

Message from Fr. Rick

7th Sunday of Easter

“Now this is eternal life, that they should know You, the only true God, and the one whom You sent, Jesus Christ.”
(John 17:1-11)

In the Gospels, Jesus encounters a rich young man who asks Him, “What must I do to have eternal life?”

Jesus tells him he must keep The Commandments and then sell what he has and give to the poor and then follow Jesus; and the young man, we are told, “goes away sad, for he had many possessions”.

We might be tempted to think rather harshly of that young man; like most temptations this one should be avoided.

Jesus invites the young man and all of us to follow Him wholeheartedly, leaving everything behind that might distract us or burden us in order to follow Him.

In this weekend’s reading from St. John’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us that eternal life is to be found in knowing, really knowing Him. It is not enough to “know about Jesus” - Jesus wants us to know Him, to have a relationship of love with Him, the only begotten Son of God!

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YARD SALE - RUMMAGE SALE DATE SET: The date for our parish’s Yard Sale - Rummage Sale is Sat., Aug. 20th and Sun., Aug. 21st. We are very lucky to have our returning chairs, Louise Mathews and Kit Wheatley for the Yard Sale, and Sharon Leonard for the Rummage Sale. As you know these major fundraising events for our parish relies on the assistance of parishioners. If you think this might be a way you can help your parish, contact numbers are listed below; more details will be forth-coming.

At this time, we would like everyone to keep in mind as you do your spring cleaning to set aside your gently used, unwanted treasures to be donated to these events. We will let you know the date that the rectory garage will be accepting your donations. Items should be clean and in working order.

Contact: Louise Mathews, 899-4793; Kit Wheatley, 899-2839 and Sharon Leonard, 899-2513.

FAITH & CULTURE - EWTN: Parishioner, Eileen Haupt, will appear on EWTN’s show "Faith & Culture," hosted by Colleen Carroll Campbell. They will discuss KIDS (Keep Infants with Down Syndrome), a group that Eileen co-founded, the high abortion rate of babies with Down syndrome, and the joys of having a child with Down syndrome. The episode will be aired Sunday, 6/5 at 10:30 A.M. and Wednesday, 6/8 at 11:00 P.M. on EWTN.

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

June 4 SAT	4:10 PM - Rosary before Mass 4:30 PM - For the repose of the soul of Casey Biekens (brother-in-law of Dan MacDonald) by Dan & Elizabeth MacDonald
June 5 SUN	8:30 AM - For the repose of the soul of Doris Allers by Peter & Marcella Giammanco Parvuli Dei Award Presentation at Mass
MON	8:00 AM - For our Country
TUE	6:30 PM - For our Bishops and Diocese
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 - For the intentions of Ken & Donna Schaeffler
June 11 SAT	4:30 PM - For the repose of the soul of Connie Hanover by Alice & Dan Novembrino
June 12 SUN	8:30 AM - For the repose of the soul of Zelma Vigneau by Ed & Louise Mathews

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - June 11 & 12, 2011

Mass	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lector	Altar Servers
4:30 PM Sat.	Deacon Peter P Stone	D Dufresne	B Bruce
8:30 AM Sun.	Deacon Peter P Keith M A Ledwith	B MacDonough S Fleming	K Groff O Gingras

THIS WEEKEND’S SECOND COLLECTION: The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) focuses on finding new ways to bring the Gospel message to you by working to be wherever the faithful and those seeking the faith are. CCC provides content the way you need it—on the Internet to strengthen marriage, in podcasts for daily readings, on television for Christmas Mass, and on Facebook for news, discussions, and sharing of the faith. Please be generous in the Collection and support this important work. Checks should be made payable to *St. Thomas*. Thank you!

NEXT WEEKEND’S SECOND COLLECTION is for our parish’s Renovation and Repair fund. Thank you for your support of maintaining and repairing our church and rectory buildings.

Stewardship - May 28 & 29, 2011 (Weekly Offertory Goal = \$2,850.00)	
79 Envelopes = \$1,300.00; Loose Currency = \$265.00 TOTAL = \$1,565.00	
YTD Budget	= \$136,800.00
YTD Actual	= 133,699.04
YTD Shortage	= (\$ 3,100.96)
Please remember to make up your contributions if you are away on vacation. Thanks.	

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	6/5	K of C “Tootsie Roll Drive” at all Masses this weekend 8:30 AM	Parvuli Dei Award Presentation at Mass
Monday	6/6	7:00 PM	Music Ministry Practice
Tuesday	6/7	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Confessions Exposition o/t Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday	6/8	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Confessions at St. Mary’s Exposition at St. Mary’s
Thursday	6/9	7:00 PM	Parish Council
Friday	6/10	7:00 PM	Fundraiser Committee Meeting
Saturday	6/11	3:45 PM	Confessions
Sunday	6/12	Have a blessed day!	

CATHOLIC SCOUTING AWARDS: After completing their *Light of Christ* Catholic Scouting award last year, three boys in our parish community have completed the second Catholic Scouting award: the *Parvuli Dei* award. The recipients of the *Parvuli Dei* award are Justin Gildemeister, Connor Herridge and Matthew Reinfurt. This award has taken the three recipients many months to complete with guidance from their parents and their 3rd grade Religious Education teacher. Many congratulations to these three young men on their accomplishment and their commitment to their faith.

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 locations are: 6/20-6/24 at St. Mary's, St. Albans; 7/25-7/29 at Bishop Marshall School, Morrisville; and 7/25-7/29 at St. John Vianney, So. Burlington. The 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. The cost is \$75. The theme is "Alive and Blessed". The registration form is available at vermontcatholic.org or contact Laura Lynch Wells 899-4770.

BISHOP'S FUND 2011: Through the Bishop's Fund, the Church strives to "render charity and to develop spirituality" by promoting, expanding, and strengthening the Diocese, parishes, and other institutions as the needs of our brothers and sisters continue to grow. Please help our Diocesan ministries and complete the pledge card you have received and seal it in the return envelope provided; additional pledge cards are available near the entrance. The June issue of the *Vermont Catholic* has additional information about the ministries and programs supported by the Bishop's Fund; please be sure to read this issue. We ask for your continued prayers for our diocesan ministries, programs, and this year's Bishop's Fund.

Did You Know:

The Middle School Youth Rallies encourage our middle school children to build and strengthen their faith through the powerful witness of other youth.

The above service is subsidized by the Bishop's Fund.

CARENET BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: Thank you for continuing to put your change in the CareNet baby bottle at your house. Your change helps CareNet provide education such as well-pregnancy & infant care classes, life skills, etc. Be sure to include your children in this campaign - it's a great learning and sharing opportunity for them. We'll collect the bottles on Father's Day. Just bring to church and place in the baskets at each entrance.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "TOOTSIE ROLL" CAMPAIGN: This weekend the K of C will hold their annual "Tootsie Roll" campaign to collect donations to help people with intellectual disabilities. Please be generous and thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

Looking ahead: Please plan to treat dad on Father's Day to a delicious Country Breakfast which will be served from 8:00-11:00 A.M. in the Parish Hall. Cost is by donation.



SANCTUARY CANDLE DEDICATION

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.

SUMMER DAY CAMP: Mater Christi School in Burlington is sponsoring a Summer Day Camp for children ages 5 to 13. You can sign up for one week or all seven weekly sessions. Each week has its own theme woven into the daily activities: culinary, power point, arts and crafts, jewelry design and more. Field trips, swimming and sports will also be included in the activities. For more information or to enroll, contact JoAnne Rice at 233-0462. Cost per week is \$250.

ST. THOMAS TO HOST FOOD SHELF: June is the month that our parish is responsible for supplying the majority of volunteers to help set-up and distribute food. It is important that we have a strong showing as each area church takes a turn hosting this Ecumenical Ministry each month. Set-up will take place Thurs., June 16th at 6:30 P.M. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church; distribution is on Sat., June 18th at 9:30 A.M. If you can help or for more information, please call Sharon Lockwood at 899-5176 or Louise Mathews at 899-4793. Thank you.

PEACEFUL PROTEST FOR LIFE: - Pro-life folks from around Vermont will join forces once again on Sat., June 18th, to stand in witness to the tragedy of abortion that occurs every week at Planned Parenthood abortion clinics in Barre, Burlington and Rutland. Please consider setting aside one hour on June 18th at Mansfield Avenue in front of Planned Parenthood, 10 A.M. to 11 A.M. Signs are provided. Please park across the street behind the school. This Planned Parenthood clinic aborts 15 babies a week.

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.

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, Janis Peyser, Kyle Riley, and Alphonsus Collins.

DECEASED: For all who have died, especially 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., June 6
Acts 19:1-8
Jn 16:29-33

Tues., June 7
Acts 20:17-27
Jn 17:1-11a

Wed., June 8
Acts 20:28-38
Jn 17:11b-19

Thurs., June 9
Acts 22:30, 23:6-11
Jn 17:20-26

Friday, June 10
Acts 25:13b-21
Jn 21:15-19

Sat., June 11
Memorial of Saint Barnabas, Apostle
Acts 11:21b-26;
12:1-3
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday, June 12
Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-11
Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34
Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
Jn 20:19-23







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Fr. Rick's Blog
 Visit:
<http://www.stthomasvt.org/blog>

Please consult the
 weekly bulletin for
 revisions to this
 calendar.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 29 8:30 AM Mass NO Coffee Hour <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's</i>	30 NO Mass (Fr. Rick on vacation) MEMORIAL DAY So that We OFFICE  CLOSED Might be Free <i>Fr. Rick is on vacation</i>	31 OFFICE OPEN NO Confessions NO Mass, NO Exposition	June 1 St. Mary's: <i>NO</i> Confessions 6:30 PM - Vigil Mass Ascension Thursday at St. Mary's <i>NO</i> Exposition NO Women's Prayer/Discussion Group (Not meeting for the Summer, see you in Sept.)	June 2 Ascension of the Lord 8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas  7:00 PM: Mass at St. Thomas	3 8:00 AM - Mass	4 K of C "Tootsie Roll" Campaign Communications Collection 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:10 PM - Rosary 4:30 PM - Mass <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i>
5 K of C "Tootsie Roll" Campaign Communications Collection 8:30 AM - Mass Parvuli Dei Award Presentation <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's</i>	6 8:00 AM - Mass 7:00 PM-Music Ministry Practice	7 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00 PM - Exposition	8 St. Mary's: <i>6:00 PM - Confessions</i> <i>6:30 PM - Mass</i> <i>followed by Exposition</i>	9 St. Mary's: <i>8:00 AM Mass</i> 7:00 PM-Parish Council Meeting	10 8:00 AM - Mass 7:00 PM: Fundraiser Committee Meeting	11  St. Thomas Renovation/Repair Second Collection 3:45 PM: Confessions 4:30 PM Mass <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i>
12  St. Thomas Renovation/Repair Second Collection 8:30 AM - Mass <i>10:30 AM - Mass</i> <i>at St. Mary's</i>	13 8:00 AM - Mass	14 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00-7:45* PM - Exposition *Exposition will end 15 mins. early on the nights of K of C Meeting only 7:30 PM-K of C Meeting	15 St. Mary's: <i>6:00 PM - Confessions</i> <i>6:30 PM - Mass</i> <i>followed by Exposition</i>	16 St. Mary's: <i>8:00 AM Mass</i> Food Shelf Set-Up @ Good Shepherd (June is St. Thomas' turn to lead the set-up and distribution) 7:00 PM: Maintenance Meeting	17 8:00 AM - Mass	18 9:30 AM-Food Shelf Distribution Please return Care Net Baby Bottles 2011 Bishop's Fund In-Pew Solicitation 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i>
19 Please return Care Net Baby Bottles 2011 Bishop's Fund In-Pew Solicitation 8:00 AM-11:00 PM: Father's Day K of C Country Breakfast 8:30 AM - Mass <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's</i>	20 8:00 AM - Mass 7:00 PM-Finance Committee Meeting	21 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00 PM-Exposition	22 St. Mary's: <i>6:00 PM - Confessions</i> <i>6:30 PM - Mass</i> <i>followed by Exposition</i>	23 St. Mary's: <i>8:00 AM Mass</i>	24 8:00 AM - Mass	25 10:00 AM: Priestly Ordination of Rev. Mr. James C. Dodson St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral in Burlington All are welcome to attend. Peter's Pence Second Collection this weekend 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i>
26 8:30 AM - Mass <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's</i>	27 8:00 AM - Mass	28 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00 PM-Exposition	29 St. Mary's: <i>6:00 PM - Confessions</i> <i>6:30 PM - Mass</i> <i>followed by Exposition</i>	30 St. Mary's: <i>8:00 AM Mass</i>	July 1 8:00 AM - Mass	July 2 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:10 PM - Rosary 4:30 PM - Mass <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i>

Coffee Hour will be held after the 8:30 AM Mass unless otherwise announced.