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#### St. Thomas Cemeteries

Range Rd., Irish Settlement Rd., Pleasant Valley Rd.  
 Nate Sullivan - Sexton ..... 802-899-4732

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

# St. Thomas Church

6 Green Street  
 PO Box 3  
 Underhill Center, VT 05490

#### Office Hours:

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

#### Priest's Office Hours:

Tue. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Fri. 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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E-Mail: [office@stthomasvt.com](mailto:office@stthomasvt.com)

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Religious Education: 899-4770

E-Mail: [stthomasrel.ed@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:stthomasrel.ed@vermontcatholic.org)

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday 8:30 AM

#### Daily Masses

Tuesday 6:30 PM Friday 8:00 AM

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

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday, 8:30-9:30 AM

#### 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

**August 26**  
**SAT** 4:00 PM - Mass at St. Thomas for the repose of the soul of Kay Critchlow requested by her family  
 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Thomas

**August 27**  
**SUN** 8:30 AM- Mass at St. Thomas for the repose of the soul of Pat Keith requested by Donna Kunkel  
 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Thomas

**MON** No Mass

**TUES** 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Thomas for the health and well being of the Hoffman Family

**WED** 8:00 AM - Mass at St. Thomas followed by Adoration

**THU** NO Mass

**FRI** 8:00 AM - Mass at St. Thomas followed by Adoration

**September 2**  
**SAT** 4:00 PM - Mass at St. Thomas for the Parishioners of St. Thomas and St. Mary's Parishes  
 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Thomas

**September 3**  
**SUN** 8:30 AM- Mass at St. Thomas for the repose of the soul of Ross Perri requested by Sean and Mary Ann Ledwith  
 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Thomas

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> September 2 & 3	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
4:00 PM SATURDAY	S May	T May
8:30 AM SUNDAY	P Brooks	L Wells

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

### Office Availability

Teri will be out of the office beginning August 23 to recover from knee surgery. She can be reached by email [office@stthomasvt.com](mailto:office@stthomasvt.com), but Laura will be available in the office Monday—Thursday 10-2. Prayers are appreciated for a quick recovery!

### Thank You

Thank you to all who donated desserts and those who volunteered to serve the funeral luncheon for Alice Novebrino's family on Saturday. St. Thomas' ministry to the bereaved would not be possible without your generosity.

### Stewardship - August 19 & 20, 2023

Weekly Budgeted Goal: .....\$ 2,676.31  
 Regular Collection: ....(incl. \$285 On-Line Giving).....\$ 2,224.00  
 Assumption: .....\$ 155.00

If you are unable to attend Mass and wish to donate online, visit [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.

### The Dignity of Work

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it's a form of continued sharing in God's creation. In the beginning, God gave Adam (man: male and female [Gen 1: 27]) work to do. He was to keep (protect) and till the garden (cf. Gen 2:15). Man is presented as a laborer who works the earth, harnesses the forces of nature, and produces "the bread of anxious toil" (Ps 127:2), in addition to cultivating his own gifts and talents. Labor also makes possible the development of society and provides for the sustenance, stability, and fruitfulness of one's family: "May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children!" (Ps 128:5-6). Dignified work is necessary for the well-being of the human person. The Lord blesses our work so we may share its fruits with others (Deut. 14: 28-29).

But work is not to become an end in itself. Just as God rested from his labor on the seventh day (Gen 2: 1-3), man must rest from his labors to refresh himself and give thanks to God for his blessings. The Sabbath is for everyone, all are allowed to rest (Deut. 5: 13-15).

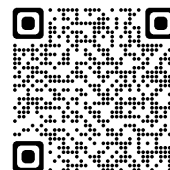
The dignity of work is to be protected, as the basic understanding of "man [must be] as the source, the focus and the aim of all economic and social life" (Pope Benedict XVI). "Work is a good thing for man, a good thing for his humanity, because through work man not only transforms nature, adapting it to his own needs, but he also achieves fulfillment as a human being and indeed, in a sense, becomes 'more a human being'" (St. John Paul II).

### Flood Damage in Cambridge

Because of the flood damage in Cambridge, Fr. Calapan will be staying in the St. Thomas rectory permanently, and the rectory office staff will relocate to our rectory for the time being. **All weekend Masses will be celebrated here at St. Thomas: 4:00 & 6:30 PM Saturday, and 8:30 & 10:30 AM Sunday. In addition to the normal week day Masses, Father will celebrate the Wednesday daily Mass and Adoration at 8:00 AM.** Please pray for the quick recovery and clean up at St. Mary's Church as well as the other homes and businesses throughout the affected area. See last weeks bulletin for an update on the progress.

### PARISH EVENTS

Monday 8/28 9:00 AM - Bone Builders  
 Tuesday 8/29 5:30 PM - Confessions  
 Wednesday 8/30 9:45 AM - Bone Builders  
 Thursday 8/31 9:30 AM - Social Concerns  
 Friday 9/1 9:45AM - Bone Builders  
 Saturday 9/2 3:15 PM - Confessions



### Religious Education 2023-2024



Religious Education Registration is open. Religious Education helps you to pass on the Catholic faith to your children. Note that Confirmation is now received in grade 6. Visit [StThomasVT.com/religious-education](http://StThomasVT.com/religious-education) for information and to register. Share with friends!

**Religious Ed Teachers Needed:** The religious ed ministry at St. Thomas is in need of volunteers to teach. Please consider volunteering for this important role in the life of the parish. Contact Laura Wells in the rectory office 802-899-4770 or email [stthomasrel.ed@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:stthomasrel.ed@vermontcatholic.org)

### Birthright Fundraising Event

Please join us for brunch, fellowship, speakers and updates on how Birthright is helping families in our community. Brunch will be served by Knights of Columbus Council #7525 at St. John Vianney Parish on Saturday, October 7 at 9:00. To reserve your seat, please contact Judith Kanya at (802) 999-2439 or [kanyaj@comcast.net](mailto:kanyaj@comcast.net).


### Fall Concert at St. Lawrence Church

Thursday, September 7 @7:00 PM. Igniting the Light of Christ within you through the Eucharist! Let the Holy Spirit minister to you during this moving evening with Paul Koleske, inspirational singer, songwriter, and recording artist. Paul's music and message offers an exceptional listening experience that speaks to the mind, touches the heart, and enlivens the spirit! He is also a renowned speaker! This is no ordinary concert...you will feel as though you are on a retreat. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. His music and merchandise will be on sale before and after the concert.

### Blanket Raffle

We are raffling a soft fleece throw (40x50), with a screen print photo of St. Thomas church - a great gift idea! Tickets at \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Raffle drawing will be July 9 The throw is displayed in the vestibule of the church. Tickets are available after all Masses. Monies will benefit the social concerns projects.

### StThomasVT.com

Have you checked out our website? Visit us online at [www.stthomasvt.com](http://www.stthomasvt.com) and check out all the features on our web page. We have a combined website with St. Mary's and their information and bulletins can be found there as well. Any suggestions to help improve our online presence is appreciated! Photos and content are always being loaded, so visit the site often to stay up to date! Find our Facebook link on the website and Like Us! 

### Adopt A Backpack



Loose Leaf paper (2), 1 Subject Spiral Notebooks (3), Composition Book, Folder with Pockets (4), 1 inch Binder, Glue Sticks (2), Eraser/Eraser Tops, Colored Pencils (12 pack), Crayons (24 pack), Markers (10 pack), Highlighters (2), Ruler, Pencils (12), Pens (12), Index Cards, Graph Paper, Scissors, Hand Sanitizer, (HS) Scientific Calculator, (HS) Headphones

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### Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



### SANCTUARY CANDLE

If you would like to dedicate the tabernacle vigil candle in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please call the parish office at 899-4632. The suggested donation is \$10 for a one-week period.

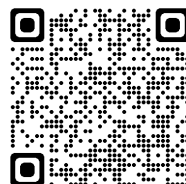
### Retrouvaille

Tens of Thousands of Couples Have Been Helped. Retrouvaille offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage. Tens of thousands of struggling marriages headed for cold, unloving relationships or divorce have successfully overcome their marriage problems by attending the program, which begins with a Weekend Experience that is followed by a series of follow-up sessions to help keep your healing on track and further develop the tools learned. For more information on upcoming weekends, call (800) 470-2230 or email [info@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:info@HelpOurMarriage.org)

### FORMED

#### The Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers

Part of a collaborative seven-part video series presented by the USCCB and Catholic Relief Services on Catholic social teaching. Learn from Cardinal Sean O'Malley, Monsignor Ray East and Joan Rosenhauer as they discuss the dignity of work and the rights of workers. Watch now by clicking the QR code.



### August Word of Life

"No sin or crime is greater than God's mercy. The sacrifice of the Cross reveals that Christ's greatest desire is to forgive those with a repentant heart."

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*  
*"Death Penalty: Catholic Q&A"*

If you would like to add or remove someone from this list, please call the office at 802-899-4632

### WE PRAY FOR

**SICK:** For all our sick: Riley McLaughlin, Jen DiNardo, David Claghorn, Ed Keeler, Sr. Elaine Lattanzi, Tonia Barbin, Abby Wintersteen, Jack Russ, Lawrence Lecours, Deacon Gerry Scilla, Patricia Stone, Amy Gratton, Diane Dufresne, Audra Goss, Alex Wintersteen, Dorothy Reny, Maureen Mayes, John Lehouiller, Joseph Tjian, Meghan Diana, Diann Bean, Jean Danaher, Jay Tisbert, Jerry Reny, Charles Mannings, Janine Fleri, Bob Keeler, Amy Burdine, Rick & Deb Wilhelm, Will Esmay, Joanna Weinstein, Yuri Bihun, Nate Sullivan, Mary Kelley, Andy Bibb, Donna Hutchins, Tom Bartlett and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

**DECEASED:** For all who have died, especially Dolores Saltis, Evaristo Pilo, and all deceased members of St. Thomas & St. Mary's Parishes.

## **Readings For the Week**



### August 28

Memorial of St Augustine,  
Bishop and Doctor of the  
Church

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10  
Mt 23:13-22

### August 29

Memorial of the Passion of  
Saint John the Baptist

1 Thes 2:1-8  
Mk 6:17-29

### August 30

J1 Thes 2:9-13  
Mt 23:27-32

### August 31

1 Thes 3:7-13  
Mt 24:42-51

### September 1

1 Thes 4:1-8  
Mt 25:1-13

### September 2

1 Thes 4:9-11  
Mt 25:14-30

### August 27

**Twenty-second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

Jer 20:7-9  
Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9  
Rom 12:1-2  
Mt 16:21-27





# Repentant Reconciled Renewed



**St. Thomas Church  
Knights of Columbus  
Council No. 7810**

G.K.: Steve Haupt  
D.G.K.:

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1 Thessalonians 1:3-5

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**For prayers answered**  
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.  
To be prayed 8 consecutive days

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## RCIA = Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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.

## Adult Confirmation

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



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