

Message from Fr. Rick

“The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.”

Surely one of the great understatement of all time: What St. John calls “rejoiced” must have been a confused jumble of emotions including fear, bewilderment, joy, astonishment and incredulity. Jesus is alive and yet, more than alive.

Pope Benedict XVI uses the phrase “evolutionary leap” to describe what has happened.

Jesus, is alive and recognizable. The disciples know it is Jesus, they recognize Him. And yet, there is something different, too. Jesus is no longer confined to time and space as we are. Walls cannot contain Him; locked doors cannot keep Him out.

Mary Magdalen does not recognize Him at first, nor do the disciples on the road to Emmaus. He is the same and yet He is utterly changed. Jesus now lives life on an entirely new plain or dimension. It is risen life; His mode of life which He offers now to all who will accept Him and welcome Him as St. Thomas did with his noble confession of faith:

“My Lord and My God!”

“My sincere thanks to all of you who sent me Easter cards, candy, gifts and prayers. Your kindness is deeply appreciated!”

Fr. Rick

CARE NET BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: It’s that time of year again—Care Net Pregnancy Center’s Baby Bottle Campaign is just around the corner. You can pick up your baby bottle on Mother’s Day here at the church, fill it with change, and return it here on Father’s Day. Make it a family project! Your spare change really does save lives through Care Net’s life-affirming ministry. Thank you for participating and also for your prayers.

K OF C BREAKFAST: Next Sunday, Mother’s Day, the Knights will be hosting a Mother’s Day Country Breakfast in the Parish Hall serving 8:00-11:00 A.M. Cost by donation. Why not plan now to treat Mom on her special day.

SPECIAL DATES: First Communion at St. Thomas is on Sat., May 7th at 10:00 A.M. Confirmation at St. Michael’s College is on Thurs., May 19th at 7:00 P.M.



May, The month of Mary

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

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| April 30 SAT | 4:30 PM - For the repose of the soul of Joseph O’Leary by Bill & Mary Bassett |
| May 1 SUN | 8:30 AM - For the parishioners of St. Thomas & St. Mary’s |
| MON | 8:00 AM - For the repose of the soul of Robert C. Cody by Esther C. Danielson |
| TUE | <u>NO</u> Mass (1st Communion Practice in Church) |
| 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 Jeff & Danielle and their baby |
| May 7 SAT | 10:00 AM - 1st Holy Communion 4:10 PM - Rosary before Mass 4:30 PM - Healing of Janis Peyser by St. Thomas Knights of Columbus |
| May 8 SUN | 8:30 AM - For the repose of the soul of Leonard Bean by Bob & Cathy Kennedy May Crowning during Mass in church |

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - May 7 & 8, 2011

| Mass | Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Lector | Altar Servers |
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| 4:30 PM Sat. | Deacon Peter Tom Rivers | T Robinson | S Robinson |
| 8:30 AM Sun. | Deacon Peter R & K Koniuto | A Bernasconi B Surprenant | K Groff |

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.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, where *great needs remains*. This Collection provides support for basic pastoral programs and makes scholarships available for students studying to serve their local church. These students become vital participants in the renewal of the Church in the region. Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections to learn more and please be generous in next week’s Collection. Checks should be made payable to St. Thomas. For non-envelopes users, special envelopes for this collection are in the pews; informational flyers are in the bulletin. Cash always gratefully accepted.

Stewardship - April 23 & 24, 2010
(Weekly Offertory Goal = \$2,850.00)

81 Envelopes = \$3,346.00; Loose Currency = \$706.00
TOTAL = \$4,052.00

YTD Budget = \$122,550.00
YTD Actual = 121,129.88
YTD Shortage = (\$ 1,420.12)

Please remember to make up your contributions if you are away on vacation. Thanks.

PARISH EVENTS

| Day | Date | Time | Event |
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| Sunday | 5/1 | 2:00 PM | Divine Mercy Sunday Schedule: Exposition o/t Blessed Sacrament |
| | | 2:10-2:50 PM | Confessions |
| | | 3:00 PM | Chaplet of Divine Mercy |
| | | followed by | Benediction and Reposition |
| Tuesday | 5/3 | 6:30 PM | 1st Communion Practice in church |
| | | | <u>NO</u> Confessions |
| | | | <u>NO</u> Exposition o/t Blessed Sacrament |
| Wednesday | 5/4 | 6:00 PM | Confessions at St. Mary’s |
| | | 7:00 PM | Exposition at St. Mary’s |
| | | 7:00 PM | Women’s Prayer/Discussion Group |
| Thursday | 5/5 | 7:15 PM | Sacred Worship Committee Meeting - in sacristy |
| Saturday | 5/7 | 10:00 AM | 1st Communion - St. Thomas |
| | | 3:45 PM | Confessions |
| | | 4:10 PM | Rosary before Mass |
| Sunday | 5/8 | 8:00-11:00 AM | K of C Mother’s Day Breakfast |
| | | 8:30 AM | May Crowning during 8:30 Mass |

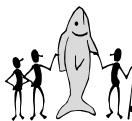
TOTUS TUUS is a week-long summer catechetical program similar to Summer Bible School. It is dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through catechesis, Christian witness, Eucharistic worship and fun activities that teach young people the joy and beauty of being a Child of God in the Catholic Church. Each day begins at 9:00 A.M. and ends at 3:00 P.M. All students in grades 1 - 8 are welcome. The nearest locations are: June 20 - June 24 at St. Mary's, St. Albans; July 25 - 29 at Bishop Marshall School, Morrisville; and July 25 - July 29 at St. John Vianney, So. Burlington. *In gratitude for the dedicated service to the Church of our altar servers, the parish will sponsor those altar servers who wish to attend (call Laura Lynch Wells 899-4770).* For more information on this program contact Fr. Jon Schnobrich at 862-8403 or catholiccenteruvm@gmail.com.

VERMONT CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE will be held the weekend of July 9th and 10th at UVM. This conference is open to all high school students including incoming freshman and those who will graduate in May or June of 2011. The cost is \$75 and covers the dorm rooms, all meals and activities, workshops and speakers and a t-shirt! It is really a bargain!!! However, if this fee causes a hardship, contact Laura Lynch Wells. The overnight accommodations will be in the Harris-Millis dorms which are next to Patrick Gym and Gutterson Field House on Spear Street. Everyone will have their own bed and the rooms are doubles. Just as in the past, the beds will not have sheets, so attendees will have to bring sleeping bags and pillows. The theme for the conference is "Alive + Blessed" and will focus on the Beatitudes. The Diocesan Youth Council has put together a great event that will feature Mass, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, inspiring talks and workshops, religious communities of men and women, as well as fun activities, great food and music. The musician for the conference is Ben Walther and the Ben Walther Band. Save the date! The registration form is available at vermontcatholic.org or at the parish office. For more information visit vermontcatholic.org or contact Hope Kennedy 846-5813, Dorothy Barewicz 846-5812, or Laura Lynch Wells at St. Thomas at 899-4770.

THANK YOU to all who helped deliver our gifts of Snowflake Chocolates, cards and flowers to those on our Care List. Your efforts are truly appreciated by the recipients. Below is a sample of some of the thank-you notes we receive.

"Hello - To all the nice folks from St. Thomas, I want to say a big thanks for thinking of me at Easter. I love those purple tulips. They are so pretty. That chocolate egg is yummy. I feel blessed to be remembered by you. In Christian Love....."

"Happy Easter! And blessing to all of you for the beautiful tulips and special chocolate. Many thanks. God be with all of you! Love....."



"LET'S GO FISHING CLINIC" and "BBQ" will be held on Sat., May 28th, 10:00 A.M., at Mills Riverside Park. This event is free and open to the public; fishing gear will be supplied! Please note: there is limited space, registration REQUIRED and children MUST BE accompanied by an adult. **To Register:** e-mail adult and child's name(s) and phone # to mgraaas@yahoo.com or phone Mark at (802) 310-8145.

This has become a popular spring event—don't miss out!
Sponsored by:
Mills Riverside Park, St. Thomas Parish and
St. Thomas Knights of Columbus, Vermont
Fish and Wildlife Department



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. \$10 suggested donation.

Mark Your Calendar: GEORGE WEIGEL SPEAKING AT CKS:

Christ the King School is proud to announce that George Weigel is going to be speaking at Christ the King School on Friday, May 13th at 7:00 P.M. This is the first in the *Christ the King School Lecture Series* of high profile speakers. George Weigel currently serves as a Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, DC. He is Pope John Paul II's personal biographer and wrote the best-selling biography of Pope John Paul II, Witness to Hope. Mr. Weigel also writes a weekly column, *The Catholic Difference*, which appears in our diocesan magazine *Vermont Catholic*. He has a great knowledge of world affairs, especially concerning the Church and modern culture. Mr. Weigel will be speaking about his new book entitled *The end and the beginning: Pope John Paul II--The Victory of Freedom, the Last Years, the Legacy*. Attendees will be able to purchase a copy and have him sign it. All are invited!!!

BLUE ARMY GATHERS OF ANNUAL MEETING:

The Burlington Diocesan Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima (formerly "Our Lady's Blue Army in Vermont") will gather on Sun., May 15th, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Rutland, VT. Procession with the Vermont Pilgrim Virgin Statue will begin at 2:00 P.M. followed by crowning of the statue, praying of the Rosary, investment in the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, and the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Attendance at this Mass satisfies Sunday obligation. A grand potluck will immediately follow Mass after which the evening's distinguished guest, Marian sculptor Mary Catherine Unrein, will share with us. All are welcome at this joy-filled assembly of Our Lady's Vermont family. Bring a dish and a friend. For more information call Clairette (878-3214), Jerry (482-2057) or Diana (734-1048).

History of St. Thomas - There are many 1991 history books still available for anyone who would like one (or more). They will be available at the entrances of the church. Just pick one up. These need to be cleaned out after 20 years. It is a wonderful history of our parish with many photos and interesting information.

THE RANGE ROAD CEMETERY is planned to re-open on Saturday, April 30th.

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 Claudia Bechard.

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

Other Intentions: Matt C., Jen G., Mike A., and Matt A. and David Driscoll.



Readings For the Week

Mon., May 2
Memorial of Saint Athanasius, bishop and doctor of the Church
Acts 4:23-31
Jn 3:1-8

Tues., May 3
Feast of Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles
1 Cor 15:1-8
Ps 19:2-3, 4-5
Jn 14:6-14

Wed., May 4
Acts 5:17-26
Jn 3:16-21

Thurs., May 5
Acts 5:27-33
Jn 3:31-36

Friday, May 6
Acts 5:34-42
Jn 6:1-15

Sat., May 7
Acts 6:1-7
Jn 6:16-21

Sunday, May 8
Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22-33
16:1-2, 5, 7-11
1 Pt 1:17-21
Lk 24:13-35

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MAY 2011– The Month of Mary

Please consult the weekly bulletin for revisions to this calendar.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| May 1 8:30 AM Mass <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's</i> Divine Mercy Sunday: 2:00 PM - Exposition 2:10-2:50 - Confessions 3:00 PM - Chaplet of Divine Mercy Benediction & Reposition | 2 8:00 AM - Mass | 3 <u>NO</u> Confessions <u>NO</u> Mass, <u>NO</u> Exposition 6:30 PM: <u>First Communion</u> rehearsal in the church | 4 <i>St. Mary's:</i> 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass <i>followed by Exposition</i> 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Group | 5 <i>St. Mary's:</i> 8:00 AM Mass <u>NO</u> Sacred Worship Meeting (See you in Sept.) | 6 8:00 AM - Mass | 7 10:00 AM: <u>First Communion</u> Central & Eastern Europe Collection this weekend Care Net Baby Bottle Campaign begins 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:10 PM - Rosary before Mass 4:30 PM - Mass <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i> |
| 8 8:00-11:00 AM - K of C Mother's Day Breakfast Care Net Baby Bottle Campaign begins Central & Eastern Europe Collection this weekend 8:30 AM Mass May Crowning will take place during Mass <i>10:30 AM: Mass at St. Mary's</i> | 9 8:00 AM - Mass 7:00 PM-Music Ministry Practice | 10 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00-7:45 PM - Exposition 7:30 PM - K of C Meeting | 11 <i>St. Mary's:</i> 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass <i>followed by Exposition</i> 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Group | 12 <i>St. Mary's:</i> 8:00 AM Mass (6 PM- Food Shelf Set-Up at Good Shepherd Lutheran Ch.) 7:00 PM - Fundraising Committee Meeting in Sacristy (First Meeting) | 13 8:00 AM - Mass | 14 (9:30 AM: Food Shelf Distribution) 11:00-12:00: K of C Holy Hour for Priests (2nd Collection for Heat & Fuel for St. Thomas) 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i> |
| 15 8:30 AM Mass (2nd Collection for Heat & Fuel for St. Thomas) <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's</i> | 16 8:00 AM - Mass 7:00 PM: Finance Committee Meeting | 17 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00 PM - Exposition | 18 <i>St. Mary's:</i> 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass <i>followed by Exposition</i> 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Group | 19 <i>St. Mary's:</i> 8:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM: Confirmation at St. Michael's College 7:00 PM: Maintenance Meeting | 20 8:00 AM - Mass | 21 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i> |
| 22 8:30 AM Mass (K of C Memorial Mass) <i>10:30 AM - Mass at</i> <i>St. Mary's</i> 3:00 PM: Part II of Workshop for Liturgical Musicians at St. Monica's in Barre | 23 8:00 AM - Mass | 24 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00 PM - Exposition | 25 <i>St. Mary's:</i> <u>NO</u> Confessions <u>NO</u> Mass <u>NO</u> Exposition 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Group | 26 <i>St. Mary's:</i> <u>NO</u> Mass 7:00 PM: Parish Council <i>Fr. Rick is on vacation</i> | 27 <u>NO</u> Mass | 28 K of C "Let's Go Fishing" Clinic & BBQ at Mills Riverside Park (see flyer on reverse) 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i> |
| 29 8:30 AM Mass <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's</i> | 30 <u>NO</u> Mass (Fr. Rick on vacation) MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED | 31 OFFICE OPEN <u>NO</u> Confessions <u>NO</u> Mass, <u>NO</u> Exposition | June 1 <i>St. Mary's:</i> 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Vigil Mass Ascension Thursday <i>followed by Exposition</i> 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Group | June 2 Ascension of the Lord 8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas 7:00 PM: Mass at St. Thomas | | |