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Rev. Richard Calapan .....Administrator  
 Rev. Mr. Peter Brooks..... Deacon  
 Theresa Gingras..... Secretary  
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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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#### 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

October 21 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass at St. Thomas 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 22 SUN	8:30 AM- Mass at St. Thomas for the repose of the souls of Louis and Tillie Fugere requested by Ed and Louise Mathews 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
MON	NO Mass
TUES	NO Mass at St. Thomas
WED	NO Mass at St. Marys
THU	NO Mass
FRI	NO Mass at St. Thomas
} Fr. Calapan is away	
October 28 - Visiting Priest Fr. Robert Karris	
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 29 - Visiting priest Fr. Robert Karris	
SUN	8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the souls of Kiland & Katherine Clark requested by Laura Wells 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

Ministry Schedule October 28 & 29	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors
4:00 PM SATURDAY	J Burke	L Berard
8:30 AM SUNDAY	Deacon Peter	L Wells

## Second Collection—World Mission Sunday

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity



## Annual Harvest Ham Dinner

Our Annual Harvest Ham Dinner will be **take-out** only and will be held this Sunday, October 22nd with pick up from 4-5:30pm. The cost is \$15 per meal consisting of sliced ham, baked potato, coleslaw, baby carrots, butternut squash, roll, and dessert. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses. Limited tickets may be available at the door.

## Stewardship - October 14 & 15, 2023

Weekly Budgeted Goal: .....\$ 2,459.31  
Regular Collection: ....incl. \$37050 On-Line Giving)....\$ 1,957.50  
Priest Benefit Collection: .....\$600.00

We offer online giving at [www.stthomasvt.com/donate](http://www.stthomasvt.com/donate) or you can mail your contributions directly to the parish at PO Box 3, Underhill, VT 05490.



## Purgatory

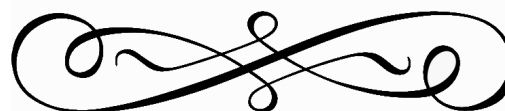
Talking to children is like talking to young theologians. They ask the most marvelous questions. Recently a young girl asked me, "What is purgatory?"

Basically, purgatory is a place to get cleaned up.

If we die in God's friendship and grace, we are assured of eternal salvation. But we are imperfect and need to be "cleaned up" or purified to attain the holiness we require to enter the presence of God. The Church gives the name "purgatory" to this final purification, which is completely different from the punishment of the damned in hell. The Church, including you and me, commend the dead to God's mercy and offer her prayers, beginning with the funeral Mass, on their behalf. But Christ has warned us that hell is real, so the Church prays that no one should be lost.

This teaching is based on the practice of praying for the dead mentioned in Holy Scripture. "Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin" (2 Macc 12:46). The Church recommends that we offer masses, almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance for our beloved dead. (CCC. 1032, 1030, 1054-1058)

If you would like to offer a Mass for your loved ones, contact the parish office at 802-899-4632



## Food For The Poor Visiting Priest

Next weekend, Fr. Robert Karris will be preaching at all Masses. Fr. Karris was ordained for the Franciscan Order in 1965. Before preaching on behalf of Food For The Poor, he taught at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, served as Provincial Minister of his Province, was General Councilor of the Order and was stationed in Rome. Fr. Bob is Professor Emeritus of St. Bonaventure University in New York where he worked for over 16 years. He has published more than fifteen books and continues to write and edit from his home at St. Peter in the Loop of Chicago.

## PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	10/22	**World Mission Collection*** 10-11 AM - Religious Ed in Parish Hall <b>4-5:30 Ham Dinner Take-Out</b>
Monday	10/23	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Wednesday	10/25	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Thursday	10/26	9:30 AM - Social Concerns
Friday	10/27	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Saturday	10/28	3:15 PM - Confessions
Sunday	10/29	10-11 AM - Religious Ed in Parish Hall



### **Religious Education 2023-2024**

**Religious Education** will begin at 10:00 AM with an opening upstairs in the nave of the Church.

### **Pilgrimage to France**

Monsignor Peter Routhier, Rector of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, will be leading a pilgrimage to France in April of 2024. There are still spots available if you would like to join this pilgrimage. Please see: Unitours | Catholic Pilgrimages to France for more information or email Susan Wing at [susan@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:susan@vermontcatholic.org).

### **Walking with Moms in Need**

Walking with Moms in Need (WWMIN) is a USCCB initiative that helps parishes be better prepared to assist pregnant moms in need. The three main steps in the process are: Inventorry resources for pregnant and parenting moms, Assess the inventory, and Plan a parish response. WWMIN provides a framework, but it is meant to be adapted as needed by each parish. The first step is to find a parishioner willing to be the WWMIN parish leader. Please don't hesitate to contact Eileen Haupt at [ehaupt@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:ehaupt@vermontcatholic.org) or (802) 658-6110, x1201 if you have any questions about WWMIN or would like to volunteer.

### **Diocesan Women's Retreat**

The Diocesan Women's Retreat scheduled for Nov. 11th has been rescheduled for Oct. 25th. This is in light of the just announced Blessing of the New Abbess at Immaculate Heart of Mary Benedictine Abbey in Westfield now scheduled for November 11th. Registration information for the Women's Retreat can be found here: <https://vermontcatholic.org/womens-retreat/>

### **FreeWill**

The Vermont Catholic Community Foundation's partnership with FreeWill to provide the Catholic community with access to an online software to create a legal will continues to bear fruit. This is a free, easy, confidential way parishioners to create a will and include their Catholic burial wishes. Seventy percent of people do not complete a will and often our parishioners' wishes for a Catholic burial are not fulfilled because of this. To complete a will, visit: <https://www.freewill.com/vccf>. The diocese will be hosting a hybrid informational meeting on Oct. 24, 3-4pm about FreeWill and Estate Planning in person at the Chancery, 55 Joy Drive, S. Burlington and via Zoom. Registration is required: <https://vtcatholicfoundation.org/events-1>

### **Prayer for the Appointment of a New Bishop**

ALMIGHTY GOD, Eternal shepherd and guide, in your love for us, grant to the Diocese of Burlington a shepherd who will lead us to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up your holy Church.

### **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.

### **Parish Council Members:**

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### **Abbatial Blessing**

The Mass of blessing for Abbess Benedict McLaughlin, OSB, of the Abbey of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Westfield, Vermont, will take place on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at 10:00 AM, St. Mary Star of the Sea Church in Newport, Vermont. Please pray for Abbess Benedict and the entire monastic community during this time of preparation.

### **CACINA Catholics**

Please note that two communities of CACINA Catholics (Catholic Apostolic Church in North America) in St. Albans (St. Martin of Tours) and South Burlington (Incarnation) are advertising their worship services in local papers and media. These communities are not in communion with the Catholic Church, the Pope or the Diocese of Burlington. Attending a CACINA service on Sunday does not fulfill the Sunday obligation.

### **FORMED: Purgatory, by Scott Hahn**

Covering the Biblical evidence for the authority of the Pope, the doctrine of Purgatory, devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints, the Sacrament of Confession, the Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist, and more, the remarkable set is an essential resource for answering the various objections that Protestants makes to the Catholic Faith. Watch now by scanning this QR code.



### **October Word of Life**

*"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."*

*Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, no. 99. © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.*

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: Jen DiNardo, David Claghorn, Ed Keeler, 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, Jay Tisbert, Jerry Reny, Janine Fleri, Bob Keeler, Amy Burdine, Will Esmay, Joanna Weinstock, Yuri Bihun, Nate Sullivan, Andy Bibb, Donna Hutchins, Tom Bartlett, Jerome LeClair, Deena DiMartini, Linda Schaeffler, Mary Martell, and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

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

## **Readings For the Week**



### **October 23**

Rom 4:20-25

Lk 12:13-21

### **October 24**

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19,

20b-21:16-25

Lk 12:35-38

### **October 25**

Rom 6:12-18

Lk 12:39-48

### **October 26**

Rom 6:19-23

Lk 12:49-53

### **October 27**

Rom 7:18-25a

Lk 12:54-59

### **October 28**

**Feast of Saints Simon and**

**Jude, Apostles**

Eph 2:19-22

Lk 6:12-16

### **October 29**

**Thirtieth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

Ex 22:20-26

Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

1 Thes 1:5c-10

Mt 22:34-40



# 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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