

Message from Fr. Rick

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

"If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that He raised Christ." (1st Cor 15:14-15)

With these words St. Paul explains quite drastically what faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ means for the Christian message overall: it is its very foundation. The Christian Faith stands or falls with the truth of the testimony that Christ is risen from the dead. If this were taken away, it would still be possible to piece together from the Christian tradition a series of interesting ideas about God and men, about man's being and his obligations, a kind of religious world view; but the Christian Faith would be dead. Jesus would be a failed religious leader, who despite His failure remains great and can cause us to reflect. But He would then remain purely human, and His authority would extend only so far as His message is of interest to us. He would no longer be a criterion; the only criterion left would be our own judgment in selecting from His heritage what strikes us as helpful. In other words, we would be alone. Our own judgment would be the highest instance.

Only if Jesus is risen has anything really new occurred that changes the world and the situation of mankind. Then He becomes the criterion on which we can rely. For then God has truly revealed Himself."

Pope Benedict XVI "Jesus of Nazareth Holy Week from The Entrance to Jerusalem to the Resurrection" pp. 241-242

**May 1st - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
Schedule at St. Thomas:**

2:00 P.M. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
2:10-2:50 P.M. - Confessions
3:00 P.M. - Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Benediction and Reposition

CD'S: Learn, Love and Live our awesome Catholic Faith more fully by supplementing your prayer life with our new CD's found in the "Faith Raiser" CD rack located in the back of our church. Whether in the comfort of your home or the privacy of your car, this is a great way to be enriched spiritually.

We ask for a mere \$3 donation per CD in order to cover the cost of the CD's. Your generous support of this program will benefit you and our parish-----Guaranteed!!

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE NEWS: Frank Babicz will chair our new Fundraising Committee with members Andy Dufresne, Laura Wells, Mia Groff, and Sharon Lockwood. The first meeting is scheduled for Thurs., May 12th, 7:00 P.M. in the sacristy. *If anyone else is interested in serving on this committee, please call Fr. Rick at 899-4632.*

SPECIAL DATES: First Communion at St. Thomas is on Sat., May 7th at 10:00 A.M. Confirmation at St. Michael's College is on Thurs., May 19th at 7:00 P.M.

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

April 23
SAT 8:00 PM - Easter Vigil at St. Thomas - For the parishioners of St. Thomas & St. Mary's

April 24
EASTER SUNDAY - Christ is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia!
8:30 AM - Repose of the soul of Zelma Vigneau by the Girouard Family
10:30 AM - For the parishioners of St. Thomas & St. Mary's

MON NO Mass

TUE 6:30 PM - For the repose of the soul of Audra Staples Delgado by Laura Wells

WED 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's followed by Exposition

THURS 8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary's

FRI 8:00 AM - In thanksgiving for the 6th Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Matano

April 30
SAT 4:30 PM - For the repose of the soul of Joseph O'Leary by Bill & Mary Bassett

May 1
SUN 8:30 AM - For the parishioners of St. Thomas & St. Mary's

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - April 30 & May 1, 2011

Mass	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lector	Altar Servers
4:30 PM Sat.	J Butkus C Ferreira	D Dufresne	Please help.
8:30 AM Sun.	Deacon Peter B MacDonough N Scott	A Bernasconi W Gardner	J Walko

THE PRAYER CHAIN? If you have a need for prayers for any reason, a group of parishioners have agreed to pray for your intention/s. You may give as much or as little information as you wish. Please contact Sandy Gosselin at 899-2060 or e-mail her at StThomasPrayers@aol.com.

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend: There are many dioceses right here in the United States whose parishes struggle to keep their doors open. These dioceses are classified as home missions and cannot maintain pastoral programs like catechesis, youth ministry, and seminary formation on their own. *The Catholic Home Missions Appeal* supports these dioceses by funding essential ministries, including aid to vulnerable parishes. Please be generous in this Appeal and help strengthen the Church at home. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas. Thank you.

Stewardship - April 16 & 17, 2010
(Weekly Offertory Goal = \$2,850.00)

68 Envelopes = \$2,337.00; Loose Currency = \$702.66
TOTAL = \$3,039.66

YTD Budget = \$119,700.00
YTD Actual = 117,077.88
YTD Shortage = (\$ 2,622.12)

Please remember to make up your contributions if you are away on vacation. Thanks.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday	4/24	<u>NO</u> Coffee Hour Today
Monday	4/25	7:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday	4/26	6:00 PM Confessions
		7:00 PM Exposition o/t Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday	4/27	6:00 PM Confessions at St. Mary's
		7:00 PM Exposition at St. Mary's
		7:00 PM Women's Prayer/Discussion Group
Thursday	4/28	7:00 PM Parish Council
Saturday	4/30	3:45 PM Confessions
Sunday	5/1	Divine Mercy Sunday Schedule:
		2:00 PM Exposition o/t Blessed Sacrament
		2:10-2:50 PM Confessions
		3:00 PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy
		followed by Benediction and Reposition

K OF C BREAKFAST: Looking ahead, the Knights will be hosting a Mother's Day Country Breakfast in the Parish Hall serving 8:00-11:00 A.M. Cost by donation. Why not plan now to treat Mom on her special day.

GRIEFSHARE is a seminar and support group for people experiencing grief and loss. It is nondenominational and features biblical teaching on grief and recovery topics. It features nationally recognized experts on grief recovery including interviews with Dr. Paul David Tripp, Dr. Larry Crabb and Elisabeth Elliot, as well as many others. Jericho Congregational Church is offering this to the community beginning April 28th. It will run every other week and start at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday nights. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall, downstairs of the church. If you know of someone who has lost someone close to them, please tell them about GriefShare.



.....in loving memory
of the following:

Judy Bernasconi
Douglas Fyfe
Susana Silmaro
Sergio Nisnisan
Marie Wigman
Bonneau Family
Leblanc Family
Nadeau Family
Dufresne Family
Baker Family
Elizabeth Fitzgerald
Pelkey & Rushford Families
Keith Family
Irene Potvin
Elinor Merle
Charles Delaire
Bernard Simpson
James E. Kessler
Deceased members of the Nadeau Family
Deceased members of the Monta Family
Walter J. Butkus
George A. Ippolito
Grace Richard
Irv & Ann Wejroch
Al May
Isabelle & Lawrence Day
Anna & John Harrison
The Babicz Family
Deceased members of the Langsenkamp Family
Deceased members of the Coates Family
Narcisse Boucher
Leonard Breault
Leona Breault
Tricia Altman
Frank Richard Dombroski
Martha Gertrude Dombroski
Alison Morse Dombroski
Allison Arnold Morse
Mathews & Fugere Families
Zelma Vigneau
Robert & Margaret Bassett

Mary Eustace
Kathleen Foley
Bill Claghorn
Ruth Claghorn
Roberta Eustace
Lauryn Stockdale
Connie Hanover
Antonio & Jeanne Lehouiller
Emmanuel & Laurette Lavigne
Conrad Lavigne
Ghislaine Kittell
Gerald Lehouiller
Francis Dolen
Richard Haupt
Lysle & Natalie Boulriss
Anselme & Violette LeCours
Stanley Davis
Genevieve Blakey
Mr. & Mrs. Frederick M Peyser, Sr.
Mr. Frederick M. Peyser, Jr.
Mr. Robert Van Nostrand
Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Van Nostrand
Russell H. Danielson
George & Beatrice Danielson
Charles Danielson
Joseph & Virginia Crivello
Mario & Frances Baudanza
Diane Baudanza
Nicholas Manecci
James LoGuidice
The Kelczewski Babies
Casimer "Henry" Kelczewski
Harold & Fern Blatchford
Ida Marinelli
Peter Frey
"Jasmine"
Ross Perri
Nathan Patnode
Robert Cody
Baby Bousquet
Joreen Silk
Raymond A. Nadeau, Sr.
Deceased members of Nadeau & Tyler Families
Deceased members of the Pollak & Belton Families



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Week of April 24th:

For the return to good health of Michelle Hedman

requested by the Dufresne Family

Please call the parish office at 899-4632 to schedule a week in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. \$10 suggested donation.



.....in loving memory
of the following:

Deceased members of the Boisjoli, Dufresne, Lessard & Raymond Families
Connie Hanover
Lauren Stockdale
Deceased members of the Pollak & Belton Families
Ruth Gardner
Edith Holsten
Janet Franck
Jill Malzahn
Brother Felix Gilsdorf

Deceased members of the Pollak & Belton Families
Alepee Family
Fleri Family
Mullaly Family
Quentin Family
Kristina Benes
Michael Kellner
Faith Kellner
Doris & Tom McMahon
Armand Charlebois
Ethel Charlebois
Ross Perri
Jean Graziano

Thank you to all who gave a donation to our Easter Flower Fund.

MATER CHRISTI SCHOOL in Burlington is accepting applications for all grades, pre-school through grade 8 for the fall of 2011. Mater Christi is a private Catholic school with a convenient location in the city. Its top-of-the-line technology, science, and math departments and its excellent writing program prepare students for success in both high school and beyond. As a ministry of the Sisters of Mercy, students are taught to be respectful of themselves and the world around them. Mater Christi offers enrichment programs such as Band, Drama, Odyssey of the Mind, Math Counts, and sports including Track, Cross Country, Soccer, Basketball, Baseball and Volley Ball, in addition to a regular afterschool program. Now is a wonderful time to visit Mater Christi's beautiful campus. Please call Mrs. Ellen Gerke, Director of Enrollment, at 658-3992 to arrange for your personal tour.

WE PRAY FOR

SICK: For all our sick: Jay Tisbert, Amy Tomasi, Viola Esterino, Maria & Tom Sweeney, Roland Boisjoli, Gasper Tavormina, Elizabeth Grant, Lorraine Bruns, Stan Koniuto, Jill Akerley, Anthony Minadeo, Nancy Guaman, Fran Morrisseau, Hilde Rivadeneira, Carmela Cardenas, Conlan Shaw, Mark Archambault, Shirley Dorcy, Darlene Klatke, Arvind Benkataraman, Don Beaulieu, Patricia Meagher, Frank Livingstone, Cindy Ryan, Kathy Blair, Roger Nadeau, Paul Keeler, Harriette Carson, Ann Kelly, Yvonne Cross, Lawrence Livingstone, Mary Stella, Arthur Frazer, Bret Johnson, Riley McLaughlin, Agnes Ghioni, Dina Remillard, Michael Chandler, Marlene Fitzgibbons, Pam Tierney, Emerson Royer, Cathryn Rotando, Yuriy Bihun, Silvio Desjardins, Madeline Lamb, Rachel McKnight, Mary Sevcik, John Lynch, Lynn McLaughlin, Olivia Pierce, Martha Wagner, Abby Wintersteen, Donald Potvin, Gary Strait, Scott Smith, Richard Masse, Anthony Giammanco, Kathryn Devlin, Erin Barch, Anna Tavormina, and Janis Peyser.

DECEASED: For all who have died, especially Msgr. Thomas Ball, and all deceased members of St. Thomas and St. Mary's parishes.

Other Intentions: Matt C., Jen G., Mike A., and Matt A. and David Driscoll.



Readings
For the Week

Mon., April 25
Acts 2:14, 22-33
Mt 28:8-15

Tues., April 26
Acts 2:36-41
Jn 20:11-18

Wed., April 27
Acts 3:1-10
Lk 24:13-35

Thurs., April 28
Acts 3:11-26
Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 29
Acts 4:1-12
Jn 21:1-14

Sat., April 30
Acts 4:13-21
Mk 16:9-15

Sunday, May 1
Second Sunday of
Easter
or Divine Mercy
Sunday
Acts 2:42-47
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 Pt 1:3-9
Jn 20:19-31

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APRIL 2011

Please consult the weekly bulletin for revisions to this calendar.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 3 (2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services includes support for Japan) 8:30 AM Mass 9:50-11:05 AM: Rel. Ed. Grs. 1, 3-6 at UCS; Grade 2 meets in church 10:00-11:15 AM-Rel. Ed. Grs. 7 & 8 <i>10:30 AM Mass at St. Mary's</i> 11:30 AM: Shadow Stations Practice in church 3:45-5:30 PM: Confirmation Class-Years 1 & 2 Last Class & Party	4 8:00 AM Mass	5	6	7 8:00 AM Mass at St. Mary's <i>St. Mary's:</i> 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00 PM - Stations 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Group	8 8:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM: Shadow Stations of the Cross	9 8:30 AM: Easter Vigil Choir Practice in church Extended time for Confessions: 3:00-4:15 PM 4:30 PM - Mass <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i>
10 8:30 AM Mass 9:50-11:05 AM: Rel. Ed. Grs. K, 1, 3-6 at UCS Last Class & Party & Rel. Ed. Gr. 2 meets in church for last Class, then Party 10-11:15 AM-Rel. Ed. Grs. 7 & 8 in Sacristy-last Class & party <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's</i> 5:30-7:00 PM: K of C POLISH DINNER	11 8:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM - Music Ministry Practice including Easter Sunday Mass	12	13	14 <i>St. Mary's:</i> 8:00 AM Mass (6:30 PM Food Shelf Set-Up Good Shepherd Lutheran Ch.) Holy Week Music Rehearsal: 6:30 PM - Tenebrae, 7:00 PM - Holy Thurs., followed by Good Friday Held in church - all are welcome	15 8:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM: Stations of the Cross	16 8:30 AM: Easter Vigil Choir Practice in church (9:30 AM-Food Shelf Distribution at Good Shepherd Lutheran) 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i>
17 PALM SUNDAY 8:30 AM Mass <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's</i> 7:00-9:00 PM: <u>Confessions</u>	18 Monday of Holy Week 6:45 AM: Ecumenical Morning Prayer at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 8:00 AM - Mass NO Finance Committee Meeting postponed until next Monday	19 Tuesday of Holy Week 6:45 AM: Ecumenical Morning Prayer at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 11:00 AM - Chrism Mass St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral Burlington 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass <u>NO Exposition</u> 7:00-8:00 PM - <u>Confessions</u>	20 Wednesday of Holy Week—Spy Wednesday 6:45 AM: Ecumenical Morning Prayer at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 8:00 AM-Mass of Spy Wednesday at St. Mary's NO Confessions, NO 6:30 PM Mass and NO Stations at St. Mary's NO Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp. 7:30 PM: Tenebrae at St. Thomas	21 Holy Thursday 6:45 AM: Ecumenical Morning Prayer at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church <i>(Fr. Rick will lead prayer today)</i> <u>NO 8:00 AM Mass at St. Mary's</u> NO Maintenance Meeting this month 7:30 PM—Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Thomas	22 Good Friday 6:45 AM: Ecumenical Morning Prayer at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church <u>NO 8:00 AM Mass</u> 12:00 Noon-3:00 PM: Ecumenical Good Friday Walk-starts at United Pentecostal Church, Jericho (Holy Land Collection) 4:30 PM: Good Friday Service at St. Thomas <i>7:30 PM: Good Friday Service at St. Mary's</i>	23 11:00 AM: Blessing of the Easter Food Please note: There is <u>NO 4:30 PM Mass at St. Thomas;</u> <u>NO 6:30 PM Mass at St. Mary's</u> (2nd Collection: Home Mission/Black & Native American) 8:00 PM: Easter Vigil at St. Thomas
24 EASTER SUNDAY (2nd Collection: Home Mission/Black & Native American) 8:30 AM Mass at St. Thomas <i>10:30 AM Mass at St. Mary's</i>	25 <u>NO</u> Mass 7:00 PM - Finance Committee Meeting	26	27 <i>St. Mary's:</i> 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00 PM - Exposition 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Group	28 <i>St. Mary's:</i> 8:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM: Parish Council Meeting	29 8:00 AM Mass	30
May 1 8:30 AM Mass <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's</i>						