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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  
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#### 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

November 11

**SAT 4:00 PM - Mass for our All Saint's Day Intentions**  
6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

November 12

**SUN 8:30 AM- Mass for the Parishioners of St. Thomas and St. Mary's Parishes**  
10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

**MON NO Mass**

**TUES 5:30 PM - Adoration**  
6:30 PM - Mass for repose of the soul of Patrick McCarthy requested by Yong Suk and family

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

**THU NO Mass**

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

November 18

**SAT 4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Doris Ormande requested by Steve and Corinne Ferreira**  
6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

November 19

**SUN 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Theresa Child requested by Teri Gingras**  
10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

## Veterans Day, November 11

November 11th belongs to the veterans of our armed forces and their families. At the 11th hour of the 11th day 11th month of 1918, the Armistice with Germany went into effect thereby ending major hostilities of The Great War (which came to be known as World War I). Beginning the following year, November 11 was known as "Armistice Day." President Woodrow Wilson established the day by saying, "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations."

"On May 13, 1938, November 11th was declared a legal holiday by Congress to remember the cessation of fighting and those who had served in 'The Great War.' In 1954, a bill was passed extending the day to recognize our veterans of all wars. Today we honor all the men and women who have served our country in all branches of the Armed Services.

Veterans have given their lives for a country that believes that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." We can live our lives standing for the same principles.

America needs Catholics, faithful to the teachings of the Church, who will communicate their values, live out their values, and sacrifice themselves for Christ in ordinary everyday life as our veterans sacrificed for us. America needs Catholics who pray for her leaders and work to protect life, faith, family, and freedom while maintaining a solidarity with the poor and downtrodden.

On Veterans Day, Americans thank our veterans for their unstinting service, whether or not they have served in active duty. They gave themselves for their country. In return, we must care enough to honor their sacrifice by living a virtuous life with the freedom they have provided us.

Thank you for your service.

### Ministry Schedule November 18 & 19

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

### Lectors

4:00 PM SATURDAY

S May

T May

8:30 AM SUNDAY

Deacon Peter

J Leasure

### Second Collection—Church Maintenance

This weekend we take up our Church Maintenance collection. These monies are used to maintain the church, rectory, and grounds that have been so beautifully upgraded in these past few years. Thank you for your generosity to this fund.

### Bottle Donations for Religious Education

Thank you to all those who so generously continue to donate clean bottles and cans for redemption in the bin next to the rectory to support St. Thomas' Religious Ed Program. We are grateful for your continued support to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the next generation of Catholics. And many thanks too to the Religious Ed Families who redeem the bottles and cans for the program. God bless you all for your efforts.

### Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

### Stewardship - November 4 & 5, 2023

Weekly Budgeted Goal: .....\$ 2,459.31  
Regular Collection: ..(incl. \$1,040.50 On-Line Giving)..\$ 2,764.50  
Second Collection - Evangelization: ..... \$241.00  
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.



## PARISH EVENTS

Sunday 11/12\*\*Second collection - Church Maintenance \*\*  
10-11 AM - Religious Ed in Parish Hall

Monday 11/13 9:00 AM - Bone Builders

Tuesday 11/14 5:30 PM - Confessions & Adoration  
7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday 11/15 9:00 AM - Bone Builders

Thursday 11/16 9:30 AM - Social Concerns

Friday 11/17 9:45 AM - Bone Builders

Saturday 11/18 2nd collection - Campaign for Human Development  
3:15 PM - Confessions

Sunday 11/19 NO Religious Ed

### Religious Education 2023-2024



Faith Horton has volunteered to teach grades 3&4 for the rest of the school year. Thank you, Faith! Grades 5&6 and 3&4 will now follow the regular religious ed calendar.

**Thanksgiving Break:** Religious Ed Classes will not meet on Sunday, Nov 19 or Nov 26. Have a happy Thanksgiving with your families and friends.

### Advent Scripture Study

St. Thomas will host a 3-part Scripture study on the Incarnation on Tuesday 12/ 5, 12/12, & 12/19, beginning at 12 noon to about 1:30 PM. We will begin with a light lunch followed by Scripture study. We will explore the purpose of Jesus' Incarnation, His descent from King David, Mary's role in salvation history, the prophecy of Simeon, the Epiphany, the Holy Innocents, and Jesus encounter with the teachers in the Temple. We hope you will join us as part of your Advent preparation for Christmas. Register by contacting Laura Wells at 802-899-4770 or stthomasrel.ed@vermontcatholic.org.

### 67th Annual Concert by A 93 Year Old Organist

Dr. William Tortolano will present his 67th annual organ concert at the Saint Michael's College Chapel on Sunday, November 26, 2023 at 2:00 pm. The two manual, 14 stop instrument was built by Casavant Freres of Canada in 1966, with additional work by David Moore Organs. The program begins with festive Fanfare from Sinfonietta by Jajacek. African-English composer, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, is represented by three organ solos; Three Jewish compositions by Reuven Kosakoff, are based on Jewish religious themes. The Mariales Suite by Lebanese Naji Hakim, combine Gregorian Chant and Near Eastern sounds. The concert ends with American folk melodies, Simple Gifts by Andrew Clarke and There Is a Happy Land by blind jazz great, George Shearing. Tortolano will also play two compositions, as a surprise, to be announced at the concert. The concert is open to the public. A free will offering will be available.

### Christmas Food and Fruit Baskets

Beginning next weekend (11/18+19), St. Thomas will be collecting staple foods for the Christmas Food and Fruit Baskets. We distribute these baskets to needy families in the church and the wider community in boxes decorated by our religious ed students. In addition to staple foods, we are also in need of donations of turkeys and monetary donations for this worthy project. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas Church with Food and Fruit Baskets in the memo. Staple foods needed: soups, stews, mac & cheese, egg noodles, pasta, pasta sauce, canned vegetables & fruits, cereal, sugar, flour, peanut butter, canned tuna/chicken, canned pie filling & crust mix, brownie mix, cake mix & RTU frosting, cookie mix, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, mayo. If you know of a family who would benefit from this project, contact Laura Wells. And please contact Laura Wells with donations of turkeys 802-777-8062. Assembly and distribution of the Christmas baskets is December 10.

### 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! Contact Sharon Lockwood at SDL930@comcast.net if interested in volunteering or need more information.

### Parish Council Members:

Steve Haupt - Chair; Louise Mathews - member; Laura Wells - Religious Education - 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

### Christmas Bazaars

**November 17-18:** Four Church Christmas Bazaar (St. John, St. Mary's, St. Paul and St. Raphael) at St. Raphael Parish Hall, 21 E Main St. Poultney, VT. Basket Raffle, traditional raffle, 50/50 raffle, food tables, Trash and Treasures, and vendor tables. Stay for supper or lunch from our kitchen! Friday, Nov 17th from 3p.m. – 6p.m. and Saturday, Nov 18th from 9 a.m. to 3p.m. Raffle drawings at 2p.m. Saturday. For vendor information call Claudia Stacey 802-265-8049.

**December 2:** @ 8:00 am - 2:00 pm CDA Court St. Anthony will host their annual Christmas Bazaar in the parish Hall of St. Anthony Church in Bethel, VT.

### Advent Appeal - 2023

Please join Vermont Catholic Charities in supporting the 29th Annual Advent Appeal. The "Season of Giving" has no bounds for people in need. Whatever the season, it is a daily struggle for many Vermonters to maintain housing, stay warm or feed their families. With your help, we can make a difference in lives of those living on the edge. Whether your gift is \$10, \$100, \$1000 or more, your gift will make a difference in the life of a needy family. To donate, please mail a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403 or give on online at [www.vermontcatholic.org/adventappeal](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/adventappeal).

### November Word of Life

"In addition to enshrining pro-life laws and policies, the transformation of our culture also requires continual conversion of our own hearts, so that we can recognize in every person the face of Christ and place their needs before our own."

*Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Chair of the USSCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities  
"Living Radical Solidarity"*

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 DeMartino, Rick Wilhelm, Linda Schaeffler, Mary Martell, Tim Reny, Steve Guay, 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**



### November 13

Memorial of Saint Frances

Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Wis 1:1-7

Lk 17:1-6

### November 14

Wis 2:23-3:9

Lk 17:7-10

### November 15

Wis 6:1-11

Lk 17:11-19

### November 16

Wis 7:22b-8:1

Lk 17:20-25

### November 17

Memorial of Saint Elizabeth

of Hungary, Religious

Wis 13:1-9

Lk 17:26-37

### November 18

Wis 18:14-16;19:6-9

Lk 18:1-8

### November 19

Thirty-third Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13,19-20,

30-31

Ps 128:1-2,3,4-5

1 Thes 5:1-6

Mt 25:14-30





# 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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