



St. Thomas Church

6 Green Street
PO Box 3
Underhill Center, VT 05490

Office Hours:
M-TH 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Pastor Office Hours:
Tue. 2:00 PM-5:00 PM, Thur. 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

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Parish Staff

Rev. Richard CalapanAdministrator
Rev. Mr. Peter Brooks..... Deacon
Theresa Gingras..... Secretary
Laura Lynch WellsRel. Ed. Coordinator
Patrice Rogers - 399-6226.....Music Ministry

St. Thomas Cemeteries

Range Rd., Irish Settlement Rd., Pleasant Valley Rd.
Nate Sullivan899-4732
Tim Clark735-7341

Please call the parish office if you are a new parishioner and would like to register.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday 8:30 AM

Daily Masses

Tuesday, 6:30 PM, Thursday, 8:00 AM

This schedule is subject to change. Please consult the weekly bulletin for current schedule.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Please consult weekly bulletin.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 5:30-6:15 PM Saturday 3:15-3:45 PM

Please consult weekly bulletin.

Baptisms

Please call the parish office to set up Baptism preparation and Baptism date.

Marriages

Call the Pastor nine (9) months in advance of the wedding for preparation meetings.

Sacrament of the Sick & Home Visits

Please call the office if you are unable to attend Mass due to illness.

Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?"
Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:5-6

WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

October 2	
SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Richard Pollak requested by Bob and Martha Pollak 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
October 3	
SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Fumiko Russ requested by Sean and Mary Ann Ledwith 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
MON	6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
TUES	6:30 PM - Mass for the health and wellbeing of Irene Currie requested by John and Genie O'Neil
WED	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
THU	NO Mass
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Jo Ann Konczal requested by the Konczal family
October 9	
SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the Parishioners of St. Thomas and St. Mary's Parishes 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
October 10	
SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Nancy Walko requested by Sean and Mary Ann Ledwith 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>October 9 & 10</u>	<u>Extraordinary</u> <u>Ministers of</u> <u>Holy Communion</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar</u> <u>Servers</u>
4:00 PM SATURDAY	NONE	T May	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	NONE	L Wells	NONE

Visit the ministry page on our website for full schedule -
www.stthomasvt.com/liturgy-member-schedule
 Please contact the office if you would like to begin serving as
 a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Server

Ham Dinner Next Sunday



The Annual Harvest Ham Dinner will be held next Sunday, October 10 as a take-out meal only. Tickets are \$12 and will be on sale after each Mass this weekend. You can also purchase tickets at Wells Corner Market, Snowflake Chocolates and by calling the office at 899-4362. The meal will include ham, baked potato, butternut squash, coleslaw and dessert. Meals can be picked up between 4 and 5:30. Please purchase or reserve your tickets early!

Stewardship - September 25 & 26, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,730.77
 Regular Collection:(incl. \$300 On-Line Giving)....\$ 2,590.00

Please give online at www.stthomasvt.com/donate or mail your contributions directly to the parish t PO Box 3, Underhill, VT 05490. Thank you for your generosity.

The Feast of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, October 7

On October 7, the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Known for several centuries by the title of "Our Lady of Victory," the feast day takes place in honor of a 16th century naval victory which secured Europe against Turkish invasion. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was invoked on the day of the battle through a campaign to pray the Rosary throughout Europe. Pope Leo XIII was particularly devoted to Our Lady of the Rosary, producing 11 encyclicals on the subject of this feast and its importance in the course of his long pontificate. In the first of them, in 1883 "Supremi Apostolatus Officio," he echoed the words of the oldest known Marian prayer when he wrote, "It has always been the habit of Catholics in danger and in troublous times to fly for refuge to Mary." "This devotion, so great and so confident, to the august Queen of Heaven," Pope Leo continued, "has never shone forth with such brilliancy as when the ... Church of God has seemed to be endangered by the violence of heresy ... or by an intolerable moral corruption, or by the attacks of powerful enemies." Foremost among such "attacks" was the battle of Lepanto, a perilous and decisive moment in European and world history. Troops of the Turkish Ottoman Empire had invaded and occupied the Byzantine Empire by 1453, bringing a large portion of the increasingly divided Christian world under a version of Islamic law. For the next hundred years, the Turks expanded their empire westward on land, and asserted their naval power in the Mediterranean. In 1565 they attacked Malta, envisioning an eventual invasion of Rome. Though repelled at Malta, the Turks captured Cyprus in the fall of 1570. The next year, three Catholic powers on the continent - Genoa, Spain, and the Papal States - formed an alliance called the Holy League, to defend their Christian civilization against Turkish invasion. Its fleets sailed to confront the Turks near the west coast of Greece on October 7, 1571. Crew members on more than 200 ships prayed the Rosary in preparation for the battle - as did Christians throughout Europe, encouraged by the Pope to gather in their churches to invoke the Virgin Mary against the daunting Turkish forces. Some accounts say that Pope Pius V was granted a miraculous vision of the Holy League's stunning victory. Without a doubt, the Pope understood the significance of the day's events, when he was eventually informed that all but 13 of the nearly 300 Turkish ships had been captured or sunk. He was moved to institute the feast now celebrated universally as Our Lady of the Rosary. "Turkish victory at Lepanto would have been a catastrophe of the first magnitude for Christendom," wrote military historian John F. Guilmartin, Jr.

PARISH EVENTS

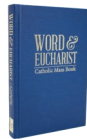
Monday	10/4 5:30 PM - Confessions and Adoration at St. Mary's
Tuesday	10/5 5:30 PM - Confessions
Thursday	10/7 9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group
Saturday	10/9 3:15 PM - Confessions
Sunday	10/10 4-5:30 PM - Ham Dinner Take-out

Religious Education 2021-2022:



Confirmation Class Grades 6&7: Saturday, October 2, 9:00 - 10:15 AM in the parish hall
Rel Ed Classes Grades K-5: Sunday, October 3, 10:00 - 11:15. Opening begins in the nave of the church, followed by class in the parish hall. *All classes are in-person. Anyone who is not vaccinated is asked to wear a mask indoors.*

Word & Eucharist Mass Books



We will be ordering the Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Book, Sunday edition, soon and are making a list of those interested in purchasing one. The missal is a complete hardcover ritual and lectionary book for use on Sundays, Feasts and Solemnities. It contains everything parishioners need to follow along, understand, and consciously participate in all of the Rites and Orders that take place within Mass. Parishioners can purchase these books for \$18 each and keep them as their own. Unlike the previous Breaking Bread missals, these never need replacing. Please contact the rectory office by email office@stthomasvt.com, call 899-4632, or sign up on the list in church.

Vocation Night Invitation

St. Mary's Parish in **St. Albans** will be hosting a Vocation Night event on Wednesday, November 10th from 5:00-7:30. This FREE event is open to all students 6th - 12th grade. It is asked that one parent accompany the student. This event will include representatives of each vocation (priesthood, religious sisters, permanent diaconate, holy matrimony) to share their discernment story and give the youth some advice regarding vocations. Dinner is included. Please RSVP by October 31st and direct any questions to Pam King at pkings@vermontcatholic.org or (802)393-3438.

Walking with Families in Grief

What do you say to families and friends who have lost a loved one from suicide? What are some helpful ways you as a parish leader can do to walk with these families? Join Sharon Trani, Marriage & Family Therapist Vermont Catholic Charities, and Jennifer Ploof, Parish Catechetical Leader of Nativity BVM-St Louis Parish as they discuss ways to offer hope and healing for oneself and others. Join us on Wednesday, November 3, from 10am-12pm; this will be recorded for future reference. Register in advance for this webinar: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_DCAamdgrQUSXNz8Y5gDW6A

From The Office of the Bishop

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is reinstated as of July 4, 2021. However, as has always been the case, there are times and circumstances when one cannot be present for Sunday Mass: injury, ill-health, mobility issues, age, and now personal safety issues that are still present due to Covid 19. Children who have not been vaccinated, people whose health is compromised so that they have to avoid any risk of contagion as well as their caregivers, may in freedom choose not to attend Sunday Mass.

Christ Our Hope Capitol Campaign

As many of you may be aware, last fall we launched the Diocese's first statewide campaign: Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church. While the timing was not ideal, the campaign had been planned for nearly two years and delayed several times. With the support of several generous parishioners, it was determined that we needed to move forward. Last fall, \$4.4 million was raised, getting us almost halfway to our goal. St. Thomas Parish has raised \$6,990. In the back of the church you will find more information about our specific goals and a case statement about the overall campaign. 60% of the funds we raise comes back to us for our use to address specific parish needs – but as a larger Catholic community, together we will renew, strengthen and secure a future for the Catholic Church in Vermont. In the next few weeks, you will receive a letter asking you to consider pledging a gift over the next three years. Whatever you can contribute will make a difference to our parish and the future of our Church in Vermont. Please visit www.christourhopevt.org for more info.

Country Music

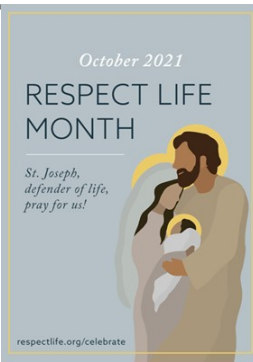
"Not just heartbreaks and honky-tonk: Country Music and Sacred Space" - join us for an engaging event presented by Fr. Richard Berube, SSE, retired St. Michael's College Religious Education Professor and Jeff Firlik, music minister, to take place at Holy Family Parish Hall at 36 Lincoln Street, Essex Junction, VT on Thursday, October 28th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Due to the pandemic, we ask that you please wear a mask so that we have a safe environment for all to participate.

St. John Henry Newman

Fr. Kevin Chalifoux and Fr. Matthew Rensch cordially invite you to celebrate the life and teachings of Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman on Sunday, October 10th, at Holy Family Church Hall in Essex Junction, from 4 – 8:00 pm. The evening will include Solemn Vespers, dinner and dessert, and two presentations on the life and thought of Cardinal Newman, featuring a guest speaker from St. Thomas Aquinas College, as well as Fr. Chalifoux. \$10 per person/\$15 for two/\$5 for each additional guest. For more information or to RSVP by October 3rd: VermontNewman@gmail.com

"St. Joseph's 'yes' to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us."

Respect Life Reflection: St. Joseph, Defender of Life, respectlife.org/reflection-joseph



Readings For the Week

October 4

Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, religious
Jon 1:1-2:1-2, 11
Lk 10:25-37

October 5

Jon 3:1-10
Lk 10:38-42

October 6

Jon 4:1-11
Lk 11:1-4

October 7

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary
Mal 3:13-20b
Lk 11:5-13

October 8

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2
Lk 11:15-26

October 9

Jl 4:12-21
Lk 11:27-28

October 10

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 7:7-11
Ps 90:12-13,14-15,16-17
Heb 4:12-13
Mk 10:17-30

If you would like to add or remove someone from this list, please call the office at 899-4632

WE PRAY FOR

SICK: For all our sick: Riley McLaughlin, Lynn McLaughlin, Joyce Brush, Jen DiNardo, David Claghorn, Ed Keeler, Sr. Elaine Lattanzi, Fred Kreps, Robert LeGrand, Kathryn Clark, Joann Bibb, Tonia Barbin, Kyle Brooks, Mary Parisi, Abby Wintersteen, Jack Russ, Jay Tisbert, Lawrence Lecours, Don Gingras, Deacon Gerry Scilla, Rosemary Breen, Patricia Stone, Amy Gratton, Gene Wells, Diane Dufresne, Audra Goss, Alicia Alesandrini, Peggy Lynch, Alex Wintersteen, Dorothy Reny, Evangeline McSoley, Les Lashway and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

DECEASED: For all who have died, especially Sandra Lynch and all deceased members of St. Thomas & St. Mary's Parishes.

<p>Natural Family Planning</p> <p>"NFP opened up a whole world of awareness about my body. I love that it's based on science and I love even more that it coincides with my faith. It is true whole health".</p> <p>Sharon Trani MSN; APRN Nurse Practitioner - NFP teacher 802-326-2015 strani@vermontcatholic.org</p>	<p>Repentant Reconciled Renewed</p>	 <p>St. Thomas Church Knights of Columbus Council No. 7810 G.K.: Steve Haupt Chancellor: Ed Matthews Recorder: Andrew Rowe Treasurer: Mark Girouard Warden: Bob Kennedy Advocate: Craig Benson Meets 2nd Tuesday each month</p>	 <p>Catholic Family Confectioners Established 1986</p> <p>81 A VT Rte 15 PO Box 303, Jericho, VT 05465 802-899-3373 SnowflakeChocolate.com The Pollak Family</p>
 <p>PHIL POTVIN 27 MOOSE RUN 899-3305 UNDERHILL</p>	<p>CORNERSTONE CONSTRUCTION, INC. P.O. Box 178 Underhill Ctr., VT 05490</p>  <p>RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL BUILDING & REMODELING</p> <p>Bill MacDonough</p> <p>Phone: 802-343-9605 CornerstoneConstructionVT.com</p>		<p>For prayers answered</p> <p>Most holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered the beloved Master into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally as the patron of hopeless cases, of things despaired of. Pray for me who am so miserable; make use, I implore you, of this particular privilege accorded to you, to bring visible and speedy help, where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need, that I may receive the consolations and succor of Heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly (here make your request), and that I may bless God with you and all the elect forever. I promise you, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, and I will never cease to honor you as my special and powerful patron and to do all in my power to encourage devotion to you. Amen.</p> <p>To be prayed 8 consecutive days</p>
<p>PRAY FOR VOCATIONS</p> 	<p>REED'S QUALITY HEATING</p> <p>(802) 899-4362 Personalized Efficient Service</p>  <p>John Reed Licensed Service Technicians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oil furnace & boiler specialist Install, service and clean Oil Tank Installations Plumbing repairs and water heaters <p>PO Box 97 Jericho, VT 05465</p> <p>www.reedandbenoitqualityheating.com</p>		<p>For prayers answered</p> <p>Most holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered the beloved Master into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally as the patron of hopeless cases, of things despaired of. Pray for me who am so miserable; make use, I implore you, of this particular privilege accorded to you, to bring visible and speedy help, where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need, that I may receive the consolations and succor of Heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly (here make your request), and that I may bless God with you and all the elect forever. I promise you, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, and I will never cease to honor you as my special and powerful patron and to do all in my power to encourage devotion to you. Amen.</p> <p>To be prayed 8 consecutive days</p>
<p>Elegant Wood Floors</p> <p>Robbe "Kibby" Pierce owner 802-522-3710 www.ElegantWoodFloors.com</p> <p>61 Lazy Brook Lane Jeffersonville, Vermont 05464 DESIGN - INSTALLATION - SANDING - FINISHING</p> 	<p>Do you have friends and family members who no longer practice our Catholic Faith? Why not invite them to "come home". Invite them to come to Holy Mass with you and never stop praying for them.</p>		<p>RCIA = Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</p> <p>Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or interested in learning more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church? RCIA is the process by which adults are received into the church and receive the sacraments.</p> <p>Adult Confirmation</p> <p>Are you an adult who has not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation or First Holy Communion? Did you know that to be a god-parent for baptism, you are required to have received the sacrament of Confirmation? Please contact Laura Lynch Wells 802-899-4770 or rel.ed@stthomasvt.com</p> 
 <p>1907 Williston Road So. Burlington, VT 05403 BarrysAutomotiveVT.com Bruce Barry</p> <p>Sales: (802) 881-0511 Service: (802) 863-4343 Fax: (802) 660-4393 David Warren</p>	<p>In loving memory of Millicent Dixon</p>  <p>Benefactor of the St. Thomas Cemeteries</p>	<p>Confirming Their Faith</p> 	<p>RCIA = Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</p> <p>Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or interested in learning more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church? RCIA is the process by which adults are received into the church and receive the sacraments.</p> <p>Adult Confirmation</p> <p>Are you an adult who has not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation or First Holy Communion? Did you know that to be a god-parent for baptism, you are required to have received the sacrament of Confirmation? Please contact Laura Lynch Wells 802-899-4770 or rel.ed@stthomasvt.com</p> 
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<p>Pierre Donzé Inc.</p> <p>Plaster Trowel Coatings Construction Services</p>  <p>P.O. Box 264 Cambridge, VT 05444</p> <p>Phone/Fax: 802-644-5426 Email: donzeboy@yahoo.com</p>	<p>First Step PRINT SHOP</p> <p>LIKE us on facebook</p> <p>Orders@FirstStepPrintShop.com Phone: 899-2708 Fax: 899-2021 22 Park St. • Underhill, VT 05489</p>	<p>Lamoureux & Dickinson</p> <p>14 Morse Drive Essex, VT 05452 878-4450 LDengineering.com</p> <p>Land surveys Septic Design Subdivisions Site Plans Wetland Delineation Permitting</p>	<p>Would you like to place an ad in our bulletin?</p> <p>Call the parish office at 899-4632 for details.</p>