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#### St. Thomas Cemeteries

Range Rd., Irish Settlement Rd., Pleasant Valley Rd.  
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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 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

**MON** NO Mass

**TUES** 6:30 PM - Mass for the health and wellbeing of the Wilder Family

**WED November 1 - All Saints Day**  
 8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption  
 7:00 PM - Mass at St. Thomas for the repose of the soul of Donald Gingras requested by Teri Gingras

**THU** NO Mass

**FRI** 8:00 AM - Mass followed by Adoration - for the repose of the soul of Jean Danaher by her family

**November 4**  
**SAT** 4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Armand and Theresa Nadeau requested by Gail Nadeau  
 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

**November 5**  
**SUN** 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Irene Hurley requested by the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus  
 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>November 4 &amp; 5</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
4:00 PM SATURDAY	J Burke	D Dufresne
8:30 AM SUNDAY	Deacon Peter	A Leasure

### Second Collection Next Weekend

The Evangelization Collection is next weekend. The Evangelization Collection is used for Adult Faith Formation. In the previous year it was used to pay for St. Thomas' subscription to Formed.org, but we did not collect enough to continue that subscription. It will however continue to be used for Adult Faith Formation, particularly for special Advent and Lent bulletin inserts, adult Bible studies, Adult Confirmation, and the RCIA program at St. Thomas. Please continue your generous support for this ministry in our parish.

### St. Thomas Photo Blanket

Thanks to all who purchased a raffle ticket for the photo blanket. The winner of the blanket is **Susie May**! Congratulations! We raised \$112 for the social concerns committee to use for postage and cards for shut-ins. There are 4 other blankets for sale for \$20 each, donated by Randy and Kitty Clark. Please call the office at 802-899-4632 if you would like to purchase one.

### Stewardship - October 14 & 15, 2023

Weekly Budgeted Goal: .....\$ 2,459.31  
 Regular Collection: ....incl. \$650 On-Line Giving).....\$ 1,986.50  
 World Mission Collection: .....\$237.00

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.



### The Holy Spirit is a Divine Person

Did you know that the Holy Spirit is a person? The foundation of the Christian faith is that there is only one God, but he exists as three Divine Persons. It is a profound mystery, a mystery we will never fully understand, but one that we can know something about because it was revealed by God.

The Bible speaks of the Father as God (Phil. 1:2), Jesus as God (Titus 2:13), and the Holy Spirit as God (Acts 5:3-4). The Bible also indicates that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct Persons, since the Father sent the Son into the world (John 3:16), He cannot be the same person as the Son. Likewise, after the Son returned to the Father (John 16:10), the Father and the Son sent the Holy Spirit into the world (John 14:26; Acts 2:33). Therefore, the Holy Spirit must be distinct from the Father and the Son.

Sometimes the Personhood of the Father and Son is appreciated, but the Personhood of the Holy Spirit is neglected. Sometimes the Spirit is treated more like a "force" than a Person. But the Holy Spirit is not an it, but a He (see John 14:26; 16:7-15; Acts 8:16). The fact that the Holy Spirit is a Person, not an impersonal force (as in Star Wars' "force"), is also shown by the fact that He speaks (Hebrews 3:7), reasons (Acts 15:28), thinks and understands (1 Corinthians 2:10-11), wills (1 Corinthians 12:11), feels (Ephesians 4:30), and gives personal fellowship (2 Corinthians 13:14).

But the three Persons are not each part of God but are each fully God and equally God. Within God's one undivided being there are interpersonal relationships such that there are three Persons. The distinctions within the Godhead are not distinctions of His essence and neither are they something added on to His essence, but they are the unfolding of God's one, undivided being into three interpersonal relationships such that there are three real Persons.

God is not one person who took three consecutive roles. That is the heresy of modalism. The Father did not become the Son and then the Holy Spirit. Instead, there have always been and always will be three distinct persons in the Godhead.

The Trinity is not a contradiction because God is not three in the same way that He is one. God is one in essence, three in Persons. So, the foundational mystery of Christianity is that we worship the Triune God as revealed by God Himself in Holy Scripture, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Therefore, the Holy Spirit is indeed a person.

### PARISH EVENTS

**Sunday** 10/29 \*\*\*Food For The Poor Visiting Priest\*\*  
 10-11 AM - Religious Ed in Parish Hall

**Monday** 10/30 9:00 AM - Bone Builders  
 6:30 PM - Calcutta 2024 Meeting

**Wednesday** 11/1 9:00 AM - Bone Builders

**Thursday** 11/2 9:30 AM - Social Concerns

**Friday** 11/3 9:45 AM - Bone Builders

**Saturday** 11/4 3:15 PM - Confessions

**Sunday** 11/5 \*\* Second Collection - Evangelization \*\*\*  
 10-11 AM - Religious Ed in Parish Hall



### Religious Education 2023-2024

Religious Ed at St. Thomas begins with an opening in the church, followed by classes in the parish hall.

Grades 5+6 have class this Sunday.

No class for grades 3+4 this Sunday.

Beginning November 12, Faith Horton will be the catechist (catechism teacher) for grades 3+4.

Then grades 3+4 and 5+6 will meet weekly per the regular religious ed schedule.

### Ham Dinner Success

Thank you to all who helped at the dinner, donated food, and purchased a ticket for the Annual Harvest Ham Dinner. A special thanks to Valley Dream Farm for donating all the butternut squash. As usual, it was a great success thanks to the our generous parishioners and community members. This year we made \$1953 after expenses toward our fundraising goal.



### Calcutta 2024!

Save the Date For the St. Thomas Church Calcutta, Saturday, April 13, 2024, at the Mansfield Barn in Jericho, catered by the Jericho Café. A Calcutta is a fundraising event. It is lively and entertaining, and includes socializing and dinner with a cash bar, along with a chance to win prizes, including a CASH Grand Prize! Our first organizational meeting is Monday October 30th at 6:45. Please join us if you would like to help with the fundraiser. Contact Sharon Lockwood at SDL930@comcast.net if interested or need more information.

### White Christmas Tour

VT Christian Music is excited to announce our Christmas 2023 show featuring the White Christmas Tour with Ben Laine (<https://www.facebook.com/benlainemusic/>) and The Band Jaren (<https://www.thebandjaren.com/>). This WILL BE the perfect Family-Friendly Evening and a Great Opportunity for Youth Groups to Gather and worship together! Hosted by Vibrant Church, 2025 Williston Rd., So. Burlington. Scan QR code for tickets. \$20/ea (sale \$15/ea through 10/20). Children 7 and under FREE! \*\*\* Tickets purchased at the door will be \$5 more.



### 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:

Steve Haupt - Chair; Louise Mathews - member; Laura Wells - Religious Education - [stthomasrel.ed@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:stthomasrel.ed@vermontcatholic.org); Mark Girouard - member: Ron Nedich - member: Patrice Rogers - music; Marion Brooks - member; Donna Schaeffler - member. To reach any Parish Council member, please contact them at [office@stthomasvt.com](mailto:office@stthomasvt.com)

### 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/>

### Guiding Star Cycle Show

The cycle show is an educational, interactive multimedia fertility awareness workshop for girls aged 9-12. You can read more about it in the event posting on the Vermont Catholic website: <https://vermontcatholic.org/event/the-guiding-star-presents-the-cycle-show>. The event is hosted by Birthright of Burlington and will take place at St. John Vianney Parish Hall in South Burlington: Friday, November 3, 2023, 7:00-8:30pm (parent workshop), Saturday, November 4, 9:00am-2:00 pm (girls aged 9-12) St. John Vianney Parish Hall, 160 Hinesburg Road, S. Burlington Cost is \$50 per girl (scholarships are available). To register or for more information please email [whelan.jessica@gmail.com](mailto:whelan.jessica@gmail.com)

### October Word of Life

"Hope is always possible. To those who care for the sick, the scene of the Cross provides a way of understanding that even when it seems that there is nothing more to do there remains much to do, because 'remaining' by the side of the sick is a sign of love and of the hope that it contains. Healed by Jesus, we become men and women called to proclaim his healing power and provide care for our neighbors, until the very end."

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*

*"The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice"*

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 Tijan, 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, Tim Reny 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 30

Rom 8:12-17

Lk 13:10-17

### October 31

Rom 8:18-25

Lk 13:18-21

### November 1

#### **Solemnity of All Saints**

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14

Ps 24:1bc-2,3-4ab,5-6

1 Jn 3:1-3

Mt 5:1-12a

### November 2

#### **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**

(All Souls)

Wis 3:1-9

Jn 6:37-40

### November 3

Rom 9:1-5

Lk 14:1-6

### November 4

#### **Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

Rom 11:1-2a,11-12,25-29

Lk 14:1, 7-11

### November 5

#### **Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

Ps 131:1, 2, 3

1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13

Mt 23:1-12





# Repentant Reconciled Renewed



**St. Thomas Church  
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Council No. 7810**

G.K.: Steve Haupt  
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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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