



# St. Thomas Church

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

Pastor Office Hours:  
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## Parish Staff

Rev. Christopher Micale ..... Pastor  
Rev. Mr. Peter Brooks ..... Deacon  
Theresa Gingras ..... Secretary  
Laura Lynch Wells ..... Rel. Ed. Coordinator  
Patrice Rogers - 399-6226 ..... Music Ministry

## St. Thomas Cemeteries

Range Rd., Irish Settlement Rd., Pleasant Valley Rd.  
Nate Sullivan ..... 899-4732

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

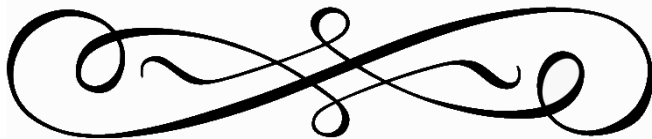
### WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY MASSES

August 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 souls of Maynard and Theresa Child requested by Donald and Theresa Gingras 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
MON	NO Mass
TUES	6:30 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Peter A. Micale
WED	6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
THUR	8:00 AM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Domenico Micale
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
August 15 SAT	The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9:00 AM - Mass for the Assumption at St. Marys 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
August 16 SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the souls of Marcel and Greg Lehouiller requested by Joan, Scott, Kimberly, and Travis 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

Ministry Schedule August 15 & 16	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors	Altar Servers
4:00 PM SATURDAY	NONE	T May	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	NONE	M Girouard	NONE

### Second Collection

This 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.



### Stewardship August 1 & 2, 2020

Weekly Budgeted Goal: .....\$ 2,618.62  
Regular Collection: ...(incl. \$580 On-Line Giving).....\$ 3,607.00

Please give online at [www.stthomasvt.com/online-giving](http://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

***"Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person: but the things that come out from within are what defile" (Mark 7:15)***

Sometimes I think our knowledge of the intricacies of the scientific world, especially with respect to health concerns can do us harm as well as good. I wonder at times if the old adage "ignorance is bliss" has some merit to it. There is a humorous video online about a time traveler who is a spokesman for the latest information about dietary concerns. He announces to a married couple about to eat breakfast the need to modify their intake of various foods to assure their ultimate health. The gist of the video is that every time the health "expert" returns, the so called proper diet espoused has changed and contradicts what he had stated the last time he arrived. Finally, the married couple stops listening to his concerns and goes back to eating bacon and eggs for breakfast, the diet they were eating when the video began. We receive a lot of information these days. There has been a few "switch-backs" regarding Covid-19. Despite conflicting information we should all do our best to practice the basic precautions given us from health officials. Saying this we, as Christians, must not become obsessed over our health. Remembering that we are composite beings, that is, composed of a physical body and a spirit or soul, we must keep things in balance. Jesus clearly states, "And do not be afraid of the one who can destroy the body but cannot kill the soul; rather be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna." (Matthew 10:28) Christ asks us to prioritize in the Christian life. The health of the spirit must take precedence over the condition of our physical bodies. He is speaking of sin and its effects on the individual. The Pharisees and leaders of the Jewish people in Jesus' time were fanatical about physical things. They were very concerned about the outward appearance ignoring the true essence of the person, the inward man. Sin is not an outward thing that imposes itself on us. Sin is an expression of something within us that is broken and must be healed. In the Gospels Jesus is always concerned with the person. He sees the sin as a manifestation of something amiss within the individual and through His mercy and forgiveness healing occurs. The Pharisees focused on the actual sin, ignoring the person. They were not concerned with the health and well being of the Jewish people, they cared more about the law in relation to its being contravened. Whenever leaders, whether in government or the Church, stop focusing on the person and emphasize the law or belief system, mercy and forgiveness disappear and the human person becomes a pawn or object to be manipulated, not seen as a precious gift made in the image and likeness of God. Have certain individuals or groups in our nation become so obsessed with securing power and control that humans are now seen as objects to be manipulated? Are individuals not in agreement with those who see themselves as the arbiters of truth to be punished? Do we now see sin as an external force, a belief contrary to the current ideology that must be cleansed from the culture? Are we ignoring the true nature of sin, the brokenness we all have in common as humans who fall short of the glory of God? Indeed it is better to fall into the hands of a gracious and loving God who understands our condition than an angry mob looking to take what is not theirs and give nothing in return but violence, destruction and the subjugation of those who will not submit to their rigid requirements. It is the evil from within that seeks its own way apart from the law of love (the out flowing concern for others) that gives way to sin defiling a person and which reverberates throughout the entire nation. Our national woes are rooted in individual sins. Only by the grace, mercy and forgiveness of God working in each one of us will our country see true healing, reconciliation and peace.

~Fr. Micale

### PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday	8/11	5:30 PM - Confessions by appointment
Thursday	8/13	9:30 AM - Social Concerns
Saturday	8/15	3:15 PM - Confessions by appointment
Sunday	8/16	<b>Have a blessed week!</b>



## 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.

## VISION 2020

### Vision 2020 Update

**Stained glass window fundraising progress:** The Parish Council voted this week to approve moving forward with the final phase of the stained glass window restoration. 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. For the project we have raised and collected a total of \$114,540. We have an additional \$5,000 in future pledges leaving us with about \$11,000 remaining to raise. Associated Crafts, the restoration company will take 8 months to complete the work so we will have several more months to raise the remaining funds. For one of the fundraisers this fall we are planning to have a raffle like we did last year but this year will be for substantial cash prizes instead of the 4 wheeler. We are thankful for all the donations and support on this next major initiative and by May of 2021 we will have restored all (22) stained glass windows in the Church. We will also continue to accept donations with the options below. 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.

### 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/vermontcatholicityouth/](https://facebook.com/vermontcatholicityouth/)

### Advance Directive:

The Diocese of Burlington has revised its Vermont Catholic Advance Directive and encourages all people, regardless of age, to consider this legal document which protects and ensures your medical care and end of life decisions will be in concert with the Catholic Faith. Documents are available at the church entrance or may be obtained by calling the Marriage, Family and Respect Life office at 658-6111 or by visiting [www.vermontcatholic.org](http://www.vermontcatholic.org)

### Food Shelf News

Looking for a way to support the local community in this uncertain time? Essex Jericho Underhill Food Shelf has been selected by the local Hannaford store leadership as the benefiting non-profit in the Fight Hunger Bag Program for August! You can give back to EJU Food Shelf by picking up a \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag at the Hannaford located in Essex in August. The food shelf will receive a \$1 donation for every bag sold this month.

### Christ Our Hope Capital Campaign

*"And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people."* Matthew 4:23. St. Thomas Parish is preparing to participate in the first ever diocesan-wide Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign. This campaign is rooted in the works of Christ (Matthew 4:23) and the outcomes of the synod to build vibrant parishes (Preaching), strengthen our evangelization (Teaching) and communicate the compassion of Christ in our service to the most vulnerable (Healing). This campaign offers a wonderful opportunity for St. Thomas Parish. Not only financially – 60% of the funds we raise comes back to us for our use to address specific parish needs – but as a larger Catholic community, together we will renew, strengthen and secure a future for the Catholic Church in Vermont. Next week Bishop Coyne will celebrate the official public kickoff. You can hear his thoughts and learn more about why this campaign is so important at the beginning of the Sunday 10a.m. Mass which will be livestreamed: [www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass)

### 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.

"Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains un-addressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique."

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage"*

## Readings For the Week



### August 10

Feast of Saint Lawrence,  
Deacon and Martyr  
2 COR 9:6-10  
LN 12:24-26

### August 11

Memorial of Saint Claire,  
Virgin  
EZ 2:8-3:4  
MT 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

### August 12

EZ 9:1-7; 10:18-22  
MT 18:15-20

### August 13

EZ 12:1-12  
MT 18:21-19:1

### August 14

Memorial of St. Maximilian  
Kolbe, Priest and Martyr  
EZ 16:1-15, 60, 63  
MT 19:3-12

### August 15

Solemnity of the  
Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A,  
10AB  
PS 45:10, 11, 12, 16  
1 COR 15:20-27  
LK 1:39-56

### August 16

Twentieth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
IS 56:1, 6-7  
PS 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8  
ROM 11:13-15, 29-32  
MT 15:21-28



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 Rosalina Segura and all deceased members of St. Thomas & St. Mary's Parishes.

## Natural Family Planning

"NFP opened up a whole world of awareness about my body. I love that it's based on science and I love even more that it coincides with my faith. It is true whole health".

Sharon Trani MSN; APRN  
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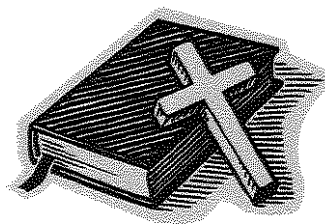
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For prayers answered  
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To be prayed 8 consecutive days

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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

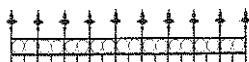
Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or interested in learning more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church? RCIA is the process by which adults are received into the church and receive the sacraments.

## 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

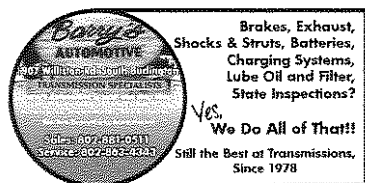


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## Confirming



Their Faith



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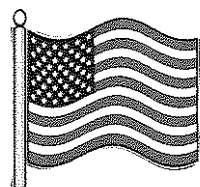
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