



# First Sunday of Lent 02/17/2024 - 02/25/2024 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

*February 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

Envelopes:	\$ 3,353.00
Loose:	\$ 2,220.00
eCatholic:	\$ 5,440.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 11,013.00</b>

Weekly Budget Expenses: \$ 10,756.00  
Deficit / Surplus: \$ + 257.00

There will be a special collection this  
weekend for **Catholic Faith Formation**.

All donations remain in Mater Dei Parish to support  
programs for our youth.

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.*

## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS



Contribution statements are ready and have been mailed.

If you have any questions, please call Emily in Finance at (802) 487-9013 on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

Thank you for your financial support of our Parish.



## MATER DEI PARISH CONFESSION SCHEDULE DURING LENT

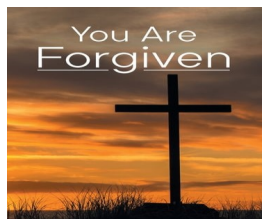
St. Edward: each Monday from  
10:30 am – 12:30 pm  
February 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>  
March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

St. Mary: Tuesday  
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm  
February 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>  
March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

St. Mary: Friday  
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm  
February 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>  
March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>

St. Mary: Saturday  
February 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>  
March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>

St. James:  
each Friday from  
10:00 am – 11:00 am  
February 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>  
March 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>



## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR ST. EDWARD'S & ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION STUDENTS

St. Mary's & St. Edward's Catholic Faith Formation students preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation are asked to attend a Sacramental Preparation class with Fr. Rijo on:



**Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Edward's Parish Hall.**

**10:30 – 11:30 am: First Reconciliation and First Communion candidates**

Ila, Katelyn, Vyelle, Emma, Quinn, Jeric, Sam, Anthony, Everett, Rafe, and David

**11:30 am – 12:30 pm: Confirmation candidates**

Arianna, Abby, Danny, Karlee, Clara and Landis

Reception of these Sacraments are very important events in the lives of our parish youth, and instrumental in the growth of their faith and relationship with Jesus. Please pray for them as they prepare to receive Jesus and the Holy Spirit in a special way.



## During Lent ~

The Gloria is not prayed during Holy Mass.

Alleluia is not used for the Gospel Acclamation. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ** is said instead.

*Repent, and believe in the Gospel.*



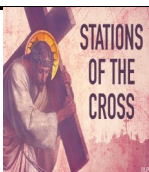
## LENTEN TIPS #1 & #2

#1 Commit yourself to attending daily Mass once or twice a week during Lent.

#2 Set aside 20 minutes each day to read the Bible.  
Your reward will be great!

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE FOR LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE PRAYED AT EACH OF OUR CHURCHES EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT



**ST. JAMES:** EACH FRIDAY AT 10:30 AM  
BEFORE 11:00 AM MASS

**ST. EDWARD'S:** EACH FRIDAY AT 5:00 PM  
BEFORE 5:30 PM MASS AND FR. TOM'S BIBLE STUDY AT 6:00 PM. JOIN US IN THE PARISH HALL AFTER THE STATIONS AND HOLY MASS TO ENJOY A LIGHT SOUP LUNCHEON WHILE YOU ATTEND BIBLE STUDY.

**ST. MARY'S:** EACH FRIDAY AT 4:30 PM AFTER 4:00 PM HOLY MASS

PLEASE JOIN US AND WALK THE WAY OF THE CROSS WITH JESUS DURING THIS HOLY SEASON.

## EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL SEMINARS DURING LENT



JOIN US FOR A  
**EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL SEMINAR**  
EACH TUESDAY DURING LENT  
from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM  
at **ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA.**

COME TO **KNEEL**  
COME TO **ADORE**  
COME TO **WORSHIP**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024**  
**SESSION 2: WHO IS JESUS?**

FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>: SESSION 3 – AM I SAVED?  
MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>: SESSION 4 – WHY A CHURCH?  
MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>: SESSION 5 – GOD IS WITH US.

MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>: SESSION 6  
THE STORY OF THE EUCHARIST  
MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>: SESSION 7  
BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

THE SEMINAR INCLUDES 30 MINUTES OF ADORATION, A SHORT VIDEO, AND DISCUSSION LED BY NORMAND RAYMOND, FRED BARKER AND RON KRISAK, MATER DEI PARISH'S EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL TEAM.

**PLEASE BRING THE PARTICIPANT HANDOUT AND STUDY GUIDE INSERTED IN THIS WEEKEND'S BULLETIN.**

COME TO PRAY TO THE ONE AND ONLY JESUS CHRIST IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST.

## VOCATIONIST'S CORNER



Mater Dei Parish warmly welcomes:

**Fr. Salvatore Mussella, SDV**

General Counselor for Formation

**Fr. Ciro Sarnataro, SDV:** Vicar General

**Fr. Leo Mulavarickal, SDV**

Provincial Counselor for Formation in the USA who will be visiting our parish **February 20—22**. Please introduce yourself and welcome them when you see them. We wish them safe travels and hope they have a wonderful visit.

## THANK YOU FROM FR. MICHAEL



Fr. Michael would like to sincerely thank Mater Dei parishioners for the cards, gifts and support he received for the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood.

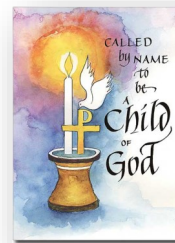
Fr. Michael plans to celebrate his anniversary with his Mater Dei Parish family during our Parish Picnic on August 18, 2024. We look forward to welcoming him back to the Northeast Kingdom!

## WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH!

### JEREMIAH ABHI

*was baptized into the Catholic Faith  
on February 10, 2024 at*

CHRIST THE KING KNANAYA  
CATHOLIC CHURCH IN CARTERET, NJ  
by Fr. Rijo in the Eastern Rite of the  
Catholic Church.



Fr. Rijo is one of a small number of priests ordained to celebrate services in either rite of the Catholic Church.

*May God's blessings of peace and joy be with  
Jeremiah and protect him all of his days.*

## SPONSOR A MATER DEI PASCHAL CANDLE



**St. Mary's Paschal Candle**  
is sponsored in loving memory of  
† Clarence & † Domina Nolin.

**St. Edward's Paschal Candle**  
is sponsored in loving memory of  
† Maud Snell.

Please contact the Parish Office at  
(802) 334-5066, ext. 1 or 2 if you  
would like to sponsor **St. James  
Paschal Candle** in the amount of  
**\$241.65.**