



## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

08/16/2025 – 08/24/2025

Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



COME ONE! COME ALL!  
IT'S FINALLY HERE!  
IT'S TIME FOR MATER DEI'S  
BIGGEST PARTY OF THE  
YEAR! OUR 11TH ANNUAL  
PARISH FAMILY PICNIC IS THIS WEEKEND  
FOLLOWING SUNDAY'S 11:00 AM MASS.

Thank You for Your Generosity to  
our Mater Dei Parish Churches

August 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Envelopes:	\$ 3,803.00
Loose:	\$ 3,010.00
eCatholic:	\$ 507.00
TOTAL:	\$ 7,320.00



Weekly Budget Expenses: \$10,756.00  
Deficit/Surplus: \$ -3,436.00

There is a special collection this weekend for **Insurance**. Mater Dei's insurance bill to protect our buildings and precious churches \$56,463. a year. Please be as generous as possible.



### LADIES OF MATER DEI PARISH

Mater Dei is forming a group of women parishioners who are interested in serving our parish. This organization will be a platform for women to come together as Catholics to pray, a place where they can offer their diverse talents for the good of the Church and the glory of God, and discover new opportunities to grow in faith and service to God and His Church.

We know you are already sitting in the pews of our churches! We know you have many talents to share! We know you are ready, willing and able to help!

Add your name to the sign-up sheet at the Church entrances or contact the parish office at (802) 334-5066 to join us.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

### BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSINGS



Are you ready for a new school year? There will be a special blessing for all students, their parents and teachers at all Masses next weekend, **August 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**, as everyone prepares to go back to school. Bring your backpacks and school supplies to be blessed too and invite God's presence and blessings into the new school year.

### THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

A BIG thank-you to Roger Piette for installing a window in Fr. Benny's office door and the conference room door at St. Mary's Rectory. Mater Dei is blessed to have so many talented parishioners who are always willing to lend a hand.

### With Deepest Sympathy....

Please pray for the repose of the souls of † Gilberthe Dubois,

† Sr. Rosina Bechard, FCSCI and

† Sr. Henrietta Lessard, FCSCI  
and for their grieving families.



## WHAT IS THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY?



Pope Pius XII established the Queenship of Mary in 1954 when he declared the dogma of the Assumption of Mary, body and soul into Heaven. He set the date for **August 22<sup>nd</sup>** each year, which is the 8<sup>th</sup> day after the Solemnity of the Assumption.

Pope Pius XII instituted the feasts so that "all may recognize more clearly and venerate more

devoutly the merciful and maternal sway of the Mother of God" [*Ad Caeli Reginam* encyclical].

Just as Mary shared in the Passion of Christ on earth, she shares in the Glory of Christ in Heaven.

Mary has a special exalted place as Mother of Jesus and the Mother of the Church who helps the faithful journey to her Son.

*Mary, Queen of Heaven, pray for us.*

## 50/50 RAFFLE UPDATE

As of this past Wednesday, raffle ticket sales totaled **\$24,050.**, making the 35% first place ticket winnings **8,417.50**, 2nd place (10%) is **\$2,405.** and 3rd place (5%) is worth **\$1,202.50**.



**THE WINNING TICKET MIGHT STILL BE OUT THERE, AND IT COULD BE YOURS!**

Winning tickets will be drawn **TODAY** at the picnic. You do not have to be present to win, **BUT WHY MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN?**

Tickets will be available after this weekend's Masses and at the picnic. Tickets are \$50 each or buy 3 for \$100. All checks should be made out to Mater Dei Parish.

See you at the picnic!

*"God will either give us what we ask, or what He knows to be better for us."*

*St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

*Feast Day: August 20<sup>th</sup>*



## VOCATIONISTS CORNER

The Vocationists first arrived in the U.S. on August 9, 1962. The Superior General, Rev. John

Galasso and the first two priests took up residence on Broad Street in Newark, NJ and were invited by the Archbishop of Newark to minister to the spiritual and social needs of the Spanish speaking immigrants who were increasing in number. As their work grew, progressed and took root, they were asked to take on the responsibility of St. Nicholas Parish in Palisades Park, NJ on March 5, 1982.

## 2025 BISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE

Mater Dei's parishioners have already donated **\$45,496.54** to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, which is **95%** of our goal of **\$47,740!!** Thank you for your generosity.

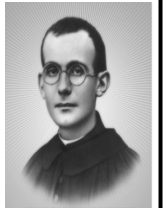


The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports Catholic education across Vermont, from parish religious education to the 12 Catholic schools throughout the state. With more than 2,000 students currently enrolled, your generosity ensures that these young people grow in knowledge, virtue and faith.

To learn more or to make a gift, visit [bishopsappealvt.org](http://bishopsappealvt.org).

## Friends of Fr. Justin

Mater Dei Parish is forming a **Vocations Prayer Group** to pray for vocations and to actively promote and support vocations in our parish. The group will



meet on the first Thursday of every month to ask God to give us many holy men and women for the priesthood and religious life.

The need is great — throughout the world, in our country and in our own state of Vermont.

If you are interested in joining the *Friends of Fr. Justin*, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the entrances to all our churches or call the parish office at (802) 334-5066.

You can make a difference!



**NOT BAPTIZED? NOT CONFIRMED? OR DO YOU JUST WANT TO BECOME MORE FAMILIAR WITH THE BASICS OF THE FAITH?**

**OCIA IS FOR YOU!**

It's how to become a full Catholic. First meeting is in **SEPTEMBER**. Baptism and/or Confirmation will be at the Easter Vigil.

For more information or to sign up, contact the parish office at (802) 334-5066.