

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

September 24 SAT	4:30 PM - For the repose of the soul of Richard Pollak by Bob & Martha Pollak
September 25 SUN	8:30 AM - For the parishioners of St. Thomas and St. Mary's Rite of Entrance - Confirmation Year 2 - Gr. 10
MON	8:00 AM - For the health & healing of Wally Stone by the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus
TUE	6:30 PM - For the repose of the souls Marion and Joseph Desany, Sr. by Barb & Rene Desany
WED	<i>NO Mass at St. Mary's, NO Confessions, NO Adoration</i>
THURS	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary's
FRI	8:00 AM - For the health and well-being of Mike Marinelli
October 1 SAT	4:10 PM - Rosary before Mass 4:30 PM - Repose of the soul of Pauline St. Onge by Norm & Celine Leblanc
October 2 SUN	8:30 AM - Repose of the soul of Ruth Bechard by Roger & Kathy Koniuto

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - October 1 & 2, 2011

Mass	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lector	Altar Servers
4:30 PM Sat.	T Rivers T Potvin	R Rivers	Please help!
8:30 AM Sun.	Deacon Peter John Tardie/ L Wells	A Bernasconi D Nitchie	C Haupt G Gosselin

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 for more info.

ANNUAL HARVEST HAM DINNER: Plans are underway for our annual Harvest Ham Dinner, which will be held on Sun. Oct. 9th with the usual three seatings of 4:00, 5:15 and 6:30 P.M. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$6 for children 6-12, 5 and under are free. Take outs available. Please fill out a flyer found in your pew indicating how you can help. There are lots of ways you can assist with this major fundraising event for our parish. If you would like more information, please call Dave Leonard at 899-2513 or Tom Rivers at 899-4182. Tickets can be purchased after all Masses.

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION will be for the Catholic University. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas; cash also gratefully accepted. Thank you.

Stewardship - Sept. 17 & 18, 2011	
(Weekly Offertory Goal = \$2,850.00)	
52 Envelopes = \$681.00; Loose Currency = \$1,661.00	
TOTAL = \$2,342.00	
YTD Actual = \$29,672	
Please remember to make up your contributions if you are away on vacation. Thanks.	

Message from Fr. Rick

On the necessity of beauty

"Beauty is a handmaid that serves the end of making God's presence known to us." (Pope Benedict XVI)

Anything truly beautiful has the effect of raising our thoughts, our hearts and our souls to God. Beauty in the written word has to do with expression and that involves poetic device.

The Liturgy of the Mass is the worship of God; the True, the Good, and the Beautiful, and the source of all that is true, good and beautiful. Therefore, our worship of God should be expressed in language that is truly poetic and expressive of all the wonder and awe we should bring with us to the worship of God.

ADULT ED OPPORTUNITY COMING SOON: St. Thomas will be hosting an adult education program again this year. Father Robert Barron created the groundbreaking CATHOLICISM ADULT STUDY PROGRAM as a thematic presentation of what Catholics believe and why. Classes will 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. Both the Monday evening sessions and the Sunday morning sessions will be held in the Parish Hall. Dates and times for the Fall sessions are listed below; the remaining five classes will be held after Christmas:

- Mon., Oct. 10 & Sun., Oct. 16: Amazed and Afraid-The Revelation of God Became Man
- Mon., Oct. 24 & Sun., Oct. 30: Happy Are We - The Teachings of Jesus
- Mon., Nov. 14 & Sun., Nov. 20: The Ineffable Mystery of God - That Than Which Nothing Greater Can Be Thought
- Mon., Nov. 28 & Sun., Dec. 4: Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast - Mary, the Mother of God
- Mon., Dec. 12 & Sun., Dec. 18: The Indispensable Men - Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure

RECTORY ROOF: Thanks to the hard work, dedication, surefootedness and skill of all those listed below, St. Thomas Rectory now has a brand new roof! As the guy blessed to live under it and also on behalf of those who work under it, I sincerely thank all those who labored so very hard over two weekends to put on a new roof. Thank you!! Thanks go also to our Maintenance Committee, the Fund-raising Committee and all those generous souls who contributed to raising money for this worthwhile project!

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| Bob Bechard | Ed Mathews | Mark Girouard | Andy Bibb |
| Peter Richard | Leo Lecours | Jeff Butkus | Reny Desany |
| Steve Haupt | Larry Lecours | Tom Gosselin | Sean Ledwith |
| Tim Reny | Fred Rivers | Joe Walko | |

Special mention to: Jane Reny, Louise Mathews and Anne Jobinpicard for showing up and offering to help.

WEEKLY PARISH EVENTS

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sunday	9/25	8:30 AM Mass	Rite of Entrance - Confirmation Year 2—Grade 10
		9:50-11:05 AM	Religious Education Classes 1-8 Underhill Central School
		3:45 PM	Confirmation Class for Years 1 & 2
Monday	9/26	7:00 PM	Music Ministry Practice
Tuesday	9/27	6:00 PM	Confessions
		7:00 PM	Exposition o/t Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday	9/28		<i>NO Confessions at St. Mary's</i> <i>NO Exposition at St. Mary's</i>
Thursday	9/22	7:00 PM	Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.
Saturday	10/1	7:00 PM	Parish Council Meeting
		3:45 PM 4:10 PM	Confessions Rosary before Mass
Sunday	9/25	9:50-11:05 AM	Religious Education Classes 1-8 Underhill Central School
		3:45-5:30 PM	Confirmation Class for Years 1 & 2

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

Attention Grade 3: As you may know, we now have catechists for Grade 3. If you could not attend Religious Ed. classes last week, please come this Sunday; it's not too late. Registration forms will be available at Underhill Central School. Class begins at 9:50 and ends at 11:05 A.M. Every grade is important and serves to aid parents in continuing to develop their child's Catholic faith.

Confirmation Grades 9 and 10: Confirmation preparation is a two-year religious education program. If you could not make last week's first class, it's not too late to register—forms will be available at class. Confirmation for grades 9 & 10 meets in the Parish Hall at 3:45 until 5:30 P.M. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Laura Lynch Wells at 899-4770 or email rel.ed@stthomasvt.com.

Save the date for Middle School Rallies: The Diocesan Middle School Rally will continue our focus on the Beatitudes with a theme of "Got Blessings?" This year's rally will be held on Sun., Nov. 6, 2011 at Rice Memorial High School. The rally will be open to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. Highlights include Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Mass for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, lots of music and activities as well as a faith witness given by one of our High School teens. Our Keynote Speaker and Musician will be Mr. Cooper Ray. For his biography and for conference schedules, please visit the Diocesan website at www.vermontcatholic.org. Registration will open in late September. For more information, contact Dorothy Barewicz at 802-846-5812 or Hope Kennedy at 846-5813.

THE 2011 TEENS FOR LIFE SUMMIT is in the final stages of planning. Please be sure to contact the office to register your teen for day-long summit on Sat., Oct. 29th at the Capitol Plaza in Montpelier. Scholarships are available. This is a once-a-year event. Find Teens for Life on Facebook - don't miss out!

Gifts for the Kingdom Adult Catechetical and Enrichment Conference: Gifts for the Kingdom will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Burlington on Sat., Oct. 15, 2011. Registration for this conference, sponsored by the Diocese of Burlington's Office of Catholic Formation and Office of Catholic Schools, is underway now. The keynote address will be presented by The Most Reverend Robert C. Evans, Auxiliary Bishop of Providence, Rhode Island, on the conference theme: "Do This In Memory of Me". This year's conference will feature 17 workshops to assist catechists, Catholic School teachers and adults interested in learning more about their Catholic faith. Workshop descriptions and speaker biographies are on the Diocesan Website (www.vermontcatholic.org). For more information, contact Dorothy Barewicz at 802-846-5812 or email dbarewicz@vermontcatholic.org.

FALL SPEAKER SERIES: Fr. Lance Harlow will be speaking this October on *True Devotion to Jesus through Mary*. He will discuss his books, other writings and his TV appearances on EWTN. The spirituality of St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort is undergoing a revival in the 21st century and has helped in the formation of many modern day saints including Blessed John Paul II. The dates for these two lectures are Oct. 4th at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Williston and Oct. 11th at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in Richmond. Books and other items will be for sale. For information, please call 878-4513 or 434-2421. Please come and learn about growing in holiness. Both talks are at 7:00 P.M. Refreshments will follow the presentations in the Parish Halls.

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.



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.

Oct. 2nd-Oct. 23rd are available as well as Nov. 6th-Nov. 20th and Dec. 4th and 11th.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE will begin on Wed., Sept. 28th in Burlington from 5:30-6:30 P.M. We will gather at this time on Mansfield Avenue for a time of prayer and thanksgiving. Planned Parenthood will soon be moving from 183 Mansfield Avenue, and when they do, the vigil will follow them. We are very thankful for God's answer to many years of prayer that the Mansfield Ave. Planned Parenthood will close. Let us continue with the inspiration of St. Paul to pray for conversion of hearts and an end to abortion.

LIFE CHAIN in Burlington October 2nd: Life Chain is an annual nationwide prayerful witness to the fact that "Abortion Kills Children" and "Abortion Hurts Women". Christians of all denominations will stand in silence for one hour while holding these and other signs, joining together to pray for an end to our nation's indifference to the intentional destruction of human life. On Sun., Oct. 2nd, the Life Chain will gather at 2:00 P.M. on Main St. at South Union St. in Burlington in front of Edmunds Elementary School. Signs are provided. For more information contact Paul at 878-5538 or Paul.in.VT@gmail.com.

A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND Marriage is about serving each other with a love that brings great joy. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in Vermont is scheduled for October 21-23, 2011. Call Dave & Jennie Erkson @ 1-800-434-4218 or via e-mail at erksonmevt@comcast.net to apply or for more information. Early application is recommended.

STORM DAMAGE??? Please look on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the church for valuable information if your home/property sustained damage during "Irene". Help may be available.

MATER CHRISTI SCHOOL in Burlington, as part of its After School Enrichment Program, is opening up its Enrichment Courses to any interested students in grades 2-8. There are 8 courses: Yoga, Mandarin, Zumba, Martial Arts, Chorus, Writer's Workshop, Science of Sport and Elements of Design. Classes meet once weekly for six weeks (divided into age levels), beginning during the week of Sept. 26th. Cost is approximately \$25.00 per each six-week course. If interested, or for more information, call Mater Christi School at (802)658-3992.

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 Peysner, Maureen Reynolds, Mathaniel Reed, Ray Mathieu, Jim McGonagle, July Couillard, Janine Mullaly, Frank McCarthy, Sr., Theresa MacDonald, and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

DECEASED: For all who have died, especially for Natasha Haulmann (20 yr-old granddaughter of Mary Ann Eckhardt), and 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., Sept. 26

Zec 8:1-8

Lk 9:46-50

Tues., Sept. 27

Memorial of Saint

Vincent de Paul, priest

Zec 8:20-23

Lk 9:51-56

Wed., Sept. 28

Neh 2:1-8

Lk 9:57-62

Thurs., Sept. 29

Feast of Saint Michael,

Saint Gabriel and Saint

Raphael, archangels

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

Rv 12:7-12ab

Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5

Jn 1:47-51

Fri., Sept. 30

Memorial of Saint

Jerome, priest and

doctor of the Church

Bar 1:15-22

Lk 10:13-16

Sat., Oct. 1

Memorial of Saint

Thérèse of the Child

Jesus, virgin and doctor

of the Church

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29

Lk 10:17-24

Sunday, Oct. 2

Twenty-Seventh

Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Is 5:1-7

Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14,

15-16, 19-20

Phil 4:6-9

Mt 21:33-43

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SEPTEMBER 2011

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Please consult the weekly
bulletin for revisions to
this calendar.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sept. 4 8:30 AM Mass No Coffee Hour today <i>10:30 AM Mass at St. Mary</i>	5 8:00 AM - Mass Labor Day Office Closed	6 NO Confessions NO Mass NO Exposition ← Fr. Rick at	7 <i>St. Mary's: NO Confessions, NO Mass, NO Exposition</i> 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp. (All women are invited!) Presbyteral Assembly	8 <i>St. Mary's: NO Mass</i> 7:15 - Sacred Worship Meeting - in Sacristy	9 8:00 AM - Mass	10 2nd Collection this w/e: St. Thomas Heat/Fuel 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i>
11 8:30 AM - Mass Commissioning of Catechists at Mass 9:50-11:05 AM: First Day of Rel. Educ. Classes, Grs. K-8 at Underhill Central School <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's</i>	12 8:00 AM - Mass	13 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00-7:45 PM - Exposition 7:30 PM - K of C Meeting	14 <i>St. Mary's: 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00 PM - Exposition</i> 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.	15 <i>St. Mary's: 8:00 AM Mass</i> 6:30 PM - Food Shelf Set-Up at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rte. 15 7:00 PM - Maintenance Committee Meeting	16 8:00 AM - Mass 7:00 PM - Fundraising Committee Meeting (check with Laura Wells)	17 9:30 AM - Food Shelf Distribution at Good Shepherd Luth. Ch. 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i>
18 8:30 AM - Mass 9:50-11:05 AM: Rel. Educ. Classes, Grs. K-8 at Underhill Central School <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's</i> 3:45 PM: Parent Meeting for Confirmation Years 1 & 2 3:45-5:30 PM: 1st Class Confirmation Years 1 & 2	19 8:00 AM - Mass 7:00 PM: Finance Committee Meeting	20 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00 PM - Exposition	21 <i>St. Mary's: 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00 PM - Exposition</i> 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.	22 <i>St. Mary's: 8:00 AM Mass</i> 7:00 PM: Parish Council Meeting	23 8:00 AM - Mass	24 Catholic University Collection this w/e 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i>
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October 2 8:30 AM - Mass 9:50-11:05 AM: Rel. Educ. Classes, Grs. K-8 at Underhill Central School <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's</i> 3:45-5:30 PM: Confirmation Class Years 1 & 2		 LOOKING AHEAD: October 9th: HAM DINNER More info soon.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Coffee Hour follows 8:30 A.M. Mass unless otherwise announced. <i>St. Mary's events are in italics.</i> </div>			