

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

## ST. JAMES THE GREATER



### HUNTER'S SUPPER

St. James famous Hunter's Supper will be on **Saturday, November 17th** at **St. James Parish Center** on **Island Pond, VT**

**5:00 PM until all are served**

Enjoy a delicious dinner of baked ham & beans, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, chili, rolls, homemade assorted desserts, coffee and tea with your family and friends.

Cost is **\$10.00 for adults** and **children under 12 are free!**

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Anita Gervais at (802) 723-5006 or Jocelyne Gervais at (802) 723-6002. Tickets are also available at the parish office.

Come one and all!!



## Calling All VOLUNTEERS

St. James' monthly meeting for volunteers is held every **3rd Monday of the Month** at **6:00 pm**.

**St. James Parish Center**

### St. James Patriotic Rosary

**Saturday**  
**November 10th**  
**3:00 pm**  
**St. James**



**Catholic Church**

## ST. BENEDICT LABRE

**Join us each Sunday to Pray the Rosary at St. Benedict's**

1st Sunday of the Month: 11:00 am - 11:20 am  
2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays: 11:10 - 11:30 am



St. Benedict Volunteers meet on: **1st Monday of the Month** at **6:00 pm** at **St. Benedict Labre**



**St. Benedict's Patriotic Rosary**  
**Sunday, November 4th**  
**10:00 am @ St. Benedict's**

## ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA

**We're Planning A Party!!**  
Plans are underway to celebrate St. Mary Star of the Sea Church's **110th Anniversary** on **July 2019**



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### PARISH HALL UPDATE

St. Edward's Parish Hall is being spruced up with fresh paint and new curtains & shades. The preschool area and walkway between the Church and hall are getting new tile as well thanks to Ruthie Joseph's generous donation!

## ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

**St. Edward's Patriotic Rosary**



**Sunday**  
**November 4th**  
**8:00 am**

**Volunteers!!**



St. Edward's Volunteers meet on the **4th Monday of the Month** after **5:30 pm Mass** at **St. Edward's Parish Hall**



**St. Mary's Patriotic Rosary**  
**Sunday**  
**November 11th**  
**11:00 am**

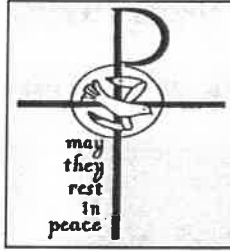


**St. Mary's Volunteers Meet**  
**2nd Monday**  
**of the month**  
**6:00 PM**

## We Pray for Our Lost Loved Ones During November

Please complete your All Souls Day envelope with the names of all your lost loved ones and place it in the collection basket. If there is not room on the envelope for the names of all your loved ones, write them on a piece of paper and place it in the envelope.

Envelopes will be placed on the altars of our Churches and prayed for throughout November.



## October Reflections

## Jesus Teaches His Disciples About the Kingdom of Heaven

During the month of October, we continued to read from the Gospel

of Mark. We learned from Mark that Jesus used private moments with His disciples to teach them about the Kingdom of God in greater detail.



In the first Sunday this month, the Pharisees questioned Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus and was regulated by the Law of Moses, but Jewish culture allowed only men the right to divorce their spouse. Jesus taught His disciples that remarriage after divorce was adultery, and applied His words equally to men and women. By stressing the importance and value of children throughout His public life, Jesus also emphasized the significance of marriage and family.

Jesus also taught His disciples the requirements for wealthy people to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus preached that following the commandments of the Law of Moses was not sufficient; believers must give up their possessions and follow Him. Jesus reminded His disciples that although it is difficult for a wealthy man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven, nothing is impossible with God. Our salvation is determined by our ability to rely completely on God.

Last week's Gospel began with James and John's request to be given seats of honor when Jesus entered His glory. Jesus used this opportunity to prepare His disciples for His suffering and death, and their future leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Although the disciples wanted to share in His glory, they did not appear to understand that it would be preceded by great suffering. In private, Jesus explained the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple.

In today's Gospel, we read the story of the blind man, Bartimaeus, who asked Jesus to be healed. Jesus restored his sight by telling him that his faith saved him. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal.

As Mark showed us in our readings over the past month, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through His suffering death and resurrection.



## Michaud Manor is Looking for an Exercise Bike!

Do you have an exercise bike that is gathering dust or being used as a clothes rack?

Michaud Manor would like an exercise bike for their residents to use. Please call the parish office at (802) 334-5066 if you have one to donate.

Thank you for your help.

## Masses for All Souls During November

Father Rijo will be celebrating Mass Monday through Friday at 4:30 pm at St. Bernard Chapel in Newport during November in memory of lost loved ones.

Call the parish office at (802) 334-5066 or sign-up on the calendar in St. Mary's Sacristy to reserve a Mass for your family.

This Mass is in addition to the regularly scheduled 9:00 am Masses at St. Mary's and 5:30 pm Masses at St. Edward's.

The Masses will begin on Thursday November 8th and dates are filling up fast, so call soon to reserve your Mass.



## Right to Life Baby Booties



Please return your baby booties by **Sunday November 4th**. Donations support Vermont Right to Life. Your booties can be placed in the baskets found at the entrances to our Churches.

Thank you for your generosity.

## St. Mary Star of the Sea Cenacles of life

Meets every **TUESDAY** to pray two Rosaries for the protection of all life @ **2:00 pm** at St. Bernard Chapel.

Contact Kathy Baker at (802) 334-6955.

