



St. Thomas Church

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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

September 12

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

September 13

SUN 8:05 AM - Rosary
8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the souls of Aldolph and Harriett Wells requested by Laura Lynch 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 a Parishioner

WED 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

THUR 8:00 AM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Matthew J Harding requested by Don and Teri Gingras

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

September 19

SAT 4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Michael Pollak requested by Bob and Martha Pollak
6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

September 20

SUN 8:05 AM - Rosary
8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the souls of Frank and Lillian Lassandro requested by Marilyn Frederick
10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

Message from Fr. Christopher Micale

"The Lord says: You, small to be among the clans of Judah, From you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; Whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, And the rest of his brethren shall return to the children of Israel." (Micah 5:2-3)

The early morning is one of my favorite times of the day. Things are still, quiet and free from the hustle bustle of the upcoming hours. St. Mary's is located in a valley near the Lamoille River so as I walk to the Church to pray early in the morning I have a great expanse of sky to view. Some past mornings the sky is has been phenomenal with its pastel pinks and corals lighting the sky. As we approach autumn it is becoming darker in the morning and thus the moon is often still bright as the sun begins to lift itself over the horizon. What is also present is the planet Venus. Its bright presence is comforting to me for a couple of reasons. The constancy of Venus is reassuring. Despite all that is in a state of flux in our world, the planet Venus is always there to greet me. Yet the most comforting about the presence of Venus is its association with the Blessed Mother. Our Lady is known by many titles. One of them is the Morning Star. This past Tuesday we celebrated the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary heralded the coming of Christ just as Venus heralds the dawn of a new day. Christ's coming was the dawn of the era of salvation for all mankind. It is impossible to separate Mary from Jesus. We have placed the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the narthex or vestibule of St. Thomas Church for a reason. It is through Mary that we receive Jesus. Passing her image before we enter the church reminds us of our debt to her for saying yes to God and receiving Jesus within her womb. Without Our Lady Jesus would not have come into the world, because it was decided before the world began that The Word was to come to earth and take on our humanity. Being both God and man Christ could redeem us. As any good son Jesus respects His mother to the utmost. Disrespecting her is equal to disrespecting Christ who is God. Therefore Our Savior expects us to respect the Blessed Virgin because doing so is honoring Him. October is the month designated to the Holy Rosary. In light of all the difficulties we are experiencing in this country it behooves us to request assistance from Our Blessed Mother with the greatest spiritual weapon every created, the Holy Rosary. We are planning a daily public recitation of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the month of October. Won't you join me in beseeching heaven for the good of our nation through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God? As we are reminded of her presence by the morning star let's not forget whom she announces and to whom she draws us, Jesus Christ her son. "Who is this that comes forth like the dawn as beautiful as the moon, as resplendent as the sun, as awe-inspiring as bannered troops." (Song of Songs 6:10) ~Fr. Micale

Ministry Schedule September 19 & 20

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Lectors

Altar Servers

4:00 PM SATURDAY

NONE

T Robinson

NONE

8:30 AM SUNDAY

NONE

A Bernasconi

NONE

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend we will take up a second collection for the St. Thomas Fuel and Heat Fund. The cold weather is coming and we want to be ready! Thank you for your generous donations.

ANNUAL HARVEST HAM DINNER-TAKE OUT:



Please join us for the Annual Harvest Ham Dinner on Sunday, October 11. This year we plan to serve take out meals only, in compliance with expectations expressed by the VT Department of Health. Weather permitting, we may provide some outside seating but space will be limited. The menu will include ham, baked potatoes, squash, carrots, coleslaw, rolls, and home made desserts. Details of serving time will be announced closer to the event. Details of serving time will be announced closer to the event. **Tickets will be one price, \$12.00 per meal.** Purchasing your tickets ahead of time will help us plan, but tickets will be available at the door. Tickets will be available after all Masses beginning next weekend, and can also be purchased at Wells Corner Market. For more info or to place a ticket order, please call the rectory at 899-4632.

Stewardship

September 5 & 6, 2020

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,618.62
Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$815 On-Line Giving).....\$ 3,291.00

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.

PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday	9/15	5:30 PM - Confessions by appointment 7:00 PM - Finance Council Zoom Meeting
Thursday	9/17	9:30 AM - Social Concerns
Saturday	9/19	3:15 PM - Confessions by appointment
Sunday	9/20	Have a blessed week!



Religious Education News

Religious Education will begin the first week of October. The plan is a family model with weekly hybrid program with online classes and meeting monthly for group activities. The online classes will be most effective if parents assist their child(ren) with their lessons. Each child will need to have an adult accompany them during activities. Weather permitting activities will be outdoors. More information will be coming soon. Registration forms are now available on the parish website: stthomasvt.com

First Communion and Confirmation that would have been celebrated in May will be celebrated at the end of September. Please keep our young people and their families in your prayers.

Christ Our Hope Campaign Building a Vibrant Church

Philippians 4:19: "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Now is the time for all of us to contemplate how we can offer support to the Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign. Remember a successful campaign provides great benefits to St. Thomas Parish. Most of the funds — 60% — will return to our parish allowing us to address complete our Vision 2020 projects. The Diocese will direct the remaining dollars into two endowments, including one to support Catholic education. Our school system educates roughly 2,000 students yearly. Some families need tuition assistance. Funding an endowment to support education allows us to continue to offer financial support to those who need it. Parishioners should be receiving additional information towards the end of the month.

Sunday Missals

We will be purchasing 2021 Sunday Missals for use during Mass. These missals are perfect for individual use and contain all Sunday readings for 2021. These missals will be for parishioners to take home and bring in for personal use during the weekend Masses. In order to estimate how many to order, please let us know if you would like one by calling the office at 899-4632 or emailing us at office@stthomasvt.com

Diocesan Online Ministry Opportunities: Weekly and daily Devotional opportunities such as live-streamed Mass, are currently being offered by the Diocese. These can be found on the diocesan website www.vermontcatholic.org under "Spiritual Resources for Covid-19".

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.



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.

Parent Café

Virtual discussion series by the Diocese for Catholic Parents includes prayer, presentation, and time for honest discussion. The topics include: Life is a Balancing Act (Sept. 29); Your Habits-The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly (Oct. 13). All sessions are from 7:30pm-8:15pm, parents can attend all or just one. Register at www.vermontcatholic.org/events/parentcafe

Career Opportunities

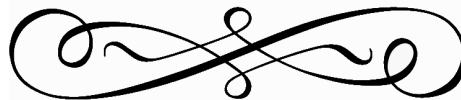
Please visit the Career Opportunities page at vermontcatholic.org for information about current openings at the Diocesan Office in South Burlington.

Domestic Violence

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. To learn more about the Catholic response, visit the U.S. Bishop's website for their Pastoral Letter, "When I Call for Help." If you, a family member, or friend needs help now, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233 (24 hours); 800-787-3224 (TTY), www.thehotline.org.

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



"By our baptism, we are members of Christ's body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God."

USCCB, "Open Wide Our Hearts" Bulletin Insert

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, Jim Meadows, 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.

Readings

For the Week



September 14

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
NM 21:4B-9
PS 78:1BC-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38
JN 3:13-17

September 15

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows
1 COR 12:12-14, 27-31A
JN 19:25-27

September 16

Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 COR 12:31—13:13
LK 7:13-35

September 17

1 COR 15:1-11
LK 7:36-50

September 18

1 COR 15:12-20
LK 8:1-3

September 19

1 COR 15:35-37, 42-49
LK 8:4-15

September 20

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
IS 55:6-9
PS 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
PHIL1:20C-24, 27A
MT 20:1-16A

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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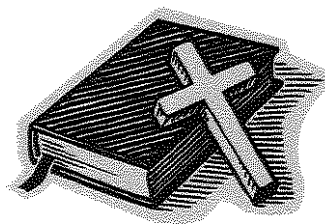
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For prayers answered
Most holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered the beloved Master into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes 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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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

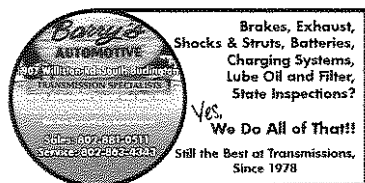


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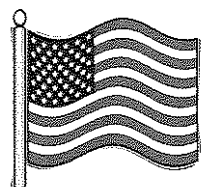
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