

Message from Fr. Rick

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Come to me....."

How inviting are these words of Jesus our Lord; how gentle, compassionate and kind! Who could refuse them, who would turn away.....?

Sadly we know there are those who do turn away, who do refuse... Yet, Jesus never gives up on us. He never stops calling us, inviting us. "All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal Him." Jesus, the Son of the Father, who reveals the true face and nature of the Father to us calls, invites us to trust in Him, to accept Him, to entrust us to Himself who is Himself "the Way, the Truth and the Life".

Fr. Rick



Congratulations to all our high school and college graduates and their families. May God bless your accomplishments and grant you future success.

THANK YOU - We would like to thank the following people who every summer give of their time and talent to help beautify our church and grounds: To Lee Dumas for mowing the St. Thomas meadow behind the church, to Dianne Pollak for planting and tending to the gardens that surround our church building and to John Kunkel for supplying the Sanctuary with freshly cut flowers every week from his home gardens. Know your efforts are greatly appreciated.



God Bless America

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

July 2 SAT	4:10 PM - Rosary before Mass 4:30 PM - The thanksgiving by Jean Burke
July 3 SUN	8:30 AM - For the repose of the soul of Connie Hanover by Roger & Kathy Koniuto
MON July 4th	NO Mass (Fr. Rick will be away)
TUE	NO Mass
WED	<i>NO Mass at St. Mary's</i>
THURS	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary's
FRI	8:00 AM - For the repose of the soul of Pauline St. Onge by Paul & Lucy Bathalon
July 9 SAT	4:30 PM - For the parishioners of St. Thomas & St. Mary's
July 10 SUN	8:30 AM - For the repose of the soul of Leonard Bean by Bob & Cathy Kennedy

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - July 9 & 10, 2011

Mass	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lector	Altar Servers
4:30 PM Sat.	Deacon Peter J Burke	F Babicz	B Bruce
8:30 AM Sun.	Deacon Peter K & R Koniuto	B Surprenant	G Gosselin M Reinfurt

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.

SUMMER FOOD SHELF NEEDS: In addition to the usual needs of food and personal care items, during the summer months the Food Shelf will also focus on children's summer lunch items that could be packed in a lunch box or bag. Please keep this in mind as you shop for and bring items to church. These extra needs include jam, jelly, peanut butter, granola/snack bars and cereal, etc. Thank you for your continued donations to the Ecumenical Food Shelf.

CARENET BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: Please return your Baby Bottles!! If you forgot to bring your bottle this week, please drop off the bottles at the Parish Office. Thank you to all who participated in this year's campaign to support life! Thanks to Mimi Mathieu and the Wednesday evening Women's Prayer and Discussion Group for spearheading this worth cause.

Stewardship - June 25 & 26, 2011	
(Weekly Offertory Goal - \$2,850.00)	
53 Envelopes - \$1,160.00; Loose Currency - \$545.00	
TOTAL - \$1,705.00	
YTD Budget	= \$148,200.00
YTD Actual	= 144,728.70
YTD Shortage	= (\$ 3,471.30)
Please remember to make up your contributions if you are away on vacation. Thanks.	

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	7/3	Have a blessed week! Fr. Rick away from Sunday noon-Wednesday evening.
Monday	7/4	Office Closed - Independence Day NO Mass NO Music Practice - changed to July 7
Tuesday	7/5	NO Confessions NO Exposition o/t Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday	7/6	NO Confessions at St. Mary's NO Exposition at St. Mary's
Thursday	7/7	7:00 PM Music Ministry Practice-in church
Saturday	7/9	9:30 AM-4:00 PM Rectory garage open for your Yard Sale Donations Parish Hall open for your donations to the Rummage Sale 3:45 PM Confessions
Sunday	7/10	Have a blessed day! (Please NO Yard Sale donations on Sundays.)

BISHOP'S FUND 2011:

The 2011 Bishop's Fund continues to progress. Our parish has raised a total of \$12,710.00 towards our goal of \$22,400.00.

There are dozens of reasons Vermonters give to the Bishop's Fund each year. Everyone has their own reason and purpose, we would like to hear from you! Email us at bishopsfund@vermontcatholic.org and share your inspirations.

Additional pledge cards are available in the pews and near the exits.

Did You Know:

The Marriage Tribunal is a ministry of justice and mercy to promote the good of marriage and protect its indissoluble character. The Marriage Tribunal works to provide healing and reconciliation throughout the annulment process, and is provided at no cost.

The above services are subsidized by the Bishop's Fund

TOTUS TUUS, a week long summer catechetical program similar to Summer Bible School begins at 9:00 A.M. and ends at 3:00 P.M. All students grades 1-8 are welcome. The nearest location still available for our area: 7/25-7/29 at St. John Vianney, So. Burlington. Our parish will sponsor any altar server who wishes to attend. For more info contact: Laura Lynch Wells 899-4770.

VERMONT CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

the weekend of 7/9 at UVM, is open to all high school students—including incoming freshman and recent 2011 graduating seniors. The cost is \$75. The theme is "Alive and Blessed" and will be held at UVM Central Campus in Burlington. The registration form is available at vermontcatholic.org or contact Laura Lynch Wells 899-4770.

PLEASE NOTE: REGISTRATION CLOSES IN ONE WEEK. Get additional information by calling Dorothy Barewicz 846-5812 or Hope Kennedy at 846-5813.

ST. THOMAS YARD SALE UPDATE: The rectory garage will be open to accept your Yard Sale donations starting Sat. July 9th. On most weekdays, the garage will be open from 9:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. On Saturdays, the garage will be open from 9:30 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. You may wish to call ahead to be sure Fr. Rick is home or Donna is in the office.

Please, NO donations or Yard Sale calls on Sunday.

We are **NOT** accepting text books, large appliances, any TV's, luggage, computers/accessories (printers, etc.) or exercise equipment. We ask that your donated items be cleaned and in good working order. For more information, call Louise Mathews at 899-4793 or Kit Wheatley at 899-2839, co-chairs of the Yard Sale.

The Rummage Sale will be set up in the Parish Hall in conjunction with the Yard Sale and is seeking clean fall/winter clothing in good condition. Clothing items should be brought to the Parish Hall and placed in the back corner near the piano. For information regarding the Rummage Sale, please call Sharon Leonard, chair, at 899-2513.

PARISH PICNIC DATE IS SET FOR AUG. 28TH:

Please mark your calendar, plan to bring a dish to share and your own lawn chairs. More information will follow.



SANCTUARY CANDLE DEDICATION

Week of July 3rd:

In memory of Margaret Bassett

requested by Bill & Mary Bassett

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.

RIDE FOR LIFE: Sat., July 9th ~ The 3rd Annual Ride for Life begins at various points in Vermont (Newport, St. Albans, Bennington and Brattleboro) and will end at the State House in Montpelier around noon. Riders will stop at Planned Parenthood abortion clinics and offices in towns along each route, where local pro-life folks can join in prayer to end abortion. You don't have to ride a motorcycle to participate ~ find out how by visiting www.vrlc.net. All participants are invited to attend a luncheon at the end of the trail in Montpelier. To sponsor a rider, or to register for this event, please contact Vermont Right to Life Committee at (802) 229-4885 or at vrlc@vrlc.net.

INSPIRING CDs: Stop by the Inspiring CD display, at the entrance to church, and take advantage of the wealth of information that awaits you to help you grow in your faith and share that faith with others. Learn about a variety of vital topics from top Catholic speakers. A suggested donation of \$3.00 per CD would be greatly appreciated so that we can keep this program ongoing and keep a supply of new titles coming in. Be sure to take some home!

Position Available at Mater Christi School: Mater Christi School in Burlington is hiring a Director of its "After School Program". Mater Christi provides a state licensed after school program for school age children, Pre K-grade 8 from 2:40-6:00 P.M. A candidate for the position of Director must have teaching experience in elementary education. For more information, call the school office at (802)658-3992.

BROWN COW SUMMER MUSIC SERIES: Please see the bulletin board at the main entrance to the church for the complete schedule for this family, fun night at Covenant Community Church off Rte. 15, Essex. Free root beer - inexpensive dinner items available. Info, call 879-4313.

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, Kyle Riley, Alphonsus Collins, Maureen Reynolds and Mathaniel Reed.

DECEASED: For all who have died, especially Scott Smith, Clifton Bushey and Ralph Bushey (uncle and Father of Lois Archambault), Elizabeth Savo, 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., July 4
Gn 28:10-22a
Mt 9:18-26

Tues., July 5
Gn 32:23-33
Mt 9:32-38

Wed., July 6
Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a
Mt 10:1-7

Thurs., July 7
Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5
Mt 10:7-15

Friday, July 8
Gn 46:1-7, 28-30
Mt 10:16-23

Sat., July 9
Gn 49:29-32;
50:15-26a
Mt 10:24-33

Sunday, July 10
15th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Is 55:10-11
65:10, 11, 12-13,
14
Responsorial
Psalm
Rom 8:18-23
Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 8:30 AM - Mass NO Coffee Hour today 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's	4 NO 8:00 AM Mass Music Ministry Practice moved to July 7th	5 NO Confessions NO Mass NO Exposition Fr. Rick Away	6 St. Mary's: NO Confessions NO Mass NO Exposition	7 St. Mary's: 8:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM-Music Practice No Liturgy Meeting until September	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
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