

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

January 7 SAT	4:30 PM - For the repose of the soul of Ruth Bechard by Betty O'Hara
January 8 SUN	8:30 AM - In memory of Leonard T. Kelly by the Kelly Family
MON	8:00 AM - For the repose of the soul of Peter Bacenet by Jim & Barbara Kelczewski & Family
TUE	6:30 PM - In thanksgiving by Roger & Diana Nadeau
WED	6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's followed by Exposition
THURS	8:00 PM - Mass at St. Mary's
FRI	8:00 AM - For the intentions of Ray & Mimi Mathieu by Donna Schaeffler
January 14 SAT	4:30 PM - For the parishioners of St. Thomas & St. Mary's
January 15 SUN	8:30 AM - For the repose of the soul of Joseph M.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - January 14 & 15, 2012

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:30 PM Sat.	C Ferreira J Butkus	F Babicz	Please help!
8:30 AM Sun.	Deacon Peter J Tardie D Novembrino	B Surprenant S Fleming	J Walko M Reinfurt

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.

COFFEE HOUR after the 8:30 A.M. Mass will resume (starting) this Sunday, Jan. 8th. Thank you to Sean and Mary Ann Ledwith who have volunteered to host the Coffee Hour. Donations of home baked food items would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to offer the Ledwith's any assistance, or could fill in for them when they are not available, please speak to Sean or Mary Ann. All are invited to attend.

INITIAL OFFERING: To help defray the cost of the boxed Offertory Envelopes, please consider using the "Initial Offering" - which is the first envelope in the set. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend, Jan. 7th and 8th, we will have a second collection for our "Fuel and Heat" fund. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas; cash gratefully accepted.

Stewardship - Dec. 31, 2011 & Jan. 1, 2012
(Weekly Offertory Goal = \$2,850.00)

55 Envelopes = \$1,651.00; Loose Currency = \$1,178.00
TOTAL = \$2,829.00

YTD Actual = \$73,553.18

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

Message from Fr. Rick

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord Jesus

This Feast, going back to the early centuries of the Church, has focused on three key revelatory events:

- The Visitation of the Magi,
- The Baptism of Jesus, and
- The miraculous turning of water into wine at the Wedding Feast at Cana.

Each event is a manifestation—an Epiphany—of an astounding, transforming, Truth of The Incarnation. Each event invites us to look further into the Mystery of Jesus and invites us to worship and adore Him!

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY: The Diocesan recognition of World Marriage Day for couples celebrating significant anniversaries will be held on Feb. 5th at the 11:00 A.M. at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral, Burlington. Bishop Matano will be the main celebrant. If you are celebrating a milestone church wedding anniversary of 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 years, etc., and would like to attend this Mass, please call the parish office to register by Jan. 16th.

Religious Education Grades 1-8 will resume again this Sunday, January 8th, with a slight change in time. In order to allow families to attend coffee hour after Mass, religious ed will now start at 10:00 A.M. and will end at 11:15 A.M. This change is in response to requests from parents and after replies to email query on the subject. The overwhelmingly positive response from families whose children attend religious ed decided the change.

Confirmation Class will resume this Sunday, January 8th at 3:45 P.M.

CATHOLICISM ADULT STUDY PROGRAM: We will continue the Catholicism adult educational program beginning this Monday evening, Jan. 9th, starting at 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall. Theme: "The Indispensable Men—Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure". This presentation will be repeated Sunday, Jan. 15th at 10:00 A.M. in the Parish Hall. All are invited to attend any or all presentations.

Parish Events

Sunday	1/8	<u>10:00-11:15 AM</u> 3:45-5:30 PM	Rel. Ed. Grs. 1-8 - UCS Confirmation Class Years 1 & 2
Monday	1/9	7:00-8:30 PM	<u>Catholicism Adult Study Program</u> Class #5 - "The Indispensable Men—Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure"
Tuesday	1/10	6:00 PM <u>7:00-7:45 PM</u> 7:30 PM	Confessions Exposition o/t Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday	1/11	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	1/14	3:45 PM	Confessions
Sunday	1/15	<u>10:00-11:15 AM</u> 10:00 AM 3:45-5:30 PM	Rel. Ed. Classes, Grs. 1-8—UCS <u>Catholicism Adult Study Program</u> Repeat of Class #5 (see above) Confirmation Class—Years 1 & 2

GOT QUESTIONS? Do angels have free will? Does God make mistakes because he seemed sad after the Great Flood? These were just a few of the questions that were asked at our last **"Stump the Priest" night** which was a wonderful evening of great questions and getting to know each other and Father Rick better. Father has agreed to get back into the "hot seat" so the Beatitudes Ministry is hosting another "Stump the Priest" night in January. Families are welcome to attend. After the initial "family friendly" questions are answered in the Parish Hall, members of the Beatitudes will entertain the children downstairs while the adults move upstairs to ask additional questions. Please join us for dessert, fun prizes and great information on **Friday, Jan. 27th** at 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall. If you have questions about the event, please contact Amy at 899-5080 or AmvBVT@Gmail.com.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! The St. Thomas Beatitudes Ministry would like to thank you for your support of our 2011 Christmas project. On 12/21, we delivered 50 decorated Christmas Sacks stuffed with Christmas candy, personal care items and hats/mittens/socks/scarves. These sacks were given to people visiting the COTS Waystation & Eagle's Nest shelters on Christmas Eve. The COTS staff received the donation with gratitude and were sure that the recipients would appreciate the gift. Thank you & God for helping us make a difference!

CHITTENDEN COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE will meet on Tues., Jan. 10th from 7:15 - 8:15 P.M. in St. John Vianney Parish Hall, 160 Hinesburg Road in South Burlington. Newcomers are always welcome. Current projects include preparations for the Rally for Life on January 21 which begins at 10:45 a.m. behind City Hall in Montpelier and continues to the State House where the featured guest speaker will be pro-life nurse and blogger Jill Stanek. For more information about the rally, visit www.vrlc.net. Contact chitrighttolife@gmail.com for more information.

CALLING ALL MOTHERS - COME JOIN ALO: Alo is a gathering of Catholic mothers which provides fellowship, nurturing, and a sense of community for women. Fr. Dan White will be speaking on "Adjustments to the Mass". Join us on Thurs., Jan. 12th at St. Lawrence rectory, 158 West St., Essex Jct., from 6:45 to 9:00 P.M. Childcare is provided. There will be time for discussion in small groups. We will have delicious desserts, coffee and tea. All mothers are welcome. The cost is \$5 per meeting. Scholarships are available. For more info, please call Judy Kanya at 878-6152 or by email, Mcbridej@comcast.net.

2012 MARCH-FOR-LIFE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. for High School students, parents and chaperones. Bus departs on Sun., Jan 22, 2012 from South Burlington and returns on Tues., Jan. 24th in the early morning. Cost is \$20 per person. Register early; contact Dorothy Barewicz at 802-846-5812 or e-mail dbarewicz@vermontcatholic.org. See the announcement on the bulletin board at the entrance of the church for more information.

K of C SCHOLARSHIP - All information is on the bulletin board regarding this yearly Scholarship available to high school seniors who are planning to attend college. Your father or grandfather must be a Knight—see all details and application information. If interested, take home a packet. For more information, contact Matt Hurley at 899-4341.

LOOKING AHEAD: The next K of C Country Breakfast is scheduled for Sun., Jan. 22nd serving from 8:00 until 11:00 A.M. in the Parish Hall. Cost is by donation.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Week of January 8th:

For a Special Intention requested by Diane

BLOOD DRIVE: An American Red Cross community blood drive for area residents will take place on **Wed., Jan. 11th**. Eligible donors can give blood from **1:00 to 6:00 P.M.** at the **United Christian Assembly Church on Raceway Road**. Giving blood through the Red Cross is safe, simple, and virtually painless. What a great way to tithe, as we all have about 10 pints of blood in our bodies. Share the **"gift of life"** at this time when supplies of blood and blood products are critically low. Each presenting donor will receive a coupon for a pound of Dunkin' Donuts Coffee in addition to the yummy goodies.

ANNUAL GAME SUPPER sponsored by Essex Junction K of C will be held on Sat., Jan. 21st at St. Pius X Parish Hall, Rte. 15 in Essex Ctr. For tickets/reservations, call Barry Corbin at 878-8314; Adults-\$15.00, under 12-\$6.00.

RALLY FOR LIFE - Sat., Jan. 21, 2012: The annual Rally for Life in Montpelier, sponsored by the Vermont Right to Life Educational Trust, will be held on January 21, 2012. **Prior to the Rally for Life, Holy Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 A.M. at St. Augustine Church in Montpelier.** A reception with coffee and doughnuts sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of Court St. Augustine will be offered immediately following the Mass in the church hall. Pro-lifers will gather at 10:45 A.M. behind City Hall in Montpelier. They will march down State Street to the steps of the State Capitol for opening remarks, and then proceed to house chambers in the capitol building for dynamic pro-life speakers, including Jill Stanek, a pro-life nurse and lecturer. Following the speakers, there will be a time of fellowship, where refreshments will be served.

FRENCH CANADIAN SUPPER - Sat., Feb. 4th at 5:00 P.M. at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish Hall in Richmond. Menu: pea soup, mashed potatoes, meat pie (tourtiere) and more. Admission: free-will donation. Proceeds to benefit charities of the Holy Rosary K of C Council. More info: call 434-3196 evenings or rectory at 434-2521 daytime.

ULTREYA: There will be an Ultreya on Monday, January 16, 2012, at St. John Vianney Church Hall starting at 7:00 P.M. Please plan to attend.

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, Carmela Cardenas, Conlan Shaw, Shirley Dorcy, Darlene Klatke, Arvind Benkataraman, Don Beaulieu, Patricia Meagher, Frank Livingstone, Kathy Blair, Roger Nadeau, Paul Keeler, Ann Kelly, Yvonne Cross, Arthur Frazer, Bret Johnson, Riley McLaughlin, Agnes Ghioni, Dina Remillard, Michael Chandler, Marlene Fitzgibbons, Emerson Royer, Cathryn Rotando, Yuriy Bihun, Silvio Desjardins, Madeline Lamb, Mary Sevcik, Lynn McLaughlin, Olivia Pierce, Martha Wagner, Abby Wintersteen, Donald Potvin, Gary Strait, Kathryn Devlin, Erin Barch, Anna Tavormina, Janis Peyser, Ray Mathieu, Jim McGonagle, Janine Mullaly, Frank McCarthy, Sr., Theresa MacDonald, Joe Sprano, Tim Schaeffler, Shirley Daniels, Joan Siekman, Sally Ann Bulger, Donna Smith, and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

DECEASED: For all who have died, especially Richard Masse, Hilde Rivadeneira, 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., Jan. 9
The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
Mk 1:7-11

Tues., Jan. 10
1 Sm 1:9-20
Mk 1:14-20

Wed., Jan. 11
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20
Mk 1:29-39

Thurs., Jan. 12
1 Sm 4:1-11
Mk 1:40-45

Fri., Jan. 13
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a
Mk 2:1-12

Sat., Jan. 14
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, Jan. 15
Second Sunday In Ordinary Time
1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Jn 1:35-42

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>8 (2nd Collection: Fuel) 8:30 AM - Mass Coffee Hour resumes after Mass starting this weekend 10:00-11:15 AM-Rel. Ed. 1-8-UCS Please note new time for RE allowing families time for Coffee Hour <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's</i> 3:45-5:30 PM-Confirmation Class Years 1 & 2</p>	<p>9 8:00 AM - Mass 7:00-8:30 PM: Adult Education— “The Indispensable Men – Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure” in the Parish Hall All are invited!</p>	<p>10 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass 7:00-7:45 PM - Exposition 7:30 PM - K of C Meeting</p>	<p>11 <i>St. Mary's: 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass followed by Exposition</i> 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.</p>	<p>12 <i>St. Mary's: 8:00 AM Mass</i></p>	<p>13 8:00 AM - Mass</p>	<p>14 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i></p>
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<p>22 8:00-11:00 AM: K of C Country Breakfast 8:30 AM - Mass 10:00-11:15 AM-Rel. Ed. 1-8-UCS <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's</i> 3:45-5:30 PM-Confirmation Class Years 1 & 2</p>	<p>23 8:00 AM - Mass 7:00-8:30 PM: Adult Education— “A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church” in the Parish Hall All are invited!</p>	<p>24 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass followed by Exposition</p>	<p>25 <i>St. Mary's: 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass followed by Exposition</i> 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.</p>	<p>26 <i>St. Mary's: 8:00 AM Mass</i></p>	<p>27 8:00 AM - Mass 7:00 PM: “Stump the Priest” In the Parish Hall All parishioners/families are invited. (See the bulletin for details)</p>	<p>28 (2nd Collection: Catholic Education) 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i></p>
<p>29 (2nd Collection: Catholic Education) 8:30 AM - Mass Rel. Ed. Gr. 2 participate at Mass 10:00-11:15 AM-Rel. Ed. 1-8-UCS 10:00 AM: Adult Education—Repeat Class “A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church” in the Parish Hall <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary's</i> 3:45-5:30 PM-Confirmation Class Years 1 & 2 in Sacristy St. Thomas Fundraiser: 4:00-6:30 PM - Chicken & Biscuit Dinner in Parish Hall</p>	<p>30 8:00 AM - Mass</p>	<p>31 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass followed by Exposition</p>	<p>Feb. 1 <i>St. Mary's: 6:00 PM - Confessions 6:30 PM - Mass followed by Exposition</i> 7:00 PM-Women's Prayer/Discussion Grp.</p>	<p>Feb. 2 <i>St. Mary's: 8:00 AM Mass</i></p>	<p>Feb. 3 8:00 AM - Mass</p>	<p>Feb. 4 3:45 PM - Confessions 4:30 PM - Mass <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary's</i></p>

Coffee Hour follows the 8:30 AM Mass unless otherwise announced.

St. Mary's events are in italics.

CATHOLICISM ADULT STUDY PROGRAM

Schedule 2012

All presentations are held in the Parish Hall

- **Monday, Jan. 9 - Class #5: “The Indispensable Men: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure”**
Class repeated on Sun., Jan. 15, 10:00 A.M.
- **Monday, Jan. 23 - Class #6: “A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church”**
Class repeated on Sun., Jan 29, 10:00 A.M.
- Monday, Feb. 13 - Class #7: “Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven. The Mystery of the Church’s Sacraments and Worship”**
Class repeated on Sun., Feb. 19, 10:00 A.M.
- **Monday, Feb. 27 - Class #8: “A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints”**
Class repeated on Sun., Mar. 4, 10:00 A.M.
- **Monday, Mar. 12 - Class #9: “The Fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit”**
Class repeated on Sun., Mar. 18, 10:00 A.M.
- **Monday, Mar. 26 - Class #10: “World Without End: The Last Things”**

IMPORTANT:

*****Please watch the weekly bulletin for any changes to this schedule*****

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **K OF C COUNTRY BREAKFAST - Sunday, Jan. 22nd, 8:00-11:00 A.M. in the Parish Hall.**
 - **“STUMP THE PRIEST” - Friday, Jan. 27th, 7:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall.**
- **CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER - Sunday, Jan. 29th, 4:00-6:30 P.M. in the Parish Hall.**

This is a major fundraising event for St. Thomas.

If you can help in any way, please call Lucy Bathalon at 899-1338.