

**Message from Fr. Rick**

"My Lord and My God!"

Every time I have the awesome privilege to offer Mass, at the Consecration, at the elevation of the consecrated Host and the chalice containing the Most Precious Blood of our dear Lord, I whisper the words first uttered by St. Thomas the Apostle: "My Lord and My God".

Thomas uttered these words when he first beheld his Risen Lord and Master, and at Jesus' urging touched Jesus' holy and glorious wounds.....he recognized that the man who stood before him was more than man, He was, in fact, Lord and God, risen from the dead.

This weekend our dear young people, Harmon Alexander, Julia Angolano, Owen Greene, Wesley Hale, Megan Leach, Brendan Phalen, Erin Rusnock, Isabella Souza, Owen Trudeau and Julia Wright, received their Lord and God for the very first time in Holy Communion.

St. Thomas saw a man he acknowledged as Lord and God, may these, our dear young people, and indeed all of us, recognize in the Eucharist, Jesus, truly present in His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, and confess with him, "My Lord and My God!"

*Fr. Rick*

<u>WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES</u>	
May 7 SAT	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
MON	8:00 AM - For the repose of the soul of Joska Bors by Steve & Jane Kellner
TUE	6:30 PM - For the repose of the souls of Joe Cuoco & G.R. Daugherty by the Bartlett Family
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 repose of the soul of Allene Mary Collins by Donna Schaeffler
May 14 SAT	4:30 PM - For the parishioners of St. Thomas & St. Mary's
May 15 SUN	8:30 AM - For the repose of the soul of Zelma Vigneau by the Sean & Mary Ann Ledwith

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE - May 14 & 15, 2011**

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:30 PM Sat.	T Potvin C Ferreira	F Babicz	B Bruce
8:30 AM Sun.	Deacon Peter J Tardie B MacDonough	D Nitchie S Fleming	C Haupt

**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.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:** The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe supports the essential and unmet pastoral needs of the Church of the region. Poor Clare nuns in Poland received a central heating system through your previous generosity. Without the heat, the sisters had been falling ill frequently in the long, cold Eastern European winters, affecting their ministry of prayer. Please be generous to the Collection for the Church in Central and Easter Europe where *great needs remain*. Visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) to learn more about the important projects funded by the Collection. Checks should be made payable to St. Thomas. For non-envelopes users, special envelopes for this collection are in the pews; cash always gratefully accepted.

<b>Stewardship - April 30/May 1, 2010</b> (Weekly Offertory Goal = \$2,850.00)	
70 Envelopes = \$2,438.00; Loose Currency = \$1,122.00	TOTAL = \$3,560.00
YTD Budget = \$125,400.00	YTD Actual = 124,689.88
YTD Shortage = (\$ 710.12)	
Please remember to make up your contributions if you are away on vacation. Thanks.	

**CARE NET BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** Thank you for participating in the Care Net Baby Bottle Campaign. Please remember to keep the bottle in a visible place as a reminder to pray for clients and their babies and to toss in loose change—you can make a difference! Sponsored by the Wednesday Women's Prayer & Discussion Group.



Please pick up a bottle in the baskets at each entrance of the church. Bottles may be brought back to church on Father's Day. Thank you for supporting life!

**REHEARSAL AND CONFIRMATION DATES:** Please note, rehearsal for Confirmation will be held on Sun., May 15th at 6:00 P.M. at St. Michael's College Chapel in Colchester. If possible, sponsors or a proxy should be present for this rehearsal.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will celebrated at St. Michael's College Chapel on Thurs., May 19th at 7:00 P.M.

**K OF C BREAKFAST:** *This 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 is by donation. Treat Mom to a home-cooked breakfast on her special day.

**ST. THOMAS 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND** will be for our parish's "Heat and Fuel" fund. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas; cash gratefully accepted. Thank you for your continued generosity.

 **PARISH EVENTS** 

Sunday	5/8	8:00-11:00 AM 8:30 AM	K of C Mother's Day Breakfast May Crowning during 8:30 Mass
Monday	5/9	7:00 PM	Music Ministry Practice
Tuesday	5/10	6:00 PM 7:00-7:45 PM 7:30 PM	Confessions Exposition o/t Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday	5/11	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	5/12	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Food Shelf Set-Up-Good Shepherd Fundraising Committee Meeting - in sacristy
Saturday	5/14	9:30 AM 11:00-12 Noon 3:45 PM	Food Shelf Distribution K of C Holy Hour for Priests Confessions
Sunday	5/15	6:00 PM	Confirmation Rehearsal at St. Michael's College Chapel

**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](mailto: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](http://vermontcatholic.org) or at the parish office. For more information visit [vermontcatholic.org](http://vermontcatholic.org) or contact Hope Kennedy 846-5813, Dorothy Barewicz 846-5812, or Laura Lynch Wells at St. Thomas at 899-4770.

**CHITTENDEN COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE** will meet on Tues., May 10<sup>th</sup> in St. John Vianney's Parish Hall, 160 Hinesburg Road in South Burlington, from 7:15 - 8:15 P.M. Ongoing pro-life educational and advocacy projects will be discussed. New volunteers are always welcome. Contact [chitrighttolife@gmail.com](mailto:chitrighttolife@gmail.com) for more information.

**AN EVENING OF ART:** Examples from Rice Memorial High School's expanding Fine Arts program will be on display for the community at an art show on Sat., May 14th from 6:00-9:00 P.M. at the Burlington City Arts Center on Church Street. Student achievements in drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, media arts, and graphic design will be showcased.

**CPR/FIRST AID CLASS:** Joseph's House is holding a CPR/First Aid training class May 18th 6:00-9:00 P.M. Usually this certification class costs \$50 per person but Joseph's House will cover the cost for all participants! This is a great chance to get certified! Please see the informational flyer posted on the bulletin board.



**"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 [mgraas@yahoo.com](mailto:mgraas@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, VT Fish and Wildlife Department

**THE JAMES J. O'HAGAN CAMP:** There are four openings at Camp Thorpe in Goshen, VT for the first week of August. This camp experience is for children and adults with special needs. For information, call 802-863-7356.



**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 Parish and School is proud to announce that George Weigel, personal biographer of Pope John Paul II, will give a presentation at Christ the King School (136 Locust Street in Burlington) on Fri., May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M. in the school's gym. This is the first in the "Christ the King 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 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*. 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. Please call 862-6696 with any questions.

**YOU ARE INVITED:** The next Adult Religious Education class at St. Pius X Parish in Essex will be "Parent to Parent: Bringing the Chastity Message to Your Children" - Thurs., May 19th at 7:00 P.M. in the Fr. Murray Room. Combating the cultural messages that promote early sexual activity takes determination and knowledge. All parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles should arm themselves with facts and explore what it means to talk the talk and walk the walk. Carrie Handy from the Diocesan Respect Life Speakers Bureau will be the presenter of this extremely important topic for the welfare of our children. No registration is necessary. If you have questions, please contact Deacon Gerry Scilla @ 878-0639 or [vtscilla@comcast.net](mailto:vtscilla@comcast.net).

**ST. ANNE'S SHRINE:** Like so many other properties, St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte has suffered flood damage from all the recent rain storms and rising level of Lake Champlain. The Shrine is gratefully accepting monetary donations in hopes of cleaning up and making repairs in time for the up-coming season. Please visit [www.saintannesshrine.org](http://www.saintannesshrine.org) to see pictures and for information on ways you can help by your donations. Thank you.

**YOU'RE INVITED:** The faculty and staff of Mater Christi School will be presenting the mystery comedy, "The Boardinghouse" on Sat., May 14th, at 7:00 P.M. in the school's auditorium. You will be welcomed to the *Home Sweet Home Boardinghouse* where life is anything but normal. The play will have you laughing from beginning to end. Tickets: Adults-\$10.00; Family-\$25.00 to benefit the MCS Drama Department. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time or at the door. Mater Christi School is located at 50 Mansfield Avenue, Burlington. Call (802) 658-3992.

**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, Cathryn Devlin, Erin Barch, Anna Tavormina, Janis Peyser, Kyle Riley and Claudia Bechard.

**DECEASED:** For all who have died, especially Matt Hathaway, 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 9  
Acts 6:8-15  
Jn 6:22-29

Tues., May 10  
Acts 7:51-8:1a  
Jn 6:30-35

Wed., May 11  
Acts 8:1b-8  
Jn 6:35-40

Thurs., May 12  
Acts 8:26-40  
Jn 6:44-51

Friday, May 13  
Acts 9:1-20  
Jn 6:52-59

Sat., May 14  
Feast of Saint  
Matthias, Apostle  
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26  
Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
Jn 15:9-17

Sunday, May 15  
Fourth Sunday of  
Easter  
Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6  
1 Pt 2:20b-25  
Jn 10:1-10

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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
May 1 8:30 AM Mass <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's</i>  <b>Divine Mercy Sunday:</b> 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  <b>6:30 PM:</b> <u>First Communion</u> <u>rehearsal in the church</u>	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  <b>NO Sacred Worship Meeting</b> (See you in Sept.)	6 8:00 AM - Mass	7 <b>10:00 AM:</b> <b>First Communion</b> Central & Eastern Europe Collection this weekend  <b>Care Net Baby Bottle</b> <b>Campaign begins</b>  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 <b>Care Net Baby Bottle Campaign begins</b>  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  <b>7:00 PM: Confirmation</b> <b>at St. Michael's</b> <b>College</b>  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            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)  <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> <b>OFFICE</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	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 <b>6:30 PM - Vigil Mass</b> <b>Ascension Thursday</b> <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		