



# St. Thomas Church

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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

September 26 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 27 SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the students who received First Holy Communion and for those who were confirmed this past week 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
MON	NO Mass
TUES	6:30 PM - Mass in thanksgiving for Knights of Columbus member Norm Leblanc on his 90th birthday requested by the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus
WED	6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
THUR	8:00 AM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Carmello Santisi
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
October 3 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the health and well being of Larry Lecours requested by the Knights Of Columbus 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
October 4 SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Amber Wells requested by Laura Lynch Wells 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

## Message from Fr. Christopher Micale

*"The mother of Jesus and his brothers came to him but were unable to join him because of the crowd. He was told, 'Your mother and your brothers are standing outside and they wish to see you.' He said to them in reply, 'My mother and brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it.' (Luke 8:19-21)*

A large part of a child's life involves playing games. The best I believe are those that kids make up themselves, not because they are superior to "official" games one can buy at the store, but because it takes thought, creativity and initiation to come up with something that can be played. I fear too often children are given games to play that produce a passive rather than active mind to engage in them. To me it appears that we rob young ones from this crucial stage of cognitive development when we hand them everything on a silver platter...let them work for it. Jesus asks us to do the same thing when He speaks of the Christian life, which must be an active one. He is not playing games. He commands that we grow in the spiritual life. We must act on the knowledge we have and that is why it is so crucial to learn more and more about our Catholic faith. As St. Thomas Aquinas and the Church has taught for ages, you cannot love someone or something without knowing them first. To know what the Church teaches is to learn to love her, not to dismiss her teachings and doctrines. We are not to see the Church as optional or mutable, that is, able to change and adapt to the current human context of secular culture and belief. Therefore to make any reasoned and thoughtful decision we must be well informed. Jesus tells us that we are considered his family, brothers, sisters and mothers if we act on this knowledge and the grace He grants to us in this life. We are to apply that knowledge in all the decisions in life. There should never be a decision, no matter how grand or how small that is not based on our Catholic understanding. We are to see with the eyes of Jesus expressed through the Church. Christ is the Head of the Church. We are the Body and family members that must follow Him. We are engaged in another election cycle. Many say it is the most significant one in modern history. Politics is not for the weak hearted. It is a rough and tumble business, and that's putting it lightly. As Catholics we must separate personalities and human frailties from issues that involve the very core of humanity, "that all men and women are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with unalienable rights" because they are made in the image and likeness of God. Their right to live, to love and to serve God and their fellow man comes from He who is the author of life not from the government. St. Augustine pointed out that the Church, being the City of God, must interact and coexist with the City of Man. It is the Christian's duty to serve as the bridge, the mediator if you like, between the two worlds of the sacred and the secular. This is the ongoing struggle and challenge for those called Christian. Are we playing games with God by cozying up to the secular government just to get along and not make waves or are we willing to move beyond intrigue, that is, an effort to scheme a way to compromise on our beliefs so life is easier? Jesus tells us we are his family if we act on our Christian belief, that is, the truth of man and his relationship to God. Will we deny Him this election cycle or will we Stand Up for Jesus as the old Protestant hymn trumpets? For Our Lord tells us this, "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly father." (Matthew 10:32-33)

~Fr. Micale

Ministry Schedule October 3 & 4	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors	Altar Servers
4:00 PM SATURDAY	NONE	T May	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	NONE	B MacDonough	NONE

## 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. The menu will include ham, baked potatoes, squash, carrots, coleslaw, rolls, and home made desserts. Pick Up time will be between 4:00 and 5:30. 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 this weekend, and can also be purchased at Wells Corner Market and Snowflake Chocolates. For more info or to place a ticket order, please call the rectory at 899-4632.

## Stewardship September 19 & 20, 2020

Weekly Budgeted Goal: .....\$ 2,618.62  
Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$290 On-Line Giving).....\$ 1,837.00  
Second Collection - Fuel:.....\$ 765.00

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.

## Rosary plans for October

During the month leading up to the election, we will be praying the Rosary in the church every day. We will be posting the schedule soon and hope that you can make a commitment to join us for this important devotion for our nation.

## PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday	9/29	5:30 PM - Confessions by appointment
Thursday	10/1	9:30 AM - Social Concerns
Saturday	10/3	3:15 PM - Confessions by appointment
Sunday	10/4	<b>Have a blessed week!</b>



## Religious Education News

Registration is open for Religious Education. Online classes begin in October. Please join us. Registrations can be found online at [www.stthomasvt.com/35](http://www.stthomasvt.com/35)

**Religious Education Goals Fall 2020** - The goal of the Religious Education Program at St. Thomas Parish is to pass on the Catholic faith in Jesus Christ. This program recognizes the parents as the primary educators of their children, especially in the catechesis of the Catholic faith. Parents will be expected to pass on the faith we have received by helping their children with the lessons as they are presented online by our catechists, regular Mass attendance as each family deems safe, and especially in this time of anxiety about Covid-19, to practice the faith through popular piety by such means as the TV Mass, praying the Rosary, and reading the Bible as a family.

**Classes for Grades K-6 will be online**, with some in-person activities - Parental participation is expected especially for younger students. When attending in-person activities, each child must be accompanied by a parent/guardian, or other caring adult designated by the parent/guardian, to ensure proper safety and social distancing as required at the time of the activity in compliance with expectations expressed by the VT Dept of Health and the Diocese of Burlington.

**Confirmation Grades 7-8** will be in person beginning October 11 with Fr. Chris in the parish hall. Masks are required. Registration forms and the calendar are online.

If you have any questions about the Religious Education Program at St. Thomas Parish contact Laura Lynch Wells at 802-899-4770, or email at [rel.ed@stthomasvt.com](mailto:rel.ed@stthomasvt.com)

### Congratulations!

Please keep these students and their families in your prayers as they have recently received their sacraments:

#### **First Holy Communion:**

Jack Keener

Hailey Lockwood

#### **Confirmation**

Peter Abair	Keira Haessig
Summer Clough	Ty Haessig
Gavin Cowan	Aidan McCormack
Chase Desroches	Aidan McNamara
Abigail Effron	Thomas Sheehan
Philip Gulizio	Eri Smith

### Christ Our Hope Campaign

*"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." Hebrews 13:16*

Soon you'll receive your request to support the Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign. Until then, please prayerfully consider what you may do and the impact of a successful campaign for St. Thomas Parish and the Diocese. Note that a portion of our support will help fund a position to work as an outreach coordinator and assist with youth ministry in the diocese. Remember, success comes only through prayer, dedication and sacrifice from our faith family. Don't forget, to stay current with all campaign news please visit <https://www.christourhopevt.org/>

### Thank you from Deacon Phil Lawson

Thank you for your kind welcome last weekend! It was a joy to be with you. Let us continue to keep each other in prayer as we seek to know Christ ever more fully, accompany each other, and joyfully live this mission! God bless you! -Dcn. Phil Lawson, Diocese of Burlington [plawson@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:plawson@vermontcatholic.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.

### 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](http://www.thehotline.org).

**Volunteers needed for bottle redemption:** Thank you to all the parishioners who so generously donate bottles to benefit the religious ed program at St. Thomas. We are in need of more volunteers to help bring bottles back for redemption and bring the money back. It can be brought to the Rectory Office or put in an envelope labeled "Bottle Money" in the collection basket at Mass. If you can please volunteer. If you have any questions please contact Laura Wells in the Rectory Office.

### 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](http://www.vermontcatholic.org) under "Spiritual Resources for Covid-19".

"Suicidal individuals—with or without a terminal illness—typically do not want to die... The patient requesting assisted suicide is often asking, 'Does anyone want me to be alive, or care enough to talk me out of this request and support me through this difficult time?'"

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"Every Suicide is Tragic"*

## Readings

### For the Week



### September 28

JB 1:6-22

LK 9:46-50

### September 29

Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels

DN 7:9-10, 13-14

PS 138:1-2AB,  
2CDE,4-5

JN 1:47-51

### September 30

Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

JB 9:1-12, 14-16

LK 9:57-62

### October 1

Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Jb 19:21-27

LK 10:1-12

### October 2

Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels

JB 38:1,12-21;40;3-5

MT 18:1-5, 10

### October 3

JB 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17

LK 10:17-24

### October 4

Twenty-seventh

Sunday in

Ordinary Time

IS 5:1-7

PS 80:9,12,13-14,

15-16,19-20

PHIL 4:6-9

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, Diane Dufresne 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.

## 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".

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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.  
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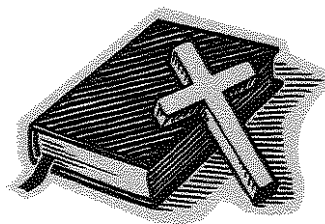
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no longer practice our Catholic Faith?

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

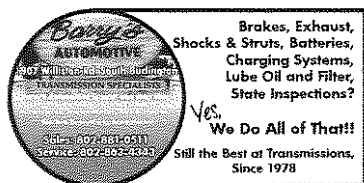


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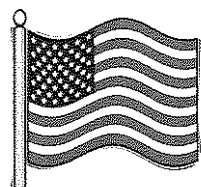
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