



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

11/22/2025 – 11/30/2025

Welcome to Mater Dei Parish!



Blessing the Symbols of Christmas



Each Sunday during Advent, we will continue our tradition of blessing a symbol of the Christmas Season.

Next Sunday, **November 30th**, is the **first Sunday of Advent** when we will bless the **Advent Wreath**. You are encouraged to **bring a candle from home** to be blessed during Mass.

2nd Sunday of Advent — Christmas tree
Bring a Christmas ornament from home.

3rd Sunday of Advent — Christmas manger
Bring a manger figurine.

4th Sunday of Advent — Baby Jesus
Bring Baby Jesus from your Christmas manger.



Thank You for Your Generosity to our Mater Dei Parish Churches

November 15th & 16th, 2025

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| Envelopes: | \$ 4,495.00 |
| Loose: | \$ 1,654.00 |
| eCatholic: | \$ 675.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$ 6,824.00 |

Weekly Budget Expenses: \$10,756.00
Deficit/Surplus: \$-3,932.00



LECTIO DIVINA BIBLE GROUP

meets every **Friday at 3:00 p.m.**

at St. Mary's Rectory. Lectio Divina, meaning "Divine Reading", focuses on reading, meditating, praying and contemplating Sacred Scripture.

Join us and begin to read and understand the Bible in a more profound and spiritual way.

NOVEMBER 27TH IS THANKSGIVING

HOLY MASS ON THANKSGIVING WILL BE CELEBRATED AT **9:00 AM** AT **ST. MARY'S**. YOU ARE INVITED TO BRING BREAD AND WINE TO BE BLESSED DURING HOLY MASS.



JOIN US TO GIVE THANKS TO OUR HEAVENLY FATHER FOR OUR MANY BLESSINGS.

5th Annual Shopping with Santa Bazaar

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
NOON – 3:00 PM
NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY
UNION STREET, NEWPORT



Children get to meet Santa, buy gifts for those they love, enjoy treats at the North Pole food court and have loads of fun!!

YOU CAN HELP!!

Elves are needed to organize items, wrap gifts, help children shop and bake goodies for the snack area.

Contact Roberta Bruce at (802) 673-9127 to offer event assistance. Drop off items in front of the Armory on the left side of the porch near the wall. **NO CLOTHING PLEASE!** Only new or gently used items such as kitchen related items, candles, jewelry, household décor, men's ties, puzzles and games suitable for children to give as gifts.

Many thanks for your support & participation!



ST. EDWARD'S GIVING TREE

St. Edward's will be setting up their annual Giving Tree for Michaud Manor residents next Sunday, **November 30th**. The tree will be decorated with ornaments listing gift ideas for each resident.

Please take an ornament home and return your wrapped or bagged gift by **Sunday, December 14th** so the gifts can be delivered to Michaud Manor in time for their Christmas Party. **PLEASE BE SURE TO PLACE THE ORNAMENT GIFT TAG ON THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR PACKAGE!**

Thank you for your participation. Your generosity helps to make the Christmas season more joyful for the Michaud Manor residents.

Please contact Fran Scotte at (802) 334-7843 with any questions.

NEW MAGNETS ARE AVAILABLE!

MAGNETS WITH UPDATED MASS TIMES AT ALL OUR PARISH CHURCHES ARE AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND. PICK ONE UP AND STICK IT ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR AS A REMINDER OF OUR "NEW" MASS SCHEDULE.



"IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY, I WILL REMAIN STEADFAST IN MY BELIEFS AND UNWAVERING IN MY PRINCIPLES."

[ST. CATHERINE OF ARAGON – NOVEMBER 25TH]

St. Mary's All Souls' Tabernacle Light
burns this week in loving memory
of: † Frank Cheney, Jr.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING



O God, we come before You with hearts overflowing with gratitude. You are the source of every blessing in our lives and we are humbled by Your love and Your grace.

Thank You for the countless blessings You have poured into our lives: our families and friends, food and shelter, and for the eternal blessings of faith, hope and love.

Lord, we are especially grateful for Your constant presence in our lives, for Your guidance in times of uncertainty, and Your comfort in times of sorrow. Help us to remember those less fortunate and be a source of blessings to those in need. May Your love and grace flow through us to touch the lives of others. Amen.

ST. MARY'S GARAGE CONSTRUCTION

THE COST OF THE GARAGE CONSTRUCTION IS **\$25,000**. SO FAR, WE HAVE RECEIVED **\$17,295**, LEAVING US WITH A BALANCE STILL NEEDED OF **\$7,505**.



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE ALREADY GENEROUSLY DONATED! IF YOU HAVE NOT YET CONTRIBUTED, ANY AMOUNT YOU ARE ABLE TO GIVE WOULD HELP AND BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.



COATS FOR KIDS

The K of C annual Coats for Kids campaign was a huge success once again this year! Over the past three years, this effort has provided nearly 4,000 warm coats for children throughout Vermont.

This year, 1200 coats were collected state-wide and distributed to youth ranging in age from, toddlers through high school. Gibbons Council 2285 collected 18 cases containing 216 coats for our youth in Orleans County.

May God bless the Knights for giving Vermont children and families the gift of warmth.

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27th & 28th for Thanksgiving. The office staff wishes everyone a safe & happy Thanksgiving.



VOCATIONISTS CORNER

O My God and My All

This weekend is the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Mater Dei will celebrate the feast at St. Mary's with flags representing the countries served by the Vocationist Fathers. In addition to the U.S., the Vocationists serve the Lord in Italy, Brazil, Argentina, Nigeria, Philippines, India, Madagascar, Columbia, Ecuador, Indonesia, the United Kingdom, Chile, France, Canada, South Africa, Vietnam, and Australia.

DO YOU HAVE YOUR K OF C CHRISTMAS CHARITY RAFFLE TICKETS YET?

The 11th annual 24-day Knights of Columbus charity raffle is going strong! The 2025 raffle is their biggest one yet with over 80 prizes valued at over \$12,000 in cash and gift cards!!! Winning tickets are returned to the box for even more chances to win.



Ticket are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Members of the K of C are at all our parish churches before and after weekend Masses to sell tickets. Drawings are from December 1st – 24th. You can't win if you don't have tickets!!



WHY DOES EVERY CATHOLIC HOME NEED A CRUCIFIX?

1. It is a sign of Christ's Sacrifice.
The Crucifix reminds us of the greatest act of love in history: Jesus dying on the cross for our salvation.
2. The Crucifix is a source of protection.
Throughout history, the Crucifix has been a source of blessings and protection for families with a Crucifix in their home.
3. The Crucifix is a daily call to prayer.
When we see a Crucifix in our home, we are reminded to pray, to forgive, and to live with faith.
4. The Crucifix is a teaching tool for families.
For children, the Crucifix is living catechism. It becomes an opportunity to explain the meaning of Christ's sacrifice and to pass on the Catholic faith in a visual and powerful way.
5. The Crucifix is a mark of Catholic identity.
Having a crucifix in the home is a bold declaration of faith. It tells everyone who enters that this family belongs to Christ and that this home is under His guidance and protection.