

**Message from Fr. Rick**

Third Sunday of Lent

The Sunday Gospel readings are arranged in a three-year cycle (called simply enough, Years "A", "B" and "C"). This year we are in Year "A" of the cycle. In year "A" the Gospel readings for the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent are taken from St. John's Gospel. Each week we will hear of a dramatic, poignant and life-changing encounter with Jesus.

This week we read the first of these encounters. The unnamed Samaritan woman at the well must have been quite a remarkable woman. Her life had been hard; after all, she had been married five times and at the time she meets Jesus, she is living with a man to whom she is not married. No doubt she was a tough character, she had endured much hardship and sorrow in her life and she had probably long ago gotten used to living with the snickers and scorn and gossip of her neighbors. (Perhaps this explains why, when she came to draw water that day, she came alone.)

To this perhaps embittered, hardened woman comes a stranger, a Jewish man who, defying convention, speaks to her asking for a drink. Only gradually does she realize that this stranger in need has come to quench her thirst, not for water but for forgiveness, for friendship and communion with God. "Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did," she tells her friends and neighbors, thrilled to at last have met someone who knew all her pain, all her secrets, hurts and sorrows and sins and offered her not condemnation but mercy and called her, encouraged her, challenged her to accept and welcome God's love in Jesus the Messiah.

**LENTEN REFLECTION AT ST. THOMAS:** Please plan to attend the celebration of Mass with a reflection on "The Cross" by Msgr. Richard Lavalley, Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish, Winooski, on this Mon., Mar. 28th at 6:30 P.M.

<u>WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES</u>	
March 26 SAT	4:30 PM - For the repose of the soul of Lawrence Bouchard by Sean & Mary Ann Ledwith
March 27 SUN	8:30 AM - For the repose of the soul of Theresa Ogg by Bob & Claudia Bechard
MON	8:00 AM - For the repose of the soul of Mary Smith by Barbara & Jim Kelczewski
	6:30 PM - Mass & Lenten Reflection on "The Cross" by Msgr. Richard Lavalley - For the parishioners of St. Thomas & St. Mary's
TUE	6:30 PM - For the repose of the soul of Molly Scaduto by Barbara & Jim Kelczewski
WED	6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's followed by Stations
THURS	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary's
FRI	8:00 AM - For the intentions of Donna Schaeffler
April 2 SAT	4:10 PM - Rosary before Mass 4:30 PM - For the repose of the soul of Helen Pollak by Bob & Martha Pollak
April 3 SUN	8:30 AM - For the parishioners of St. Thomas & St. Mary's

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE - April 2 & 3, 2011**

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:30 PM Sat.	Tom Rivers J Butkus	D Dufresne	Please help!
8:30 AM Sun.	Please help! D Novembrino P Keith	B Surprenant D Nitche	K Groff

**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES:**

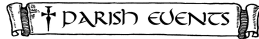
Due to the recent natural disasters in Japan, many concerned parishioners have inquired if there would be a second collection to aid the recovery efforts. As you know, monies collected by parishes for similar disasters are administered through *Catholic Relief Services (CRS)* and are used to support charitable relief efforts throughout the world.

The annual national collection for *Catholic Relief Services* is scheduled for the Fourth Week of Lent (April 2 and 3, 2011). In lieu of a special collection, please be notified that the funds from this collection, while not used exclusively for this particular need, will benefit the Church's relief efforts for our suffering brothers and sisters in Japan. This will be the preferred way for Catholics from Vermont to support Catholic Relief Services. Cash or checks made payable to St. Thomas are gratefully appreciated.

<u>Stewardship - March 19 &amp; 20, 2010</u>	
(Weekly Offertory Goal = \$2,850.00)	
64 Envelopes = \$1,940.00; Loose Currency = \$430.00	
TOTAL = \$2,370.00	
YTD Budget	= \$108,300.00
YTD Actual	= 109,150.22
YTD Overage	= \$ 850.22
Please remember to make up your contributions if you are away on vacation. Thanks.	

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Please plan on joining us each Friday evening during Lent (with the exception of Good Friday) for the Stations of the Cross, a traditional Catholic devotion especially popular during Lent in which we walk (figuratively and, sometimes literally) with Jesus along the via dolorosa (the way of sorrow) to Calvary. The Stations will be prayed each Friday at 7:00 P.M. at St. Thomas. (*The Stations will be prayed each Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. at St. Mary.*)

 PARISH EVENTS			
Sunday	3/27	8:00-11:00 AM	K of C 4th Degree Breakfast (All are invited; cost by donation)
		9:50-11:05 AM	Rel. Ed. Classes Grs. K-6 - UCS
		10:00-11:15 AM	Rel. Ed. Grs. 7 & 8
		3:45-5:30 PM	Confirmation Class-Years 1 & 2
Monday	3/28	6:30 PM	Mass & Lenten Reflection by Msgr. Lavalley: "The Cross"
Tuesday	3/29	6:00 PM	Confessions
		7:00 PM	Exposition o/t Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday	3/30	6:00 PM	Confessions at St. Mary's
		7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's
		7:00 PM	Women's Prayer/Discussion Group
Friday	4/1	7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	4/2	8:30 AM	Easter Vigil Choir Practice in the church—All are welcome!
		3:00-4:15 PM	Confessions - Please note additional time
		4:10 PM	Rosary before Mass
Sunday	4/3	9:50-11:05 AM	Rel. Ed. Classes Grs. 1, 3-6 - UCS (NO Kindergarten this week and please note Gr. 2 will meet in church)
		10:00-11:15 AM	Rel. Ed. Grs. 7 & 8
		11:30 AM	Shadow Stations Rehearsal in church
		3:45-5:30 PM	Confirmation Class-Years 1 & 2

**SHADOW STATIONS - Participants Needed:** St. Thomas Stations of the Cross Shadow Play will be presented on Fri., Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. All interested youth grades 6 and up and all past Shadow Station participants are invited to take part. You **MUST** be able to attend one rehearsal on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. at St. Thomas Church. To sign up or for further information, please contact Marcella at 899-2852 before April 3<sup>rd</sup>.



**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

Week of March 27th:

*For family & friends in Japan*  
requested by Sean & Mary Ann Ledwith

**TALK BY FR. FELTZ:** The Green Mountain Chapter of the Air Force Association is pleased to announce that Father John G. Feltz will share his experiences in Iraq and Afghanistan at a luncheon on April 14th at noon in the Elks Club at 925 North Avenue in Burlington. Father Feltz is assigned as Chaplain to the 186th Brigade Support Battalion of the Vermont Army National Guard. He was recently promoted to Colonel through a Presidential appointment approved by the U.S. Senate on December 22, 2010. He holds a Doctorate degree in Psychology. Recently, Father Feltz was nominated for the distinguished Vermont State Knights of Columbus Anchor Award. Currently he is serving as Pastor at St. Anne's Church in Milton and St. Luke's Church in Fairfax. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you are able to come please respond to [bet-sv3150@myfairpoint.net](mailto:bet-sv3150@myfairpoint.net) or call John Roach at 879-3713.

**TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE:** Please join us for a Taizé Prayer Service on *Thurs., April 14th*, at 7:00 P.M. in the Holy Family Church, Essex Junction. "Taizé" is an evening Prayer that is sung in the manner of the Taizé Community, an ecumenical monastic community in France. The community works ecumenically at furthering peace within the human family by engendering reconciliation and healing of divisions among Christians. The Brothers developed a style of prayer consisting of simple meditative chants as well as periods of silence. A candle-lit service lasting about an hour includes quiet chant from the Taizé Community, readings from Scripture, sung and spoken prayer, prayer around the cross, and periods of meditative silence.

**BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT:** The Knights of Columbus St. Stephen's Council #2284 will host the 1st annual Seminarian Open on Sat., May 7, 2011, at West Bolton Golf Club. All proceeds to benefit the Seminarian Education Fund for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington. Participants receive a commemorative gift, plenty of food and chances to win various prizes, including a 2011 GLK Class Mercedes Benz! Please contact Greg Clairmont at (802) 878-5699 or (802) 343-8446 for tournament registration information.

**POLISH DINNER NEXT MONTH:** The K of C Polish dinner will be held in the Parish Hall on Sun., April 10th from 5:30 until 7:00 P.M. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6 to 10, aged 5 and under are free; family maximum of \$25.00. Take-out meals will be available. No reservations are needed—just pay at the door.

**Special Note to Confirmation Students:** Participation in this event can count toward some of your required Liturgical Hours.

**EASTER VIGIL CHOIR INFORMATION:** Our Easter Vigil Choir always welcomes singers and musicians. Please consider joining. The rehearsals are held on Saturday mornings at 8:30 in the church and will meet on Mar. 26th, Apr. 2nd, Apr. 9th and Apr. 16th. The Easter Vigil is Sat., April 23rd at 8:00 P.M. For more information, please call Pat Rogers at 399-6226.

**SERVERS & MINISTERS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK:** Everyone was mailed a special sign-up sheet where you could indicate your availability to serve during Holy Week and the Easter Vigil. **WE ARE STILL IN NEED!** Additional sign-up sheets are at each entrance; please give this your prayerful consideration. *If you are scheduled to serve*, you will receive a call from the coordinator.

**CEMETERY NEWS:** Effective May 1, 2011 the price of graves at all St. Thomas cemeteries will increase from \$500 to \$625 for the first grave and from \$350 to \$500 for each adjoining grave. There will be no change to burials in the Cremation Garden and Holy Innocents (Infants) Sections. If you have any questions or wish to purchase a grave, call Dan Novembrino at 899-3410 or Nate Sullivan at 899-4732.

**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 such as Fr. Benedict Groeschel, Fr. John Corapi, Dr. Scott Hahn (former Protestant minister), Archbishop Fulton Sheen, and many others. After you have listened to them, pass them on to others so they can be inspired, too! 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!

**LENTEN ADULT REL. ED. - "TRUSTING IN THE LORD'S MERCY: New Hope through the Sacrament of Confession"** - In response to Bishop Matano's call for renewed focus on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially during this season of Lent, St Pius X parish in Essex Ctr. will be hosting a talk on that sacrament presented by Msgr. Reid C. Mayo, a Senior Priest of the Diocese of Burlington and the Pastor Emeritus of Christ The King Parish, Rutland. Come and learn more about this important part of our lives as adult Catholics. The talk will be held in the Fr. Murray Room (downstairs from the church) on Thurs., Apr. 7th, at 7:00 P.M. If you have questions please contact Deacon Gerry Scilla ([vtscilla@comcast.net](mailto:vtscilla@comcast.net)) or 878-0639 or 769-1882.

**THIS SUNDAY:** Please join us in the Parish Hall for the K of C 4th Degree Country Breakfast, serving from 8:00-11:00 A.M. Cost by donation.



Readings  
For the Week



Mon., Mar. 28  
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab  
Lk 4:24-30

Tues., Mar. 29  
Dn 3:25, 34-43  
Mt 18:21-35

Wed., Mar. 30  
Dt 4:1, 5-9  
Mt 5:17-19

Thurs., Mar. 31  
Jer 7:23-28  
Lk 11:14-23

Friday, April 1  
Hos 14:2-10  
Mk 12:28-34

Sat., April 2  
Hos 6:1-6  
Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, April 3  
4th Sunday of Lent  
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
Eph 5:8-14  
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**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, Roy Keith, Lynn McLaughlin, Olivia Pierce, Martha Wagner, Abby Wintersteen, Henry Miller, Donald Potvin, Gary Strait, Scott Smith, Richard Masse, Anthony Giammanco, Kathryn Devlin, Erin Barch, Anna Tavormina, and Janis Peyser.

**DECEASED:** For all who have died, especially Connie Hanover, Havyn Leo, Fr. Rob Girardeau, and all deceased members of St. Thomas and St. Mary's parishes.

**Other Intentions:** Julie, Brenda, M.D., Matt C., Jen G., Mike A., and Matt A.

# MARCH 2011

Please consult the weekly bulletin for revisions to this calendar.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>Sunday Mass schedule:</b></p> <p>8:30 AM at St. Thomas            10:30 AM at St. Mary</p>	<p>Feb. 28 8:00 AM Mass</p> <p>6:30 PM - Adult Ed.            "Catholic Social Teaching"</p>	<p>March 1</p> <p>6:00 PM - Confessions            6:30 PM - Mass            7:00 PM - Exposition</p>	<p>2 <i>St. Mary's:</i>            6:00 PM - Confessions            6:30 PM - Mass            7:00 PM - Exposition            7:00 PM-Women's            Prayer/Discussion Grp.</p>	<p>3 <i>St. Mary's:</i>            8:00 AM Mass            7:15 PM - Sacred            Worship Committee            Meeting            (formerly Liturgy)</p>	<p>4 8:00 AM Mass</p>	<p>5</p> <p>3:45 PM - Confessions            4:10 PM - Rosary            4:30 PM - Mass  <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i></p>
<p>6</p> <p>9:50-11:05 AM-Rel. Ed. K-6-UCS            (Kindergarten students—check            with Catechist)</p> <p>10:00-11:15 AM-Rel. Ed. Grs. 7 &amp; 8</p> <p>3:45-5:30 PM:            Confirmation Class-Years 1 &amp; 2</p>	<p>7 8:00 AM - Mass</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:00 PM - Confessions            6:30 PM - Mass            7:00 PM - Exposition</p> <p>7:30 PM - K of C Meeting</p>	<p>9 <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>            Day of Fast &amp; Abstinence</p> <p>8:00 AM-Mass            at St. Thomas</p> <p><i>6:00 PM-Mass at St. Mary</i></p> <p>7:30 PM-Mass            at St. Thomas</p> <p><b>NO Women's            Prayer/Discussion Grp.</b></p>	<p>10 <i>St. Mary's:</i>            8:00 AM Mass</p>	<p>11 Day of Abstinence            8:00 AM Mass</p> <p>7:00 PM - Stations of            the Cross</p>	<p>12</p> <p>3:45 PM - Confessions            4:30 PM - Mass  <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i></p>  <p><i>Daylight Saving Time begins—            turn clocks ahead one hour</i></p>
<p>13 8:30 AM Mass: Grs. K &amp; 1            Participate at Mass</p> <p>9:50-11:05 AM-Rel. Ed. K-6-UCS            (Kindergarten students—check            with Catechist)</p> <p>10:00-11:15 AM-Rel. Ed. Grs. 7 &amp; 8</p> <p>3:45-5:30 PM:            Confirmation Class-Years 1 &amp; 2</p> <p>5:00-7:00 PM: K of C            Corned Beef Dinner            (pay at the door)</p>	<p>14 8:00 AM - Mass</p> <p>7:00 PM-Music Ministry            Practice</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:00 PM - Confessions            6:30 PM - Mass            7:00 PM - Exposition</p>	<p>16</p> <p><i>St. Mary's:</i>            6:00 PM - Confessions            6:30 PM - Mass            7:00 PM-Stations o/t Cross  <b>NO Exposition</b></p> <p>7:00 PM-Women's            Prayer/Discussion Grp.</p>	<p>17 <i>St. Mary's:</i>            8:00 AM Mass</p> <p>(6:30 PM Food Shelf Set-            Up at Good Shepherd            Lutheran Church)</p> <p>7:00 PM:            Maintenance            Meeting</p>	<p>18 Day of Abstinence            8:00 AM Mass</p> <p>7:00 PM - Stations of            the Cross</p>	<p>19 9:00 AM-12 Noon:            Jesus Retreat for            Gr. 2 &amp; parents            in parish hall and            First Reconciliation</p> <p>(9:30 AM-Food Shelf            Distribution-Good Shepherd)</p> <p>3:45 PM - Confessions            4:30 PM - Mass  <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i></p>
<p>20</p> <p>9:50-11:05 AM-Rel. Ed. K-6-UCS            (Kindergarten students—check            with Catechist)</p> <p>10:00-11:15 AM-Rel. Ed. Grs. 7 &amp; 8</p> <p>3:45-5:30 PM:            Confirmation Class-Years 1 &amp; 2</p>	<p>21 8:00 AM - Mass</p> <p>7:00 PM - Finance            Committee Meeting</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:00 PM - Confessions            6:30 PM - Mass            7:00 PM - Exposition</p>	<p>23 <i>St. Mary's:</i>            6:00 PM - Confessions            6:30 PM - Mass            7:00 PM-Stations o/t Cross  <b>NO Exposition</b></p> <p>7:00 PM-Women's            Prayer/Discussion Grp.</p>	<p>24 <i>St. Mary's:</i>            8:00 AM Mass</p> <p>7:00 PM:            Parish Council            Meeting</p>	<p>25 Day of Abstinence            8:00 AM Mass</p> <p>7:00 PM - Stations            of the Cross</p>	<p>26</p> <p>3:45 PM - Confessions            4:30 PM - Mass  <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i></p>
<p>27 8:00-11:00 - K of C 4th Degree            combined <b>Country Breakfast</b> with            Essex K of C - at St. Thomas</p> <p>9:50-11:05 AM-Rel. Ed. K-6-UCS            (Kindergarten students—check            with Catechist)</p> <p>10:00-11:15 AM-Rel. Ed. Grs. 7 &amp; 8</p> <p>3:45-5:30 PM:            Confirmation Class-Years 1 &amp; 2</p>	<p>28 8:00 AM - Mass</p> <p>6:30 PM Lenten            Reflection:            "The Cross"            by            Msgr. Lavalley</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:00 PM - Confessions            6:30 PM - Mass            7:00 PM - Exposition</p>	<p>30 <i>St. Mary's:</i>            6:00 PM - Confessions            6:30 PM - Mass            7:00 PM-Stations o/t Cross  <b>NO Exposition</b></p> <p>7:00 PM-Women's            Prayer/Discussion Grp.</p>	<p>31 <i>St. Mary's:</i>            8:00 AM Mass</p>	<p>April 1 Day of Abstinence            8:00 AM Mass</p> <p>7:00 PM - Stations            of the Cross</p>	<p>April 2</p> <p>8:30 AM:            possible Easter            Vigil Choir Practice (watch            the bulletin)</p> <p>3:45 PM - Confessions            4:10 PM - Rosary            4:30 PM - Mass  <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i></p>
<p>April 3</p> <p>9:50-11:05 AM-Rel. Ed. K-6-UCS            (Kindergarten students—check            with Catechist)</p> <p>10:00-11:15 AM-Rel. Ed. Grs. 7 &amp; 8</p> <p>3:45-5:30 PM:            Confirmation Class-Years 1 &amp; 2</p>						