

**WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES**

October 29 SAT	4:30 PM - For the repose of the soul of Mary Grogan by Vern & Maureen Reynolds
October 30 SUN	8:30 AM - For the repose of the soul of Ruth Bechard by Ken & Donna Schaeffler
MON	<u>NO</u> 8:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas <u>7:00 PM</u> - Vigil Mass at St. Mary's for All Saints Day
TUE	All Saints Day - Holy Day of Obligation 8:00 AM - Mass at St. Thomas - For the parishioners of St. Thomas & St. Mary's 6:30 PM - For the repose of the souls of the Viens & Marois Families by Marcelle Viens & Family
WED	All Souls Day 8:00 AM - Mass at St. Thomas - For all the faithful departed 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 Russell H. Danielson
November 5 SAT	4:30 PM - For the repose of the soul of James Belton by Bob & Martha Pollak
November 6 SUN	8:30 AM - For the parishioners of St. Thomas & St. Mary's Grade 4 participation at Mass

**Message from Fr. Rick**

In a little more than a year from now our country will hold elections for the presidency, the Congress and many governorships and state and local officers. Recalling Jesus' words from the Gospel: "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and give to God what belongs to God", I offer the following thought from a blog post sent to me by a parishioner:

"The restoration of our personal and national wellbeing won't be achieved by the next election, no matter who is elected. It depends rather on prayer, fasting, and a change in our priorities that is expressed by a change in what we do."

Fr. Robert Barron's series, "The Catholicism Project" points out that the essence of Christianity is getting to know a person: Jesus of Nazareth and conforming our lives to His life through conversion of our hearts and the renewal of our minds which leads to a change in how we live and think and act.

**VERMONT CATHOLIC CONFERENCE:**

Are you looking for an opportunity to enrich your Catholic faith? You are invited to attend the *Vermont Catholic Conference 2011*. Inspired by the Bishop's call for growth in our unity of faith, this fifth annual conference will include keynote speaker Deacon Alex Jones as well as other inspirational speakers, prayer, fellowship, and worship. The day ends on a high note with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Sat., Nov. 12th, 8:00 A.M.-6:00 P.M. at St. Monica's in Barre

Registration forms are on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the church; or check out [www.VTChallengers.org](http://www.VTChallengers.org) for more info.

**FUNDRAISER THIS SUNDAY:** After Mass Sunday, a member of the Catholic Student Association at UVM that grew up in this area, (Zach Rivers), will be selling apple pies and crisps for a benefit fundraiser. The Catholic Student Association is a UVM sponsored club that works on campus through the Newman Center to provide retreats, a place for studying and fellowship, and community service opportunities to students and community members at UVM and Champlain College. Pies will be \$10, and crisps will be \$8. Feel free to talk to or contact Zach Rivers @ 802-383-8073 with questions about the organization or the pies.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE - November 5 & 6, 2011**

Mass	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lector	Altar Servers
4:30 PM Sat.	P Stone S May	T May	Please help!
8:30 AM Sun.	Deacon Peter B MacDonough P Keith	B Surprenant M A Ledwith	B Herridge C Herridge

**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](mailto:StThomasPrayers@aol.com).

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:** For many, many years, our Diocese has been served by dedicated priests who have ministered to the faithful even in their advanced age. When they do retire from administration while continuing to assist in parishes, the Diocese, like any institution, has the responsibility to care for them in their later years. The "Priests' Benefit Fund" was established for this purpose, namely to care for our sick and aged priests and to provide a health care program and retirement benefits for all our priests. I ask for your kind consideration and support for this collection. Your positive response will certainly be a powerful encouragement to our priests. ....for all you do in support of our Diocese, I am deeply grateful. Devotedly yours in Christ, The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano.

*Please make checks payable to St. Thomas; cash also gratefully accepted.*

<p><b>Stewardship - October 22 &amp; 23, 2011</b> (Weekly Offertory Goal = \$2,850.00) 60 Envelopes = \$1,704.00; Loose Currency = \$702.66 TOTAL = \$2,406.66 YTD Actual = \$44,681.97 World Mission Sunday = \$255—thank you! Please remember to make up your contributions if you are away on vacation. Thanks.</p>
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**WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS**

Sunday	10/30	9:50-11:05 AM	Rel. Ed. Classes, Gr. 1-3, 5-8-UCS Please note Gr. 4 will meet in the church
		10:00 AM	<u>Catholicism Adult Study Program</u> Repeat of Class #2: "Happy Are We - The Teachings of Jesus"
		3:45-5:00 PM	Confirmation Classes Years 1 & 2
Tuesday	11/1	6:00 PM	Confessions Exposition o/t Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday	11/2	6:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	Confessions at St. Mary's Exposition at St. Mary's Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.
Saturday	11/5	3:45 PM 4:10 pm	Confessions Rosary before Mass
Sunday	11/6	8:00-11:00 AM	K of C Country Breakfast All are welcome; cost by donation
		8:30 AM	Gr. 4 participation at Mass
		9:50-11:05 AM	Rel. Ed. Classes, Gr. 1-5, 7/8-UCS
		10:00 AM-6:00 PM	Gr. 6 will attend the Middle School Rally at Rice H.S.
		3:45-5:30 PM	Confirmation Classes Years 1 & 2

## ADULT ED. STUDY PROGRAM

Class #2 (which was first presented last Monday, 10/24) will be repeated this Sunday, October 30th at 10:00 A.M. in the Parish Hall. The remaining class schedule for this Fall session is listed below. Theme for Class #2:

“Happy Are We—The Teachings of Jesus”

Mondays: Nov. 14th, Nov. 28, and Dec. 12th;  
Repeated on Sundays: Nov. 20th, and Dec. 4th.

The remaining five sessions will be held after the new year.

## K OF C TO SPONSOR HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY CONTEST:

All high school students who are Catholic from Underhill and Jericho are invited to write a 500-750 word essay on the theme of “The Responsibility of the Catholic Citizen in a Free Society”. Three monetary prizes will be awarded: 3rd Place-\$25; 2nd Place-\$50; 1st Place-\$100. Essays must be submitted no later than 12 Noon, Sun., Nov. 27th to the St. Thomas parish office. Awards will be announced on Dec. 3rd. Entry forms and a list of student resources are available on the table at the back of the church. For more information, please contact Laura Lynch Wells at 899-4770 or at [reled@stthomasvt.com](mailto:reled@stthomasvt.com). All submission become the property of the K of C.

**ST. PIUS X CHURCH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**, Sat., Nov 5, 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. Bring the entire family to enjoy Crafters, Our Sugarplum Bakery, Treasures From The Attic, Christmas Café, Children’s “Make-N-Take” Crafts, Photos with Santa, Raffles and more! Please call Cheryl @ 879-6122, Deb @ 878-5113 or Margaret 878-5997 for more information.

**ST. LUKE PARISH** in Fairfax is holding its annual Turkey Dinner on Sun., Nov. 6th with three seatings: 11:45, 12:45 and 1:45. Tickets, by reservation only, are \$10-adults, \$5-children 6-12 with under 6-free. Call 527-1121 between 10 A.M. and 8 P.M. Monday through Friday. Take-outs available by reservation.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** will continue praying for an end to abortion on Mansfield Avenue in Burlington between 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. daily through Nov. 6th. We want to thank those who have participated in this important life-changing event and encourage you to spend time at the vigil site this week so we can finish strong. The concluding celebration will be held at the Christ the King School gym on Sun., Nov. 6th at 7:30 P.M. Following light refreshments, we will show the movie "Changing Sides" promptly at 8:00 P.M. This very compelling and inspiring movie is based on the book "unPLANNED", the Abby Johnson story. We hope to see you there. For more information call Agnes at 658-0690.

**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** will be offered for sale after all Masses. The cost is \$30. Books for various other states are available by calling Ed Mathews at 899-4793. Great gift idea and a wonderful way to support St. Thomas' Knights of Columbus.

## K OF C COUNTRY BREAKFAST:



Mark your calendars for next Sun., Nov. 6th for the K of C Country Breakfast, serving in the Parish Hall from 8:00 to 11:00 A.M. Cost is by donation. The proceeds will go toward our Christmas Food and Fruit Baskets, which will be assembled by our Confirmation students. Hope to see you there.



## SANCTUARY CANDLE DEDICATION

Week of October 30th:

*For the repose of the soul of  
Mary Grogan*

requested by Vern & Maureen Reynolds

**Navigating Serious Illness: The Role of Palliative Care** featuring Vermont Palliative Care Specialists, Zail Berry, MD and Ursula McVeigh, MD on Tues., Nov. 1, 7:00–8:30 P.M. at the Faith United Methodist Church, 899 Dorset St., S. Burlington. This community education event is an opportunity for you to learn about Palliative Care, what it is and who it can help from physicians skilled at practicing compassionate care. For more info, call 860-4419. Reservations not required.

**CHITTENDEN COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE** will meet on Tues., Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:15 - 8:15 P.M. in St. John Vianney Parish Hall, 160 Hinesburg Road in South Burlington. All are welcome. Current projects include preparations for attending the January Rally for Life in Montpelier, and selling ads for the 2012 LifePages pro-life resource book. Contact [chitrightto-life@gmail.com](mailto:chitrightto-life@gmail.com) for more information.

**CHRIST THE KING OPEN HOUSE:** You are invited to an Open House at Christ the King School on Thurs., Nov. 17th highlighting our Early Education Program: Pre-school for 5 year olds (for the 2012-2013 academic year). The presentations by the teachers begin at 8:30 A.M. followed by visits to the classrooms, meeting students, and ending with a question and answer session. Contact us at (802) 862-6696 or visit us at [www.cksvt.org](http://www.cksvt.org) for additional information.

**Holy Cross Craft Bazaar**, 416 Church Rd., Colchester, Sat., Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. If you are a crafter, we still have tables available. Call Marcia Devino at 863-5403 for more info.

**STUNT NITE 2011:** Four unique musical comedies will be performed by Rice Memorial High School at the Flynn Center for the Performing Arts, 153 Main St., Burlington on Tues., Nov. 22nd. The *matinee* will begin at 4:00 P.M. with tickets selling for \$14-adults, \$12-seniors and students; the *evening* performance begins at 8:00 P.M. with tickets at \$17-adults, \$14 seniors and students. Tickets available by calling the FLYNN box office at 86-FLYNN (863-5966) or via their website at [www.flyntix.org](http://www.flyntix.org).

## 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, Maureen Reynolds, Ray Mathieu, Jim McGonagle, Judy Couillard, Janine Mullaly, Frank McCarthy, Sr., Theresa MacDonald, Mike Marinelli, Mary Kelczewski, and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

**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., Oct. 31  
Rom 11:29-36  
Lk 14:12-14

Tues., Nov. 1  
Solemnity of All Saints  
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14  
Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6  
1 Jn 3:1-3  
Mt 5:1-12a

Wed., Nov. 2  
The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)  
Wis 3:1-9  
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
Rom 5:5-11  
Jn 6:37-40

Thurs., Nov. 3  
Rom 14:7-12  
Lk 15:1-10

Fri., Nov. 4  
Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, bishop  
Rom 15:14-21  
Lk 16:1-8

Sat., Nov. 5  
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27  
Lk 16:9-15

Sunday, Nov. 6  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Wis 6:12-16  
Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8  
1 Thes 4:13-18  
Mt 25:1-13

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# NOVEMBER 2011

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Please consult the weekly  
bulletin for revisions to this  
calendar.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Oct. 30 8:30 AM Mass 9:50-11:05 AM: Rel. Ed. Grs. 1-3, 5-8—UCS Gr. 4 will meet in the church 10:00 AM-Catholicism Adult Education Series in the Parish Hall (repeat of Class 2) 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's 3:45-5:00 PM: Confirmation Class Years 1 &amp; 2</p>	<p>Oct. 31 Please note: <u>NO 8:00 AM Mass</u>  <i>For Holy Day:</i> 7:00 PM <i>Vigil Mass</i> <u>at St. Mary's</u></p>	<p>Nov. 1 All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation 8:00 AM-Holy Day Mass at St. Thomas  At St. Thomas: 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Holy Day Mass 7:00 PM-Exposition</p>	<p>Nov. 2 All Souls Day 8:00 AM - Mass at St. Thomas  St. Mary's: 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass followed by Exposition 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.</p>	<p>3 St. Mary's: 8:00 AM Mass  7:15 PM: Sacred Worship Committee Meeting</p>	<p>4 8:00 AM - Mass</p>	<p>5  3:45 PM - Confessions 4:10 PM - Rosary 4:30 PM - Mass 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's Turn clocks back one hour</p>
<p>6 Serving 8:00-11:00 AM: K of C Country Breakfast 8:30 AM Mass Gr. 4 Participate at Mass 9:50-11:05 AM: Rel. Ed. Classes at UCS for Grs. 1-5, 7/8 Gr. 6 - At Middle School Rally 3:45-5:30 PM: Confirmation Class Years 1 &amp; 2</p>	<p>7 8:00 AM - Mass</p>	<p>8  6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00-7:45 PM-Exposition 7:30 PM: K of C Meeting</p>	<p>9  St. Mary's: <u>NO Confessions</u> <u>NO Mass</u> <u>NO Exposition</u> 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.</p>	<p>10 St. Mary's: <u>NO Mass</u></p>	<p>11 8:00 AM - Mass</p>	<p>12 8:00 AM-6:00 PM: VT Catholic Conference at St. Monica's, Barre  2nd Collection this w/e: <i>Renovation and Repair</i> 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</p>
<p>13 8:30 AM Mass 9:50-11:05 AM: Rel. Ed. Grs. K-8—UCS  3:45-5:30 PM: Confirmation Class Years 1 &amp; 2</p>	<p>14 8:00 AM - Mass  7:00-8:30 PM-Catholicism Adult Education Series in the Parish Hall (Class 3) All are invited!</p>	<p>15  6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00 PM-Exposition</p>	<p>16  St. Mary's: 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass followed by Exposition 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.</p>	<p>17 St. Mary's: 8:00 AM Mass  7:00 PM: Maintenance Meeting</p>	<p>18 <u>NO Mass</u></p>	<p>19  2nd Collection this w/e: <i>Bishop deGoesbriand Appeal</i> for Human Advancement 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</p>
<p>20 8:30 AM Mass Blessing of the Giving Boxes 9:50-11:05 AM: Rel. Ed. Grs. K-8—UCS 10:00 AM-Catholicism Adult Education Series in the Parish Hall (repeat of Class 3) 3:45-5:30 PM: Confirmation Class Years 1 &amp; 2</p>	<p>21 <u>NO 8:00 AM Mass</u>  7:00 PM: Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 PM-Music Ministry Practice</p>	<p>22  6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00 PM-Exposition</p>	<p>23  At St. Mary's: 6:30 PM Confessions 7:00 PM: Thanksgiving Mass (<u>NO Exposition tonight</u>)  NO Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.</p>	<p>24 <u>NO Mass at</u> St. Mary's  <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> 9:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas  <u>NO Parish Council</u> Meeting</p>	<p>25 <u>NO Mass</u></p>	<p>26  We begin using the New Translation of The Roman Missal this weekend 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</p>
<p>27 First Sunday of Advent 8:30 AM Mass  <u>NO Rel. Ed. Classes, Gr. 1-8</u> <u>NO Confirmation Years 1 &amp; 2</u> <i>Thanksgiving Vacation</i>  (Essay for K of C contest due today)</p>	<p>28 8:00 AM - Mass  7:00-8:30 PM-Catholicism Adult Education Series in the Parish Hall (Class 4)</p>	<p>29  6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00 PM-Exposition</p>	<p>30  St. Mary's: 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass followed by Exposition 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.</p>	<p>Dec. 1 St. Mary's: 8:00 AM Mass  7:15 PM: Sacred Worship Committee Meeting</p>	<p>Dec. 2 8:00 AM - Mass</p>	<p>Dec. 3 K of C High School Essay Contest Awards (Watch the bulletin) 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:10 PM - Rosary 4:30 PM - Mass 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</p>

## **ADULT ED OPPORTUNITY CONTINUES:**

**Father Robert Barron created the groundbreaking CATHOLICISM ADULT STUDY PROGRAM as a thematic presentation of what Catholics believe and why, so all adults can come to a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith. Classes are held be on Monday evenings beginning at 7:00 P.M. with a video of about an hour's duration followed by a discussion/conversation period of about a half hour. For folks who prefer not to come out in the evenings, there will be a second session of the same material on the following Sunday beginning at 10:00 A.M. This will also allow parents to view the video while their children attend religious education classes. All sessions are held in the Parish Hall. Dates for the remaining Fall sessions are listed below; the final five sessions will be held after the new year.**

**CLASS #2: Repeated on Sun., Oct. 30: Happy Are We - The Teachings of Jesus**

**CLASS #3: Mon., Nov. 14 and again on Sun., Nov. 20: The Ineffable Mystery of God - That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought**

**CLASS #4: Mon., Nov. 28 and again on Sun., Dec. 4: Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast - Mary, the Mother of God**

**CLASS #5: Mon., Dec. 12 and again on (to be announced): The Indispensable Men - Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure**