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

St. Thomas Church

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Office Hours:

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

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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

February 3	
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 4	
SUN	8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Raymond Nadeau Sr. requested by Gail and family 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	6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
THU	NO Mass
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Rosalina Arnuco
February 10	
SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Theresa Nadeau requested by David & Ann Sminkey 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
February 11	
SUN	8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Dolores Saltis requested by Sean & Mary Ann Ledwith 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> February 10 & 11	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u>	<u>Lectors</u>
4:00 PM SATURDAY	S May	T May
8:30 AM SUNDAY	Please Help!	M Girouard

Ash Wednesday Almsgiving Collection

There will be a special collection on Ash Wednesday, February 14, to support Vermont Catholic Charities. This agency provides financial and emotional support to individuals and families throughout Vermont through the programs offered which include Counseling, Emergency Aid, Prison Ministry, and Residential Care Homes. Donations can also be made through the diocese website <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/ministries-programs/catholic-charities/ash-wednesday-appeal/> or by mailing a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403. As a Catholic community, let us be the hands and feet of Christ to our neighbors in need. Please know that every gift—whatever the size—makes a difference.



Country Breakfast February 11

The Knights of Columbus Council #7810 will serve a Breakfast on Sunday, February 11th from 8 - 10:30 AM in the St. Thomas Parish hall, Underhill Center, VT. The buffet style breakfast will include juice, eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, and coffee or tea. The cost is a suggested donation of \$12. ALL ARE WELCOME! Come and bring the whole family to this delicious breakfast

2023 Donation Statements

Offertory donation statements were mailed or emailed last week for those who made any donation during 2023. If you did not receive one and feel you should have, please let the office know.

Stewardship - January 27/28, 2024

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,459.31
Regular Collection:(incl. \$458 On-Line Giving).....\$ 2,055.00
Second Collection - Catholic Education:.....\$ 286.50



We offer online giving at www.stthomasvt.com/donate or you can mail your contributions directly to the parish at PO Box 3, Underhill Center, VT 05490.
Thank you for your generosity to St. Thomas Parish!

World Day for Consecrated Life: Sunday, February 4, 2024

What is consecrated life? Some men and women join religious communities in order to consecrate their lives to God as a way of seeking holiness. To consecrate something means to set it aside or devote it to a holy purpose. When a man or woman decides to accept Christ's invitation to leave everything and follow Him in a radical way, they make vows to live like Jesus in poverty, chastity, and obedience. They participate in a ceremony in which they make this commitment, much like a married couple exchanges their vows on their wedding day. They promise Christ that they will live the rest of their lives dedicated exclusively to Him. These vows help them to live simply, to be more open with God, and to depend totally on Him.

The components of consecrated life include:

Public vows of poverty, chastity and obedience professed freely to God and accepted in the name of the Church. This profession obligates and liberates the consecrated religious priest, brother, or sister to strive to love as God loves and to abide in his love.

Public witness or visible presence in the Church witnessing to the Person of Jesus Christ who is present here among us, loves us to the end, and gives rise to this great hope.

Life lived in common according to the charism of the founder or foundress.

Through a certain separation from the world proper to the charism of the institute (approved by the Church), consecrated religious are called to be salt and light—a prophetic countercultural sign—whose focus is on God who illuminates all things.

A corporate or common apostolate (work in the world) which gives concrete expression to the purpose of the institute and is a source of unity and identity among its members.

The spiritual life of the consecrated religious is nourished with prayer, the Eucharist, the Word of God, and a critical reading of the signs of the times. The main categories of consecrated religious who profess public vows are:

Consecrated religious monks (men) and nuns (women) live and work primarily within the enclosure of their community setting and have given their lives in support of the Church through prayer and hidden sacrifice. Currently there are nuns living in Westfield and Lowell, VT.

Apostolic religious priests', brothers' and sisters' communities are frequently engaged in works related to education, health care, communication, social work, or administration for example.

The consecrated life is a gift God has given to the Church through the Spirit so that, the Gospel might be present in the world and might draw everyone toward the Kingdom of God.

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	2/4	10:00 AM - Religious Ed
Monday	2/5	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Tuesday	2/6	5:30 PM - Confessions 7:00 PM - Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	2/7	9:00 AM - Bone Builders
Thursday	2/8	9:30 AM - Social Concerns
Friday	2/9	9:45 AM - Bone Builders
Saturday	2/10	3:15 PM - Confessions
Sunday	2/11	8-10:30 K of C Country Breakfast 10:15 AM - Religious Ed



Religious Education 2024

Next Sunday, February 11 is the Knights of Columbus Country Breakfast. To give families time to enjoy the breakfast together after Mass, religious ed will begin at 10:15. Students will go directly to class as there will not be an opening.

Parish Hall Renovation Phase 2:

The St. Thomas Parish Hall Renovation for Phase 2 has raised one third of the amount needed to start the project. Our goal is to start the project in the April/May timeframe, and we would ask for your consideration of a donation to the project. We continue to focus on the areas of the Church that are in need of repair, and this is the next phase as the Parish Hall is used for many important functions including parish events, committee meetings, coffee hour, community gatherings, breakfast, dinners, senior group activities and religious education for the children. Phase 1 of the Parish Hall renovation replaced the windows and window frames that were severely in need of repair. Phase 2, will clean, seal, repair the stone walls, remove the paneling and rotted wood above the stone walls, replace the wood with new framing where needed, new insulation and sheetrock will be installed to replace the paneling which will make it easier to maintain going forward. In addition, the ceiling tiles and new LED lights will be installed which will be much more energy efficient.

If you would like to donate you can send a check to **St. Thomas Parish, PO Box 3, Underhill Center, VT 05490.** Please note on the check, "Parish Hall Capital Campaign." Donate online (stthomasvt.com/donate), or stop by the office and give your check to Teri Gingras, or place a check in the weekly offertory clearly marked "Parish Hall Capital Campaign." We would like to thank you all for your continued support as we continue the work to make the necessary improvements in the Parish facilities. We will also plan to keep you updated as we progress with the fundraising and project.

"Beautiful Eucharist" Now Available in the church

Lent begins this year on Valentine's Day, Wednesday, February 14. We have a book of reflections on the Eucharist for the parish called, "Beautiful Eucharist," to prepare us during Lent for Jesus' institution of the Eucharist during Holy Week. Pick up a copy and let the collection of life-changing reflections increase your love for Jesus in the Eucharist.

St. Thomas Calcutta Night 2024

Spring into fun! Join us at the Mansfield Barn on the corner of Rt 15 & Browns Trace Rd in Jericho, on Saturday, April 13 for our annual Calcutta fundraiser. Look for flyers in the bulletin and at the main entrance of the church. Ticket now on sale!



Adult Education

Plan to join us for a Lenten Bible Study that will cover the Last Supper, Jesus' Arrest, Peter's Denial, Jesus' Examination by Pilate, and His Crucifixion. We hope this overview will help us more fully understand our faith as we prepare for the Lord's Passion and Resurrection. We will gather at St. Thomas in Underhill Center at 12 noon: 2/20, 2/27, 3/5, & 3/12. We will use the NAB Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. If you do not have either, they will be provided during class. Contact the St. Thomas Parish Office to let us know if you plan to attend 802-899-4632.

Music Festival

A music Festival of a cappella liturgical music will be held Sunday, February 25th at Holy Family Church in Essex, organized by Father Rensch and Sharon Trani, in collaboration with Holy Family parish and Matthew Santos and a schola group from Thomas Aquinas College. We hope to gather small choral groups to share their favorite pieces (let us know if you want to contribute), and then practice together (music to be handed out ahead of time) and sing at the 7:30 pm Mass. Please feel free to share the word to anyone who might be interested. Appreciative listeners are also welcome. Our goal is to warm our hearts and souls with some great music. Schedule for the evening: 4:30—small group sharing; 5:30—dinner; 6:30—whole group together; 7:30 pm—sing at Mass, for those willing and able. RSVP and questions: Sharon Trani, sltrani@verizon.net. Please RSVP by Feb 15th if attending dinner or wanting to sing.



Thank you for Care Item Donations

Thank you to all who donated personal care items from the large Christmas stocking. Over 150 personal care items were donated to our local food shelf this past Christmas. Thank you for your generosity!

February Word of Life

"A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned."

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Readings For the Week



February 5

Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13
Mk 6:53-56

February 6

Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30
Mk 7:1-13

February 7

1 Kgs 10:1-10
Mk 7:14-23

February 8

1 Kgs 11:4-13
Mk 7:24-30

February 9

1 kgs 11:29-32; 12:19
Mk 7:31-37

February 10

Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin
1 Kgs 12:26-32;
13:33-34
Mk 8:1-10

February 11

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46
Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11
1 Cor 10:31—11:1
Mk 1:40-45

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, Audra Goss, Alex Wintersteen, Dorothy Reny, Maureen Mayes, John Lehouiller, Joseph Tijan, Meghan Diana, Diann Bean, Jay Tisbert, Jerry Reny, Janine Fleri, Bob Keeler, Will Esmay, Joanna Weinstock, Yuri Bihun, Nate Sullivan, Tom Bartlett, Jerome LeClair, Deena DeMartino, Rick Wilhelm, Linda Schaeffler, Mary Martelle, Tim Reny, Steve Guay, Zilda Metcalf, Kit Wheatley, Michael Carter, Bob Stone, Wally Stone, Howard McRae, Marion McDermid, 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.

Repentant Reconciled Renewed



**St. Thomas Church
Knights of Columbus
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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