

**WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES**

August 27 SAT	4:30 PM - For the repose of the soul of John Bonneau by Norman & Celine Leblanc  (Parish Picnic will start directly after Mass)
August 28 SUN	8:30 AM - For the repose of the soul of Ruth Bechard by Ed & Louise Mathews
MON	<u>NO</u> Mass
TUE	6:30 PM - For the repose of the soul of Alfred Thorburn
WED	6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's
THURS	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary's
FRI	8:00 AM - For a successful and safe school year
September 3 SAT	4:30 PM - In loving memory of Paul Nadeau by his family
September 4 SUN	8:30 AM - For the parishioners of St. Thomas and St. Mary's

**Message from Fr. Rick**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

It is natural for us to want to avoid suffering and to seek comfort and satisfaction. By contrast, in today's Gospel, Jesus calmly tells his disciples that He will suffer greatly. Peter says, "God forbid!" but Jesus rebukes him: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." What strange words! Why would people deny themselves and follow a man who promised such hardship? Yet follow Him they do, convinced that as they take up their crosses, they will experience a wonderful new life that is glorious beyond their dreams. Jesus assures us, "Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." So if we offer our lives, as Jesus did, we will find what we seek. The key is to unite our suffering with Jesus' suffering. "Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice," Paul urges, "holy and pleasing to God." Knowing that Jesus helps us carry our crosses, and that we are becoming holy and pleasing to God, we may rejoice in all our sufferings.

**BISHOP'S FUND 2011:**

The efforts for the 2011 Bishop's Fund are in the final stages. Our parish has raised a total of \$21,970.00 and this places us at **98%** of our goal of \$22,400.00. If you have not yet given, please help us reach our goal as quickly as possible, and if you have given, thank you for your generosity. Your gift, **whether big or small**, will help to support the programs and ministries of the Diocese and those who are in most need. **Every gift helps, even if you can give \$10 or \$20 it would help greatly.** Envelopes are available in the pews and at the church exits. Or, if you wish to pledge online, go to [www.vermontcatholic.org/pledge](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/pledge), or you may call the Bishop's Fund office at 802-658-6110.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE - September 3 & 4, 2011**

Mass	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lector	Altar Servers
4:30 PM Sat.	T Rivers P Stone	R Rivers	Please help!
8:30 AM Sun.	Deacon Peter M A Ledwith B MacDonough	A Bernasconi L Lynch Wells	B Herridge C Herridge

**Please note:**  
The new Liturgy Schedule will be mailed out soon.

**HELPING HANDS MINISTRY** - If you need help with transportation, minor repairs (not electrical, mechanical, plumbing or any requiring licensure), shopping, are suffering from a loss or would like a visit (not nursing care), please call the parish office at 899-4632. We will contact a volunteer from our Helping Hands Ministry. *All requests held in strict confidence.*

**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](mailto:StThomasPrayers@aol.com).

**FUNDRAISERS:** We would like to report the amounts raised for our parish during last weekend's events. Net profits are as follows: Yard Sale = \$2,546.50; Rummage Sale = \$252.05; Concession/Bake Sale = \$462.43. Big thanks to all the chairs—Louise Mathews, Kit Wheatley, Sharon Leonard, and Laura Lynch Wells, their families and all the helpers who came forward. Without you this could NOT happen! Thanks to those who generously donated items for all the sales, and all the people who shopped!! Hopefully we will see you again next year.

**Stewardship - August 20 & 21, 2011**  
(Weekly Offertory Goal = \$2,850.00)

49 Envelopes = \$1,487.00; Loose Currency = \$328.00  
**TOTAL = \$1,815.00**  
**YTD Actual = \$19,220.16**

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

**Did You Know:**

One in Christ Marriage Preparation assists engaged couples preparing for marriage. This new curriculum is steeped in the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Church in order to build a foundation for a lifelong commitment as husband and wife.

This service is subsidized by the Bishop's Fund.

**PARISH EVENTS**

Saturday	8/27	After 4:30 Mass	<b>ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC</b> (Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus) If you didn't know about the picnic, or are not prepared, please come anyway!
Sunday	8/28	1:00 PM	<b>Parent Meeting for Grades K-8</b> - in the Parish Hall
Monday	8/29	7:00 PM	Music Ministry Practice
Tuesday	8/30	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Confessions Exposition o/t Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday	8/31	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Confessions at St. Mary's Exposition at St. Mary's
Saturday	9/3	3:45 PM 4:10 PM	Confessions Rosary before Mass
Sunday	9/4	Have a blessed day!	

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

We are looking for a teacher for Grade 1 in the Religious Education Program. We invite you to come and share the grace of your Baptism and exercise the mission Christ has given to pass on our wonderful Catholic faith to our dear children in the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. If you hear God's call on your heart, respond to this call by contacting Laura Lynch Wells at (W) 899-4770, (H) 899-1120 or by email: [rel.ed@stthomas.com](mailto:rel.ed@stthomas.com).

## PARENT MEETING - GRADES K THROUGH 8:

The Parent Meeting for grades K-8 will be held Sunday, August 28th at 1:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall. Classes start again on Sept. 11th. The role of parents in the religious education of their children is primary and we look forward to assisting parents in the religious education of their children.

## REL. ED. & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

**INFO:** If you did not receive the parent letter explaining the procedures for registering your student/s in Religious Education classes, please call the RE office at 899-4770. Registration forms will not be mailed out—we now have available for your convenience registration forms and class schedules posted on our website, [www.stthomasvt.com](http://www.stthomasvt.com)—for *all* grades, Kindergarten through grade 10. Please note: Grades 7 & 8 will meet at Underhill Central School Sunday mornings at 9:50. Grades K-8 have a separate registration form and fee, as does Confirmation Years 1 & 2. Extra forms are in the back of the church if needed. If you are new to the parish and/or need further information, please call Laura Lynch Wells, Rel. Ed. Coordinator, at 899-4770.

**FOOD SHELF NEWS:** At the August Food Shelf distribution, we served 52 families, a record high for August. As we have continued to serve more families, our supply of non-perishable foods is depleted. Fortunately, we have a generous community with donations of fresh garden produce throughout the summer. Thank you for your continued donations and support of our local Food Shelf.

*Distribution is on the third Saturday of every month at 9:30 A.M. with set-up on the previous Thursday at 6:30 P.M.*

**Attention Confirmation Students:** Volunteering at the Food Shelf can count toward your service hours. See above for the times/dates where help is needed every month, and/or call Louise Mathews at 899-4793 for more information. Keep track of the dates and times you volunteered.

**THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE** is planning to participate in the Harvest Market (Sept. 24th & 25th) this year as we are raising money for the rectory roof repair. We are looking for volunteers to staff our booth where we will be selling *Lucy and Gloria's Famous Pasta Sauce*, which they make to benefit St. Thomas Parish; and meatball subs, made with their delicious sauce. There is a sign-up at the entrance of the church. Find some time that works for you and help us in this endeavor. Many thanks to Lucy Bathalon and Gloria Blake for their generous service in making and canning their delicious sauce for our benefit.

**The Fundraising Committee** wants to thank all who helped to make our first event a success. The concessions and bake sale raised about \$462 last weekend toward the repair of the rectory roof. Thanks to all who were so generous with their baked goods and assistance in the set up, staffing, clean up, and all those who came to buy food and baked goods, and especially those who contributed generously beyond the purchase of their food.



## SANCTUARY CANDLE DEDICATION

Week of August 28th:

*In memory of Ann Wejroch  
6th Anniversary*

requested by Susie & Tom May

**RIGHT TO LIFE ANNUAL DINNER/AUCTION:** Chittenden County Right to Life 15th Annual Dinner and Auction fundraiser will be held on Sat., Sept. 24th at St. John Vianney Community Hall from 5:30 to 9:00 P.M. The cost is \$13.00 per person which includes a roast beef dinner with vegetables, salad, rolls, dessert and beverages. Reservations are required. Reserve now as seating is limited! Table seating assigned. For questions or donation, please call Judy Sekerak at 893-4514. New auction items or cash contributions always appreciated. Dinner provided by the South Burlington K of C. Sign-up forms are on the bulletin board at the entrance of the church.

**MARRIED COUPLES:** Does "Back-to-School" bring back memories of rediscovering old friends, a fresh start, a chance to grow in knowledge and understanding? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can do the same for your marriage. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend in Vermont is October 21-23, 2011. Contact Dave & Jennie Erkson @ 1-800-434-4218 or via e-mail at [erksonmevt@comcast.net](mailto:erksonmevt@comcast.net) to apply or for more information.

**56TH ANNUAL CHICKEN BARBECUE:** The Underhill-Jericho Fire Department's annual barbecue will be held on Labor Day, Sept. 5th, 11:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at Brown's River Middle School. Ticket prices in advance: Adult-\$11.00; Seniors-\$10.50; Children-\$8.50; or at the door: Adult-\$11.75; Seniors-\$11.25; Children-\$9.00. Call Tom at 598-1235 with any questions.

**BLUE MASS IN MEMORY OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11th:** Bishop Matano will celebrate Holy Mass at St. Augustine Church in Montpelier, on Sun., Sept 11th at 3:00 P.M. A Blue Mass is celebrated to pray for police officers, fire fighters, and first responders. All are invited and encourage to attend.

**MEN'S RETREAT:** A weekend for our annual retreat at St. Benoit du Lac Monastery in Canada is scheduled for the weekend of Oct. 21st and 22nd and is open to all men in the parish. Only six rooms have been reserved and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost is \$50 per night.

Please call Frank Babicz, 899-4650, for more information.

## WE PRAY FOR

**SICK:** For all our sick: Jay Tisbert, 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, 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, Lynn McLaughlin, Olivia Pierce, Martha Wagner, Abby Wintersteen, Donald Potvin, Gary Strait, Richard Masse, Kathryn Devlin, Erin Barch, Anna Tavormina, Janis Peyser, Maureen Reynolds, Mathaniel Reed, Ray Mathieu, Jim Mcgonagle, July Couillard, Janine Mullaly, and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

**SINCERE THANKS** for all your prayers, especially for Kyle Riley; this young man is now free of disease.

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

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



Readings  
For the Week

**Mon., Aug. 29**  
The Memorial of the  
Martyrdom of Saint  
John the Baptist

1 Thes 4:13-18  
Mk 6:17-29

**Tues., Aug. 30**

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11  
Lk 4:31-37

**Wed., Aug. 31**

Col 1:1-8  
Lk 4:38-44

**Thurs., Sept. 1**

Col 1:9-14  
Lk 5:1-11

**Fri., Sept. 2**

Col 1:15-20  
Lk 5:33-39

**Sat., Sept. 3**

Memorial of Saint  
Gregory the Great,  
pope and doctor of the  
church

Col 1:21-23  
Lk 6:1-5

**Sunday, Sept. 4**

Twenty-Third  
Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

Ez 38:7-9  
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9  
Rom 13:8-10  
Mt 18:15-20

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 8:30 AM - Mass <b>NO Coffee Hour today</b> 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's	4 <b>NO</b> 8:00 AM Mass Music Ministry Practice moved to July 7th	5 <b>NO</b> Confessions <b>NO</b> Mass <b>NO</b> Exposition Fr. Rick Away	6 St. Mary's: <b>NO</b> Confessions <b>NO</b> Mass <b>NO</b> Exposition	7 St. Mary's: 8:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM-Music Practice <b>No Liturgy Meeting until September</b>	8 8:00 AM - Mass	9 9:30 AM-4 PM: Garage open for Yard Sale donations 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's
10 8:30 AM - Mass 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's	11 8:00 AM - Mass (Fr. Rick's 19th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination)	12 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00-7:45 PM - Exposition 7:30 PM - K of C Meeting Fr. Rick Away	13 St. Mary's: 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass followed by Exposition	14 St. Mary's: 8:00 AM Mass	15 8:00 AM - Mass 7:00 PM: Fundraising Committee Meeting in Sacristy	16 9:30 AM-4 PM: Garage open for Yard Sale donations 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's
17 8:30 AM - Mass 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's	18 8:00 AM - Mass 7:00 PM-Finance Committee Meeting	19 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00-8:00 PM-Exposition 7:30-9:30 PM-Wld. Apostolate of Fatima Meeting-Parish Hall	20 St. Mary's: 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass followed by Exposition	21 St. Mary's: 8:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM-Maintenance Meeting	22 8:00 AM - Mass	23 9:30 AM-4 PM: Garage open for Yard Sale donations 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's
24 8:30 AM - Mass 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's	25 8:00 AM - Mass	26 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00-8:00 PM-Exposition	27 St. Mary's: 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass followed by Exposition	28 St. Mary's: 8:00 AM Mass	29 8:00 AM - Mass	30 9:30 AM-4 PM: Garage open for Yard Sale donations 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's
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14 8:30 AM - Mass 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's	15 Holy Day (but not Holy Day of Obligation this year) Feast: Assumption of Mary 8:00 AM-Mass at St. Thomas <b>NO</b> Finance Meeting this month 7:00 PM-Feast Day Mass at St. Mary's	16 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00-8:00 PM-Exposition	17 St. Mary's: 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass followed by Exposition	18 St. Mary's: 8:00 AM Mass Watch the bulletin for details setting up Yard Sale and Rummage Sale 7:00 PM -Maintenance Meeting	19 8:00 AM - Mass	20 YARD/RUMMAGE/ & BAKE SALE 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's
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4 8:30 AM - Mass 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's	Please note: The rectory garage will be open most weekdays from 9:30 AM until 5 PM for Yard Sale donations. Calling ahead may be a good idea. NO donations on Sundays please. Rummage Sale items should be brought to the Parish Hall and placed in the corner by the piano. Thank you.					