no charge to the parish. Reno took over from his dad, Marcel, who also plowed the parking lot for many years. Your service to St. James has not gone unnoticed and is greatly appreciated.

Last, but certainly not least, we thank God for our priests, Fr. Rijo, Fr. Jim and Fr. Tom, and for all our faithful parishioners without whom we would not be able to enjoy our beloved St. James the Greater Church and be part of Mater Dei Parish.

May God bless you all!

## Get Your 2024 50/50 Raffle Tickets Early!

Tickets are now available for Mater Dei's 2024 50/50 Raffle! Tickets are \$50 each or buy 3 for \$100 and **GET ONE TICKET FREE!!**

Contact Mary or Margaret at the parish office in Derby Line to get your tickets.



**JMJ JESUS MARY & JOSEPH**

## VOCATIONIST'S CORNER O my God and my All!



### ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>



WE ARE LOOKING FOR PALMS TO BURN TO USE ON ASH WEDNESDAY.

PLEASE BRING YOUR PALMS TO HOLY MASS WITH YOU OR TO THE PARISH OFFICE IN DERBY LINE BY MONDAY, **FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>**.

BOXES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT EACH OF OUR CHURCHES FOR YOUR PALMS.

### BLESSING OF THROATS

St. Blaise was the Bishop of Sebastea, Turkey and a doctor of medicine. He was considered a healer and later, a "physician of souls". St. Blaise once cured a child who was choking to death on a fishbone, which led the Catholic Church to mark his feast day by blessing the throats of the faithful. The Feast of St. Blaise is on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our priests will bless throats at all weekend Masses on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.



### ASHES FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you are homebound and would like to receive ashes for the beginning of Lent, please call the parish office at (802) 334-5066, ext. 1 or 2 and we will schedule an appointment for you.

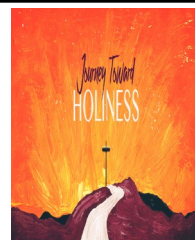
Ashes will be distributed to our nursing homes and homebound on **Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**.

Please call the office as soon as possible with your name, address and phone number to set up your appointment to receive ashes.



### PREPARING FOR LENT.... STRATEGIES TO EMBARK ON A PATH TO HOLINESS

1. STOP COMPLAINING & GOSSIPING
2. START PRAYING MORE INTENTIONALLY
3. FOCUS ON OTHERS IN SMALL WAYS
4. CONFESS YOUR MORTAL AND VENIAL SINS FREQUENTLY.
5. STUDY THE HOLY MASS
6. ASSIST AT HOLY MASS
7. LEARN AND LIVE THE TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH.



***"To save our souls we must live according to the maxims of the Gospel, and not according to those of the world." St. Alphonsus de Liguori***



**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,