

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

January 1, 2011 - Sunday Liturgy
 SAT 4:10 PM - Rosary before Mass
 4:30 PM - Mass - For the Parishioners of St. Thomas and St. Mary's
 6:30 PM - Sunday Liturgy-Mass at St. Mary's

January 2
 SUN 8:30 AM - For the repose of the soul of Ruth Sullivan by Janice Groschen & Karen Williams
 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's

MON NO 8:00 AM Mass
 TUES 6:30 PM - For the repose of the soul of Joreen Silk by Barbara Kelczewski & Family
 Exposition follows Mass

WED 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's, Exposition follows Mass
 THURS 8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary's
 FRI 8:00 AM - For the intentions of Esther C. Danielson

January 8
 SAT 4:30 PM - For the parishioners of St. Thomas & St. Mary's

January 9
 SUN 8:30 AM - For the repose of the soul of Frank Hoffman by Deb & Tad Wilder

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - January 8 & 9, 2011

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:30 PM Sat.	Deacon Peter Tom Rivers	D Dufresne	B Herridge
8:30 AM Sun.	Deacon Peter M A Ledwith D Novembrino	M Frederick S Fleming	C Haupt S VanWinkle

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. For daytime requests, contact Sandy Gosselin at 899-2060 or StThomasPrayers@aol.com. For nighttime requests, e-mail Kit Wheatley at wheatleykit@aol.com.

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.*

SECOND COLLECTION will be taken up next weekend, Jan. 8th and 9th to help defray the cost of fuel at St. Thomas. Special envelopes are in the boxed offertory envelopes or make checks payable to St. Thomas with "Fuel" in the memo. Cash gratefully accepted. Thank you.

Christmas - Dec. 24 & 25, 2010	
59 Envelopes = \$3,157.00; Loose Currency = \$1,980.00	TOTAL = \$5,137.00
Stewardship - Dec. 26, 2010	
(Weekly Offertory Goal = \$2,850.00)	
47 Envelopes = \$1,683.00; Loose Currency = \$994.66	TOTAL = \$2,677.66
YTD Budget = \$74,100.00	YTD Actual = 77,750.40
YTD Overage = \$ 3,650.40	
Please remember to make up your contributions if you are away on vacation. Thanks.	

Message from Fr. Rick

The Feast of the Epiphany of The Lord Jesus

In much of the Christian world Epiphany is the final and most important feast of the Christmas Season.

The word "Epiphany" comes from the Greek word epiphaneia which is translated both as "coming" and as "manifestation" or "appearing".

While Christmas celebrates Christ's coming in the Incarnation, Epiphany celebrates "manifestation" - The ways in which the Incarnation is revealed to us. In the early centuries of the Christian Church, especially in the east the Epiphany was primarily a Feast celebrating the manifestation of Christ at His baptism when it was revealed to those present that Jesus was the Messiah. The Feast also celebrated other events that revealed Christ's identity to the world, including the Magi's adoration of the Christ Child and Jesus' first miracle at the wedding at Cana.

God began to reveal Himself to a particular people—the Jews—but all along He intended to reveal Himself eventually to everyone.

The Epiphany celebrates these early "manifestations" of God's great self-revelation to humanity in the Person of His Son Jesus Christ—The Word made Flesh!

Once again you have all been so very kind and generous with your gifts, cards and your support, encouragement and prayers. To all who sent cards, gifts and goodies of all kinds, thank you!! I am truly blessed to have such generous parishioners.

Please be assured of a remembrance in my prayers for a blessed, happy and healthy New Year 1011!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fr. Rick

COIN DROP FOR THE DEVLIN FAMILY: On the weekend of Jan 8 and 9., Elizabeth and Erin Barch will be collecting funds through a coin drop for the Devlin Family. The Devlin family lost their son Patrick on Sept. 9, 2009 to leukemia. Their daughter Kathryn (a good friend of Erin's) was diagnosed with a beginning form of leukemia in October 2010. They leave for Boston on December 31st to prepare for a bone marrow transplant on Jan. 10th. The family is expected to be in Boston for 6-7 weeks. Please assist in anyway you can to help cover living expenses, food and gas while they are in Boston. Please pray for a successful transplant and for strength for this wonderful family as they face a challenge no family should have to face once and they face it again with the only child they have left. Thank you.

2011 CALENDARS - We still have some 2011 calendars available. Please help yourselves as you leave church today.

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	1/2	<u>NO</u> Rel. Ed. K-6 <u>NO</u> Rel. Ed. Grs. 7 & 8 <u>NO</u> Confirmation Classes Years 1 & 2
Tuesday	1/4	6:00 PM Confessions 7:00 AM Exposition
Wednesday	1/5	6:00 PM Confessions at St. Mary's <u>NO</u> Exposition at St. Mary's
Thursday	1/6	7:00 PM Women's Prayer/Discussion Group 7:15 PM Liturgy Committee Meeting
Saturday	1/8	3:45 PM Confessions
Sunday	1/9	9:50-11:05 AM Rel. Ed. Grs. 1-6 (<u>NO</u> Kindergarten) 10:00-11:15 AM Rel. Ed. Grs. 7 & 8 - Sacristy 3:45-5:30 PM Confirmation Classes-Years 1 & 2

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Mark your calendars for Jan. 24, 2011. This year the Diocese of Burlington is offering two 57-passenger buses for the annual teen pilgrimage to Washington, D.C. for the "March-for-Life". Join thousands of people standing up for life! Buses will leave at 6 PM on Sun, Jan. 23rd from the Tarrant Center at St. Michael's College and ride through the night to arrive early Monday morning on the 24th for the Youth Rally and Mass. Then we will proceed to the National Mall to begin the "March-for-Life". We will leave Washington at 5:00 P.M. arriving in Vermont in the early hours of Tues., Jan. 25th. This pilgrimage is open to all high school students, their parents, and chaperones. The cost is \$20 per person. Anyone 18 years or older must meet the safe environment standards established by the Diocese of Burlington. Online registration will be available soon at www.vermontcatholic.org.

ADULT EDUC. AT ST. THOMAS: The second half of this year's Adult Education program at St. Thomas will begin in January. All classes will be given by Dorothy Bawicz, the Director of Catholic Formation for the Diocese of Burlington. Classes and their topics are:

- January 10 - Scripture
- January 17 - Liturgy
- January 31 - Morality
- February 7 - Catholic Social Teaching

All classes will be held on Monday evenings from 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. Refreshments will be served. Come and bring a friend. Please call the St. Thomas parish office at 899-4632 to sign up for the classes. This will help us to know how many copies of the handouts to prepare for each class. See you there!

BLUE ARMY: The Burlington Diocesan Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima (formerly "Our Lady's Blue Army in Vermont") will gather at St. Jude Church, Hinesburg on Sun., Jan. 16th. Members and guests will view the recently released movie "Fatima" at St. Jude Theater; light refreshments at 2 P.M., showtime at 2:30. All are welcome. Bring a friend. Call Jerry (482-2057) or Clairette (878-3214) for info or carpool help.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY, 2011: Please contact the parish office at 899-4632 if you are celebrating a "milestone" Catholic wedding anniversary this year (5, 10, 15, 20, 25 years and so on) and would like to be present at the World Marriage Day Mass at 11:00 A.M. at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral on Sun., Feb. 6th. His Excellency Bishop Salvatore Matano will be the celebrant. Please let us know by January 18th if you will be able to participate in this event. We will send your names to the Diocese.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNTRY BREAKFAST: The next K of C Country Breakfast will be held on Sun., Jan. 23rd serving in the Parish Hall from 8:00 to 11:00 A.M. The usual delicious menu will be offered; cost is by donation. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend.



SANCTUARY CANDLE



Please call the parish office at 899-4632 to schedule a week in memory of a loved one or for a special intention. We are now scheduling dates in 2011. \$10 suggested donation.

VIGIL CANDLE FOR OUR TROOPS burns in our Sanctuary as a sign of our continuous prayers for the safety and well-being of all our deployed military.

ANNUAL GAME SUPPER sponsored by Essex Junction K of C will be held on Sat., Jan. 15th at Holy Family Parish Hall, Rte. 2A in Essex Jct. For tickets/reservations, call Barry Corbin at 878-8314; Adults-\$15.00, under 12-\$6.00.

RETROUVAILLE...a Lifeline: Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vy) weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. The next New England Retrouvaille marriage renewal weekend will be held in Massachusetts on Jan. 14-16, 2011. To register or for more info, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230.

CATHOLIC GOLDEN AGE: The Catholic Golden Age Christmas Luncheon will take place on Thurs., Jan. 6, 2011 at the Double Tree Hotel on Williston Road at 12:00 P.M. (noon). Reservations no later than Jan. 2, 2011 by calling 862-4564.

JOB OPENINGS: The Roman Catholic Diocese and Vermont Catholic Charities, Inc. has five job openings. All positions and contact information is available on the Diocesan website: www.vermontcatholic.org and are posted on our bulletin board at the main entrance of the church. Please take a look and tell others about these opportunities! The information on the positions is noted under the icon "jobs" on the website.

BLOOD DONORS NEEDED: Blood donations often are low at this time of year, especially with winter weather. If you would like to donate blood, please call the American Red Cross Donor Center in Burlington at 658-6400. The Red Cross is located on 29 Mansfield Avenue. Thank you.

INITIAL OFFERING: To help defray the cost of the boxed Offertory Envelopes, please consider using the "Initial Offering" - which is the first envelope in the set. Thank you.

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, Phyllis Bolio, Hilde Rivadeneira, Carmela Cardenas, Conlan Shaw, Mark Archambault, Shirley Dorcy, Darlene Klatke, Arvind Benkataraman, Don Beaulieu, Patricia Meagher, Connie Hanover, 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, Zelma Vigneau, John Lynch, Roy Keith, Lynn McLaughlin, Olivia Pierce, Roger Koniuto, Martha Wagner, Abby Wintersteen, Henry Miller, Donald Potvin, Amber Wilhelm, Alphonsus Collins, Gary Strait, Scott Smith, Richard Masse, Dorothy McCarthy and John Tardie.

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

Other Intentions: Julie, Brenda, M.D., Matt C., B.T. Ayer, Forest Glodgett, and Jennifer Giammanco.

Readings For the Week



Mon., Jan. 3
1 Jn 3:22-4:6
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tues., Jan. 4
Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious
1 Jn 4:7-10
Mk 6:34-44

Wed., Jan. 5
Memorial of Saint John Neumann, bishop
1 Jn 4:11-18
Mk 6:45-52

Thurs., Jan. 6
1 Jn 4:19-5:4
Lk 4:14-22

Friday, Jan. 7
1 Jn 5:5-13
Lk 5:12-16

Sat., Jan. 8
1 Jn 5:14-21
Jn 3:22-30

Sunday, Jan. 9
The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
Acts 10:34-38
Mt 3:13-17

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>January 2, 2011 - The Epiphany 8:30 AM Mass at St. Thomas <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's</i> NO Rel. Educ./Confirmation Classes, K-Gr. 10</p>	<p>3 <u>NO</u> 8:00 AM Mass</p>	<p>4 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass followed by Exposition</p>	<p>5 <i>St. Mary's: 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass NO Exposition</i> 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.</p>	<p>6 <i>St. Mary's: 8:00 AM Mass</i> 7:15 PM: Liturgy Commission Meeting</p>	<p>7 8:00 AM - Mass</p>	<p>8 (2nd Collection: Fuel) 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i></p>
<p>9 (2nd Collection: Fuel) 8:30 AM - Mass 9:50-11:05 AM-Rel. Ed. 1-6-UCS (NO Kindergarten today) 10:00-11:15 AM-Rel. Ed. Grs. 7 & 8 in the Sacristy <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's</i> 3:45-5:30 PM-Confirmation Class Years 1 & 2</p>	<p>10 8:00 AM - Mass 6:30-8:30 PM: Adult Education: "Scripture" in Parish Hall</p>	<p>11 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass followed by Exposition 7:30 PM - K of C Meeting</p>	<p>12 <i>St. Mary's: 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass followed by Exposition</i> 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.</p>	<p>13 <i>St. Mary's: 8:00 AM Mass</i></p>	<p>14 8:00 AM - Mass</p>	<p>15 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i></p>
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<p>23 8:00-11:00 AM: K of C Country Breakfast 8:30 AM - Mass Grs. 4 & 5 participate at this Mass 9:50-11:05 AM-Rel. Ed. 1-6-UCS (NO Kindergarten today) <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's</i> 10:00-11:15 AM-Rel. Ed. Grs. 7 & 8 in the Sacristy 3:45-5:30 PM-Confirmation Class Years 1 & 2</p>	<p>24 8:00 AM - Mass 7:00 PM: Special Diocesan Presentation on Physician Assisted Suicide given by Fr. Rick & Deacon Peter in Parish Hall</p>	<p>25 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass followed by Exposition</p>	<p>26 <i>St. Mary's: 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass followed by Exposition</i> 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.</p>	<p>27 <i>St. Mary's: 8:00 AM Mass</i> 7:00 PM: Parish Council Meeting</p>	<p>28 8:00 AM - Mass</p>	<p>29 (2nd Collection: Catholic Education) 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i></p>
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