

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

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
MON	8:00 AM - For the repose of the soul of Jim Stechschulte by the Kelczewski Family
TUES	6:30 PM - For our All Souls intentions Exposition follows Mass <u>until 7:45 PM</u>
WED	6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's - For our All Souls intentions Exposition follows Mass
THURS	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary's
FRI	8:00 AM - For the intentions of Mike, Elise, & Andrew Marinelli and Joe & Maureen and Jeff & Danielle
January 15 SAT	4:30 PM - In memory of Leonard T. Kelly, Jr. by the Family
January 16 SUN	8:30 AM - For the repose of the soul of Marta Vargas by Bill & Lynn MacDonough



Message from Fr. Rick

The Baptism of The Lord Jesus
When each one of us was baptized, we were washed clean of original sin and we received the Holy Spirit and thus we became temples of the Living God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

A Catholic Funeral Mass usually ends with a beautiful hymn called "The Song of Farewell" as this song is sung the Priest-Celebrant at the Funeral Mass incenses the coffin (or the urn). "The Song of Farewell" commends the deceased, body and soul, to God. The act of incensing the person's mortal remains is done as an act of respect for the human body, a marvelous work of God's creative wisdom, and in baptism, a living temple of the living God.

Doctor Prescribed Death

According to a national "death with dignity" organization, a bill to legalize doctor-prescribed death - also know as physician assisted suicide—will be reintroduced into the Vermont Legislature this year.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington's Respect Life Office is organizing a series of presentations around the diocese to educate Catholics (and, for that matter, all citizens concerned about this issue) about why Doctor Prescribed Death is bad public policy and should be opposed. In 22 attempts, no state legislature, not one, has ever approved doctor-prescribed death. Vermont should **not** be the first.

St. Thomas Parish is proud to host one of these presentations on Monday, January 24th at 7:00 P.M. Fr. Danielson and Deacon Peter Brooks will be the presenters. Please come and please tell others about the presentation and encourage them to come.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - January 15 & 16, 2011

Mass	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lector	Altar Servers
4:30 PM Sat.	J Butkus J Burke	Please help	T Petri
8:30 AM Sun.	Deacon Peter N Scott/P Keith	B MacDonough	E & E Barch

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 this 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.

Stewardship - January 1 & 2, 2010 (Weekly Offertory Goal - \$2,850.00)	
102 Envelopes =	\$2,368.00; Loose Currency = \$500.50
TOTAL = \$2,868.50	
YTD Budget =	\$76,950.00
YTD Actual =	80,618.90
YTD Overage =	\$ 3,668.90
Please remember to make up your contributions if you are away on vacation. Thanks.	

COIN DROP FOR THE DEVLIN FAMILY: On the weekend of Jan. 8th and 9th, 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.

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	1/9	9:50-11:05 AM	Rel. Ed. Grs. 1-6 at UCS (NO Kindergarten today)
		10:00-11:15 AM	Rel. Ed. Grs. 7 & 8 - Sacristy
Please note change: NO Confirmation Class—Years 1 & 2			
Monday	1/10	6:30-8:30 PM	Adult Education: "Scripture" - in the Parish Hall
Tuesday	1/11	6:00 PM <u>7:00-7:45 PM</u> 7:30 PM	Confessions Exposition Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday	1/12	6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Confessions at St. Mary's Exposition at St. Mary's Women's Prayer/Discussion Group
Thursday	1/13	7:00 PM	Food Shelf Set-up at Good Shepherd
Saturday	1/15	9:00 AM	Food Shelf Distribution at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
		3:45 PM	Confessions
Sunday	1/16	9:50-11:05 AM	Rel. Ed. Grs. K-6 at UCS
		10:00-11:15 AM	Rel. Ed. Grs. 7 & 8 - Sacristy
		3:45-5:30 PM	Confirmation Class—Years 1 & 2

NO CONFIRMATION CLASS THIS WEEKEND: Due to a meeting scheduled in Barre, Sunday, January 9th for Pastors, Deacons and musicians on the new translation of The Roman Missal, Confirmation Class is cancelled this Sunday. Classes will meet as usual the following Sunday, January 16th at 3:45 P.M. in the Parish Hall.

ADULT EDUC. AT ST. THOMAS: The second half of this year's Adult Education program at St. Thomas will begin this Monday. All classes will be given by Dorothy Barewicz, 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. in the Parish Hall. 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!

"SOUPER" BOWL SUNDAY AT ST. THOMAS: St. Thomas Church will be celebrating Super Bowl Sunday (February 6th) in a SOUPER BOWL way this year. We'll have Souper Bowls at the entrances to the church and are hoping that each family will bring a can or two of soup to put in them that weekend. Any kind of canned soup or dry soup mix will be greatly appreciated. The soup donations will be given to the Jericho Underhill Ecumenical Ministry Food Shelf to benefit families in our area.

FRENCH CANADIAN SUPPER will be held at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary church hall in Richmond on Sat., Feb. 5th at 5:00 P.M. Menu: pea soup, meat pie, mashed potatoes, dessert, beverages, etc. Free-will donation to benefit the charities of Rosary Council of the Knights of Columbus.

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.

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., show time at 2:30. All are welcome. Bring a friend. Call Jerry (482-2057) or Clairette (878-3214) for info or carpool help.

 **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

Week of January 9th:
In memory of Leonard T. Kelly, Jr.
requested by the 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.

A WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION at Mt. St. Mary's Convent in Burlington will be held on Jan. 22nd from 9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. The Theme "No Ordinary Time" will be presented by Sr. Lilyan Fraher, RSM. For information call Sr. Ruth Ravey at 802-658-5494 (H) or email 22marystreet@gmail.com or write to her at 22 Mary Street, South Burlington, VT 05403.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: The January talk which is the last in our first series of four will be held on Thurs., Jan. 20th, 7:00-8:30 P.M. at *Das Bierhaus*, 175 Church St., Burlington. Topic: "Why Believe? Spiritual but not religious? Why bother with Church?" A new series of talks will be scheduled in February.

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 DRIVE: An American Red Cross community blood drive for area residents will take place on Wed., Jan. 12th. Eligible donors can give blood from 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the United Christian Assembly Church on Raceway Road. Giving blood through the Red Cross is safe, simple, and virtually painless. What a great way to tithe, as we all have about 10 pints of blood in our bodies. Share the "gift of life" at this time when supplies of blood and blood products are critically low. Each presenting donor will receive a coupon for a FREE one-pound bag of *Dunkin Donuts* coffee.

This drawing is sponsored by the United Christian Assembly Church.

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, Alphonsus Collins, Gary Strait, Scott Smith, Richard Masse, Dorothy McCarthy, Anthony Giammanco and Kathryn Devlin.

DECEASED: For all who have died, especially 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. 10
Heb 1:1-6
Mk 1:14-20

Tues., Jan. 11
Heb 2:5-12
Mk 1:21-28

Wed., Jan. 12
Heb 2:14-18
Mk 1:29-39

Thurs., Jan. 13
Heb 3:7-14
Mk 1:40-45

Friday, Jan. 14
Heb 4:1-5, 11
Mk 2:1-12

Sat., Jan. 15
Heb 4:12-16
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, Jan. 16
Second Sunday
in Ordinary
Time
Is 49:3, 5-6
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
1 Cor 1:1-3
Jn 1:29-34

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	3 NO 8:00 AM Mass	4	5 <i>St. Mary's:</i> <i>6:00 PM - Confessions</i> <i>6:30 PM - Mass</i> <i>NO Exposition</i> 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.	6 <i>St. Mary's:</i> <i>8:00 AM Mass</i> 7:15 PM: Liturgy Commission Meeting	7 8:00 AM - Mass	8 (2nd Collection: Fuel) 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i>
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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	24 8:00 AM - Mass 7:00 PM: Special Diocesan Presentation on Physician Assisted Suicide given by Fr. Rick & Deacon Peter in Parish Hall	25 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass followed by Exposition	26 <i>St. Mary's:</i> <i>6:00 PM - Confessions</i> <i>6:30 PM - Mass followed by Exposition</i> 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.	27 <i>St. Mary's:</i> <i>8:00 AM Mass</i> 7:00 PM: Parish Council Meeting	28 8:00 AM - Mass	29 (2nd Collection: Catholic Education) 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i>
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Coffee Hour follows the 8:30 AM Mass unless otherwise announced.

St. Mary's events are in italics.