



# 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 Calapan .....Administrator  
Rev. Mr. Peter Brooks..... Deacon  
Theresa Gingras..... Secretary  
Laura Lynch Wells .....Rel. Ed. Coordinator  
Patrice Rogers - 399-6226.....Music Ministry

## St. Thomas Cemeteries

Range Rd., Irish Settlement Rd., Pleasant Valley Rd.  
Nate Sullivan .....899-4732  
Tim Clark .....735-7341

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

February 19

**SAT** 4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Dolen requested by the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus  
6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

February 20

**SUN** 8:05 AM - Rosary  
8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Sandra Lynch requested by the ladies of the Social Concerns Committee  
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 repose of the soul of Julianne Child Devold requested by Don and Teri Gingras

**WED** 8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

**THU** NO Mass

**FRI** 8:00 AM - Mass for the spiritual and physical health and wellbeing of Rene and Barbara Desany

February 26

**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

February 27

**SUN** 8:05 AM - Rosary  
8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Norm MacDonald requested by Caleb Kinlaw  
10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

### Ministry Schedule February 26 & 27

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

### Lectors

### Altar Servers

4:00 PM SATURDAY

NONE

L Berard

NONE

8:30 AM SUNDAY

L Wells

M Ledwith

NONE

Visit the ministry page on our website for full schedule -  
[www.stthomasvt.com/liturgy-member-schedule](http://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

### Second Collection—Church Maintenance

This weekend we take up a second collection for the benefit of our church maintenance fund. Many projects have been completed in and around the church, and this fund helps to maintain those upgrades and enables us to react to any maintenance emergencies that may come up. Thank you for your generosity to this fund.

### Central and Eastern Europe Collection

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee)

### Stewardship - February 12 & 13, 2022

Weekly Budgeted Goal: .....\$ 2,730.77  
Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$460 On-Line Giving) .....\$ 1,674.00

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

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, February 22

*"And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my Church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Matthew 16:18-19*

The seat of the pope is referred to as the Chair of Saint Peter or in Latin, Cathedra Petri. While an actual chair exists in Rome that some believe was used by St. Peter, the "chair" to which this feast refers is the cathedra, or office, of the Apostle Peter. Given by Christ to St. Peter, his supreme pastoral office is passed to each of his successors as Bishop of Rome where Peter last served and where he died a martyr.


Although the honorific title of "Pope" developed over time, Peter's office as head of the apostles is evident in the New Testament. Peter himself was the longest reigning pope, occupying his office from the year of Christ's death until sometime between 64 and 67 A.D. when he was martyred on Vatican Hill. Blessed Pius IX was his longest reigning successor. His papacy lasted from 1846 to 1878. The second longest reigning successor was St. John Paul II (1978-2005). Bones believed to belong to St. Peter are laid to rest under the great dome and papal altar of the Basilica of St. Peter. After his martyrdom in Nero's circus on Vatican Hill, Peter was laid to rest in a nearby cemetery. In the 2nd century a small shrine was built at the location. After Constantine legalized Christianity (313 A.D.), the site was given to the Church by the emperor and the first St. Peter's was built over the presumed place of Peter's burial. Excavations conducted in the 1940s and 1950s underneath the current Renaissance Basilica found the foundations of the Constantinian church, the cemetery, numerous pagan tombs, and under the area where the main altar has been traditionally placed, remains believed to be St. Peter.

Throughout the 2,100-year history of the Church, there have been 266 popes. Among them are many saints and martyrs who have devoted themselves to the Gospel. The Romans ruthlessly followed the principle by which the Lord Himself was put to death, "strike the shepherd and the sheep will scatter" (Mt. 26:31). Eusebius in his Ecclesiastical History cites Origin that "(Peter) came to Rome and was crucified head downwards." Pope Clement (88-99 A.D.) in a letter to Corinth makes note of Peter's "glorious testimony," as if the manner was well-known. During the age of Roman persecution (30-313 A.D.) at least 28 of the first 33 popes are known to have been martyred. This is strong testimony that Peter and his successors in Rome were understood by the emperors to be the Chief Shepherds of Christ's flock (John 21:15-17). In the end, the flock survived; the pagan empire did not.

In addition to martyr popes, many have shown the outstanding moral qualities that merited their recognition for the "white martyrdom" of a virtuous life. Including the martyrs, 83 of the popes are recognized as Saints. Nine others are called Blessed.

## PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	2/20	NO Religious Ed
Tuesday	2/22	5:30 PM - Confessions
Wednesday	2/23	11-12 Noon - Age Well Grab and Go Meal
Thursday	2/24	9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group
Saturday	2/26	**second collection - Central/Eastern Europe ** NO Confirmation 3:15 PM - Confessions
Sunday	2/27	NO Religious Ed



**Religious Education 2021-2022:**  
**Religious Ed Spring Break:** February 20 and February 27. Classes resume the weekend of March 5+6.

**Snacks and Scripture**  
 The 4 session Lenten scripture series at St. Thomas begins Tuesday, March 8 at 12:00 noon. Please register at 802-899-4770 or [rel.ed@stthomasvt.com](mailto:rel.ed@stthomasvt.com)

**High School Confirmation**  
 Are you a teen who has not yet made Confirmation but would like to receive the sacrament. Contact Laura Wells at St. Thomas Parish 802-899-4770 or [rel.ed@stthomasvt.com](mailto:rel.ed@stthomasvt.com)

**Adult Confirmation**  
 St. Thomas Parish is offering a seven-session course for adults who have been baptized but were never confirmed as young people beginning March 9 at 5:00 PM. For more information on this program, contact Laura Wells 802-899-4770 or [rel.ed@stthomasvt.com](mailto:rel.ed@stthomasvt.com)

**Universal Synod**  
 "Pope Francis has announced a universal Synod inviting all Catholics across the globe to discern together how to better listen and communicate with each other to bolster our communion in Christ Jesus. Similar to our recent diocesan synod, all Catholics in Vermont [are] invited to participate in parish listening sessions, diocesan listening sessions and digital surveys." — Bishop Christopher Coyne. **Please visit the St. Thomas website [stthomasvt.com](http://stthomasvt.com) to fill out the digital survey.**

**Pork Loin Take-out Success**  
 The Knights of Columbus wish to thank the members of St. Thomas Parish and the community for taking part in our Pork Loin take out meal and for their generous donation of desserts. The Knights support many charitable endeavors and the money raised will be put to good use. Keep an eye out for information on our upcoming take-out dinner in March!

**Cemetery Assistant Position**  
 We are looking to fill our cemetery assistant position here at St. Thomas. This is a volunteer position, however there is compensation for some required duties. Ideally, this person would be available to take infrequent phone calls with cemetery questions, as well as to assist with digging, burials (some Saturdays), cremation vault and cornerstone placements, and general assistance to the Cemeterian. Please call the office (802-899-4632) with any questions or see Nate Sullivan (802-899-9959).

**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. 12/30/21 - As an act of charity towards our fellow parishioners, Bishop Coyne is asking that masks be worn at all Masses. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this request.

**February 23 Grab and Go Meal**  
 Our February Age Well Grab and Go meal, free to those 60 and over, will be held on Wednesday, February 23rd, with pickup 11-12pm. If you would like a meal, please contact Teri at 802-899-4632 or [office@stthomasvt.com](mailto:office@stthomasvt.com) to register. This month's meal includes: : Oven fried chicken breast, red mashed potatoes, capri vegetables, dinner roll, pumpkin pudding and milk.

**Diocesan Women's Retreat**  
 An invitation for women who were not able to attend the one given November, 2021. The Heart of Prayer: Our living relationship with God - Saturday, April 2, 8:30am-2:15pm Our Lady of Angels, Randolph, Vermont. Key Note: Sister Barbara Cline, Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Limited number of attendees, deadline registration March 11 with \$30 payment. There will be a waitlist in event of cancellations made prior to retreat. Contact Nicole Hamilton at [nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org) or (802) 658-6110, Ext. 1131

**Culinary Job Training for VT Foodbank**  
 The Vermont Foodbank's Community Kitchen Academy (CKA) is currently accepting applications for student enrollment in its successful culinary job training program. CKA is a 7-week program that involves hands-on learning in a commercial kitchen, certifications and job placement support. Students learn culinary skills from industry professionals, while transforming rescued food into delicious meals that help people facing hunger at local food shelves and meal sites. The program has a deep and lasting impact for participants and the community, with graduates reporting increased skills and confidence to get the jobs they want, as well as a sense of connection to their communities. We provide a COVID-safe environment with strict organization protocols for employees and students. Apply online at [www.vtfoodbank.org/cka](http://www.vtfoodbank.org/cka)

"We often assume parenthood happens easily after 'I do,' but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple."  
*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*  
*"Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility"*  
[respectlife.org/navigating-infertility](http://respectlife.org/navigating-infertility)


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, Jen DiNardo, David Claghorn, Ed Keeler, Sr. Elaine Lattanzi, Fred Kreps, Kathryn Clark, Joann Bibb, Tonia Barbin, 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, Peggy Lynch, Alex Wintersteen, Dorothy Reny, Evangeline McSoley, Maureen Mayes, Marietta Brush, John Lehouiller, Joseph Tijan, Meghan Diana and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

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

**Readings For the Week**



**February 21**  
 Jas 3:13-18  
 Mk 9:14-29

**February 22**  
 Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle  
 1 Pt 5:1-4  
 Mt 16:13-19

**February 23**  
 Memorial of Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr  
 Jas 4:13-17  
 Mk 9:38-40

**February 24**  
 Jas 5:1-6  
 Mk 9:41-50

**February 25**  
 Jas 5:9-12  
 Mk 10:1-12

**February 26**  
 Jas 5:13-20  
 Mk 10:13-16

**February 27**  
**The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Sir 27:4-7  
 Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16  
 Phil 2:15d, 16a  
 Lk 6:39-45



<p><b>Natural Family Planning</b></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><b>Sharon Trani MSN; APRN</b> Nurse Practitioner - NFP teacher 802-326-2015 strani@vermontcatholic.org</p>	<p><b>Repentant Reconciled Renewed</b></p>	 <p><b>St. Thomas Church Knights of Columbus</b> 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><b>PHIL POTVIN 27 MOOSE RUN</b> 899-3305 UNDERHILL</p>	<p><b>CORNERSTONE CONSTRUCTION, INC.</b> P.O. Box 178 Underhill Ctr., VT 05490</p>  <p>RESIDENTIAL &amp; COMMERCIAL BUILDING &amp; REMODELING</p> <p><b>Bill MacDonough</b></p> <p>Phone: 802-343-9605 CornerstoneConstructionVT.com</p>		<p><b>For prayers answered</b></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><b>PRAY FOR VOCATIONS</b></p> 	<p><b>REED'S QUALITY HEATING</b></p> <p>(802) 899-4362 Personalized Efficient Service</p>  <p>John Reed Licensed Service Technicians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oil furnace &amp; boiler specialist</li> <li>Install, service and clean</li> <li>Oil Tank Installations</li> <li>Plumbing repairs and water heaters</li> </ul> <p>PO Box 97 Jericho, VT 05465</p> <p>www.reedandbenoitqualityheating.com</p>		<p><b>For prayers answered</b></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><b>Elegant Wood Floors</b></p> <p><b>Robbe "Kibby" Pierce</b> 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><b>RCIA = Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</b></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><b>Adult Confirmation</b></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><b>Confirming Their Faith</b></p> 	<p><b>RCIA = Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</b></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><b>Adult Confirmation</b></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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