



St. Thomas Church

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

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St. Thomas Cemeteries

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

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 PM Sunday 8:30 AM

Daily Masses

Tuesday, 6:30 PM, Thursday, 8:00 AM

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Please consult weekly bulletin.

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 1 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Armand Bonneau requested by Norman Leblanc 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
August 2 SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 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	6:30 PM - Mass for the continued success of the Vision 2020 Capital Campaign
WED	6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
THUR	8:00 AM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Joanne Konczal requested by Vern Konczal
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
August 8 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Richard Lecours requested by the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
August 9 SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Maynard and Theresa Child requested by Don and Teri Gingras 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>August 8 & 9</u>	<u>Extraordinary</u> <u>Ministers of</u> <u>Holy Communion</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar</u> <u>Servers</u>
4:00 PM SATURDAY	NONE	D Dufresne	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	NONE	M Ledwith	NONE

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend is the collection for the St. Thomas Church Maintenance and Repair Fund. While renovations are ongoing, we still need to maintain the workings of the church and rectory with cleaning, mowing, and general maintenance and repair jobs. Thank you for your generosity to this much needed fund.

St. Thomas Parish Prayer Chain:

If you have a need for prayers for any reason, a group of parishioners have agreed to pray for your intention/s. You may give as much or as little information as you wish. Please contact Sandy Gosselin at 899-2060 or e-mail her at StThomasPrayers@aol.com.



Stewardship July 25 & 26, 2020

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,618.62
Regular Collection: ...(incl. \$615 On-Line Giving).....\$ 2,059.00

Please give online at www.stthomasvt.com/online-giving or mail your contributions directly to the parish at PO Box 3, Underhill, VT 05490. Thank you for your generosity.

Message from Fr. Christopher Micale

"Do not return evil for evil, or insult for insult; but, on the contrary, a blessing, because to this you were called, that you might inherit a blessing." (1 Peter 3:9)

Children have a very clear sense of justice especially when it comes to siblings or friends of the same age. We all remember being annoyed if a brother or sister had more mashed potatoes or pasta in his or her dish than we did. The same applies in an argument between young children; each child feels the need to get even or one-up the other. Unfortunately adults can fall into this category also. It's called pride, one of the seven deadly or capital sins (the others being avarice (greed), envy, wrath, lust, gluttony, and sloth or acedia). We all realize we live in a very polarized society; people feel very strongly about certain issues. We are a divided country and this can also play itself out in the Church. We hear from both sides of the political aisle that the opponent should "dial down the rhetoric". I believe this is true, but we may be missing something else not often discussed among the pundits of both sides; disrespect for the individual with whom we disagree. There may be something more fundamental at work here. It seems we no longer acknowledge the true dignity of the human person beyond labels, beyond opinions, beyond political stances. We have forgotten the origin of the human person. We are all made in the image and likeness of God. We have divested ourselves of any supernatural influence: we no longer recognize the non-material element. We do not live solely for this life, but more importantly for the next and this requires that we grow in virtue and holiness, overcoming our natural tendency to engage in those seven "big ones". Our culture systematically devalues the person indicated by legislation that has been passed over the past 50 or so years. Pope St. John Paul II called them "the structures of sin" because they promote sinful acts that destabilize and weaken not only the individual, but also society at-large. These policies weaken the family and make it easier and acceptable to disregard others. The individual right to act in a certain way is preferred over the common good of society. When we lose the whole (the welfare of the nation) and focus on the part (the right to do whatever we want personally) the other who doesn't agree with us is reduced to an object that must be vilified, overcome or eliminated. It's ideology over people. While there are many factors that play into the difficult national conditions that exist, it is the sin of pride that vaunts the self at the expense of the other, seeing our neighbor not as gift from God but an obstacle that will impede our goals, objectives and desires (James 4:1-6).

~Fr. Micale

The garage will be open for donations
Monday-Thursday 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday 8/4 5:30 PM - Confessions by appointment

Thursday 8/6 9:30 AM - Social Concerns

Saturday 8/8 **8:00 AM - YARD SALE!!**
3:15 PM - Confessions by appointment

Sunday 8/9 **Have a blessed week!**



Religious Education News

Stay tuned for information regarding Confirmation and First Communion.

Make faith formation a lifelong effort.

Faith formation should not end at Confirmation.

ST. THOMAS YARD SALE-SATURDAY, AUGUST 8:

Catholic Financial Life, a fraternal benefit society, has offered us matching funds of up to \$1,000 in profits and donations this year! Thank you to all who have already donated items for our annual Yard Sale. We are still accepting donations this week. Please no clothing, stuffed animals, cassettes, artificial Christmas trees, mattresses, cribs or car seats. Small furniture only. We are also looking for people who might be interested in helping during the set up this week and the clean up after the sale. The YARD SALE requires hours of preparation and clean-up which can be back-breaking work if left to a few. We really need people to share the work—making it a fun, profitable event for our parish. Help is needed before with set-up (moving items from garage to the tents) beginning Monday, during the sale (keeping items tidy and assisting), and after, with clean-up (packing up & bringing leftover items to the clutter barn). Please call our co-chairs, Louise Mathews (899-4793) or Mary Bibb (899-4845) for times/dates when help is needed. There's really a job for everyone. Volunteer as little or as much as you like; any block of time will be greatly appreciated.



Vision 2020 Update

Stained glass window fundraising progress: We continue to make progress in the fundraising for the final phase of the window restoration. With this week's contributions we are down to \$16,411 remaining. This final phase will fully restore the large north and south arched triple bay windows in the middle of the church which are very much in need of repair. By starting the project this year we will be able to avoid \$15,000 in cost increases. We will need to notify the restoration company by August 7th of our intent to proceed pending our progress on the fundraising. We need your help to close the gap. Cash or checks can be sent to St. Thomas Catholic Church, PO Box 3, Underhill Center VT 05490. Please note Vision 2020 stained glass window project. You can donate online at <https://www.stthomasvt.com/> and click on the On-Line Giving button. You can call the Parish Office and make a pledge at 802-899-4632 and speak to Teri Gingras. We are nearing the finish line for this major project and would like to thank all the folks that have so generously given. Three years ago we set out to restore all (22) stained glass windows in the main part of the Church and we are very close to completing the initiative!!!

Adopt A Backpack

Again this year, the EJUEM Food Shelf will be filling backpacks and pencil cases for the upcoming school year. A \$20 donation will fill a backpack. Last year this benefitted over 50 school age children in Essex, Jericho, Underhill and other communities. They were distributed through the Food Shelf, and the schools. They expect a greater need this year. If you would prefer to donate supplies below is a list. To Adopt A Backpack, please contact LuAnn at 802-899-1843 or drop donations off in the food shelf box on the rectory porch. Thank you!

- Loose leaf paper
- 1 Subject spiral notebooks (2)
- Composition book
- Folders with pockets (2)
- 1" Binder
- Glue sticks (2)
- Eraser
- Colored pencils (12 pk)
- Crayons
- Markers (10 pk)
- Highlighter
- Ruler
- Pencils (12 pk)
- Pens (12 pk)
- Index cards
- Hand sanitizer (pocket pak)



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.

Join the Diocese Young Adult Email List!

We want to connect with you! And we want to help connect you to other Catholic young adults in the Diocese of Burlington. If you know a young adult who may be interested, please refer them to our FaceBook page ; facebook.com/vermontcatholicyouth/

WWME Goes Virtual

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called Restore – Rekindle – Renew. This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for seven sessions on Monday evenings September 14 to October 26 from 7-9:30 PM. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$50 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John & Diane Forcier at 802-657-3083 or visit them at <https://www.wmewt.org/>.

When you return to Mass, you will see things have changed a bit.

- Hymnal and other reading material has been cleared from the pews.
- Printed material is available to use during Mass but must be taken home to be disposed of
- Bulletins will be available after Mass.
- Please wear a mask and use hand sanitizer upon entry and exit from the church.
- At this time there will be no coffee hour so please do not congregate in large groups in or outside of the church.
- The sacristy, balcony, and "cry room" will be closed until further notice.
- Please wear your mask during your approach to communion. When it is your turn, please pull your mask down below your chin, receive in your hand, consume the host, and then replace mask before returning to your pew.

"We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life"

Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae © 1995,

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Readings

For the Week

August 3

Jer 28:1-17

Mt 14:22-36

August 4

Memorial of Saint John

Vianney, Priest

Jer 30:1-2,12-15 18-22

Mt 14:22-36

August 5

Jer 31:1-7

Mt 15: 21-28

August 6

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

Jer 18:1-62

2 Pt 1:16-19

Mt 17:1-9

August 7

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7

Mt 16:24-28

August 8

Memorial of Saint Dominic, Priest

Hab 1:12—2:4

Mt 17:14-20

August 9

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a

Ps 85:9,10,11-12,13-14

Rom 9:1-5

Mt 14:22-33

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

WE PRAY FOR

SICK: For all our sick: Yvonne Cross, Riley McLaughlin, Lynn McLaughlin, Joyce Brush, Jen DiNardo, David Claghorn, Ed Keeler, Sr. Elaine Lattanzi, Fred Kreps, Robert LeGrand, Kathryn Clark, Joann Bibb, Tonia Barbin, Kyle Brooks, Mary Parisi, Abby Wintersteen, Jack Russ, Mary Lynch, Jay Tisbert, Lawrence Lecours, Don Gingras, Deacon Gerry Scilla, Rosemary Breen, Robert Black, Peter Richards, Barb Juell, Patricia Stone and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

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

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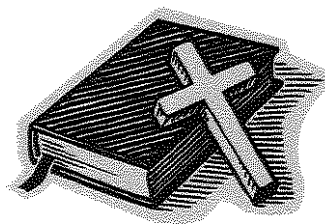
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Most holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered the beloved Master into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes you universally as the 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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Do you have friends and family members who
no longer practice our Catholic Faith?

Why not invite them to "come home".

Invite them to come to Holy Mass with you and
never stop praying for them.

RCIA = Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

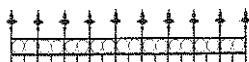
Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or interested in learning more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church? RCIA is the process by which adults are received into the church and receive the sacraments.

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



In loving memory of
Millicent Dixon

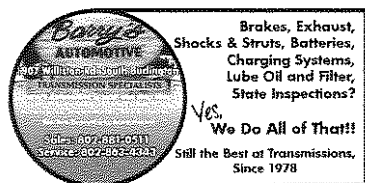


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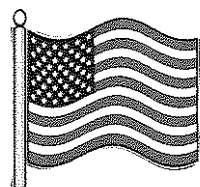
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