

St. Thomas Church

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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

October 31

SAT 4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Charles Siekman requested by Dan and Elizabeth MacDonald
6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

November 1

SUN 8:05 AM - Rosary
8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Robert J. McDermott requested by Laura Wells
10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

MON 9:00 AM – Mass for All Souls Day at St. Mary of the Assumption

TUES 6:30 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Francis Dolen requested by Steve & Eileen Haupt

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

THUR 8:00 AM - Mass for the repose of the soul of JoAnn Konczal requested by Vern Konczal

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

November 7

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

November 8

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

Message from Fr. Christopher Micale

"Damage Control"

The old adage "Politics and religion don't mix" is only true when you don't agree with another person. No religious person can divorce his or her faith from the public square, particularly when it comes to voting. Just as it's impossible to split our bodies from our souls neither can we pretend to have a "religious" self separate from a "secular" self. "Believing" in Catholic principles "personally" yet supporting legislation that conflicts with Catholic truths might be acceptable in certain circles but it does not square with the Catholic understanding of things. What does the Church really say regarding the political choices a Catholic can engage in? The Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church in #570 (p. 247) states, the Magisterium teaches that 'a well-formed Christian conscience does not permit one to vote for a political programme or an individual law which contradicts the fundamental contents of faith and morals.' The Compendium goes on to say that "In cases where it is not possible to avoid the implementation of such political programmes or to block or abrogate such laws, the Magisterium teaches that a parliamentary representative... may legitimately support proposals aimed at limiting the damage (Compendium's emphasis) caused by such programmes or laws and at diminishing their negative effects on the level of culture and public morality..." So where does this leave the Catholic voter? In simple terms: if we can't clean up the mess someone else made (legislation contrary to Catholic faith and morals) we do the best we can at limiting any further damage (voting for a candidate who has openly expressed views and proposed legislation that support Catholic faith and morals). One final point: the emphasis in all we do as Catholics whether politically or religiously must first focus on the dignity of the human person. The "common good" is central to Catholic social doctrine. In other words, according to the social doctrine of the Catholic Church (#164), the common good pertains to the flourishing of the each person in society. Every person, made in the image and likeness of God is important, not just the majority of people who hold a certain view, not just about certain categories of people. It's not about ideology it's about the person, each and every person including the unborn. Decisions, policies, legislation and candidates must be held to this standard.

~Fr. Micale

Ministry Schedule Nov. 7 & 8, 2020	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors	Altar Servers
4:00 PM SATURDAY	NONE	T Robinson	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	NONE	M Ledwith	NONE

Pork Dinner Take-Out

The Knight's Council 7810 is cooking a Pork Loin take out dinner on Nov 8th with pick-up from 4:00 - 5:30 PM. The dinner will be \$12



and consist of Pork loin, mashed potatoes, green beans, stuffing, gravy, apple sauce, and desert. The Knight's support different charities, and for this dinner, you will choose the charity for your dinner's proceeds. You will pick one of the three charities: Special Olympics, Veterans Place (home for homeless Veterans in Northfield, VT) or the Seminarian program (support for one of this year's Seminarians). Tickets can be reserved by calling the church office 802-899-4632, or buying them after the Masses on the weekends.

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend we take up the collection for the St. Thomas Maintenance and Repair Fund. These monies are being used to pay for the normal maintenance tasks around the church and grounds. As always, thank you for your generosity.

Stewardship

October 24 & 25, 2020

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,618.62
Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$418 On-Line Giving).....\$ 2,128.00
Second Collection—Priest Benefit Fund:\$ 315.00

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.

The Book of Remembrance



We will be leaving the Book of Remembrance out for parishioners to enter names of deceased friends and family members. We will pray for these souls in a special way during the month of November. (Please use the hand sanitizer before entering names in the book.)

PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday	11/3	5:30 PM - Confessions by appointment 7:00 PM - Parish Council Meeting
Thursday	11/5	9:30 AM - Social Concerns
Saturday	11/7	*second collection—Church Maintenance and Repair** 3:15 PM - Confessions by appointment
Sunday	11/8	4:00 PM - 5:30 PM - Pork Loin Dinner Take-Out Sponsored by the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus



Religious Education News

If you have any questions about the Religious Ed Program at St. Thomas Parish contact Laura Lynch Wells at 802-899-4770, or email at rel.ed@stthomasvt.com

**Make faith formation a lifelong effort.
Faith formation should not end at Confirmation.**

Support EJU Food Shelf

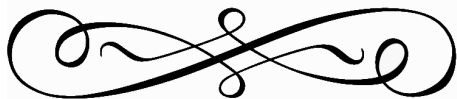
As a reminder, for the month of November, Essex Jericho Underhill Food Shelf will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable Fight Hunger Bag at the Hannaford store located at 21A Essex Way, Essex Junction.

Virtual Woman's Retreat 2020

Announcing the 9th Annual Vermont Catholic Woman's Retreat. Join your sisters in Christ, as we walk together with Sister Marie Benedict of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Sister Marie Benedict will nourish us with words of hope. There will be the opportunity to ask questions, have time for reflection, and pray the Rosary together adding our personal intentions. Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 14, 9 AM to 12:30 PM. Registration ends on November 11, and there are a limited number of participants. Please join us! To register, email Terrie McCormack at tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org or call (802)658-6110 x1451.

Christ Our Hope Campaign

Matthew 14:18-20: "...Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied..." When raising big sums of money, it is natural for us to think "my small donation won't make a difference." However, as we see in Matthew 14 when Jesus feeds five thousand followers on just five loaves of bread and two fish, God can put small gifts to work and accomplish great things. There is never a gift that is too small. Never a gift that won't make a difference. Each received, regardless of the size, is reason for celebration. Each takes us a step closer toward campaign success. Please consider how you can make a difference for the Diocese and St. Thomas Parish with your commitment to the **Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church** campaign.



We ask that you pray daily the Pope's prayer to the Virgin Mary for protection from this pandemic:

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

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.

Retreat to God

The Mary Theotokos Retreat Center is open and booking for fall and winter retreats. Located at 572 Lake Road in Newark, VT, the retreat center is available by calling 802-467-3009 or emailing MaryTheotokosVt@comcast.net. For more information visit the website at www.MaryTheotokosVt.org.

Theology On Fire

Young adults are invited to gather for Theology on Fire, a series of conversations on theological topics. We'll begin with Mass at the UVM Catholic Center at 6pm. Following, join us at the Maille Dairy Farm, just 15 minutes away on Dorset Street. Bring a lawn chair and warm clothes! Speaker & topic for November 12th TBD.

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 considering faithful citizenship, "the U.S. bishops have reaffirmed that 'the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed.'"

Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities "Priorities at the Polls" citing Introductory Letter to "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship"

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, Amy Gratton, and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

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

Readings For the Week



November 2

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
(All Souls)
WIS 3:1-9
JN 6:37-40

November 3

PHIL 2:5-11
LK 14:15-24

November 4

Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, bishop
PHIL 2:12-18
LK 14:25-33

November 5

PHIL 3:3-8A
LK 15:1-10

November 6

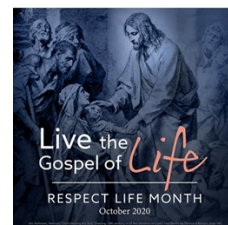
PHIL 3:17-4:1
LK 16:1-8

November 7

PHIL 4:10-19
LK 16:9-15

November 8

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
WIS 6:12-16
PS 63:2,3-4,5-6,7-8
1 THES 4:13-18
MT 25:1-13



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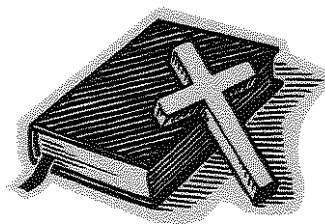
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For prayers answered
Most holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered the beloved Master into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes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

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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

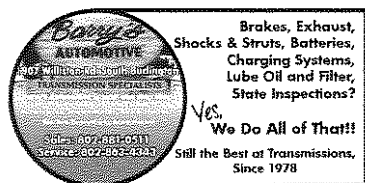


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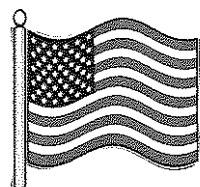
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