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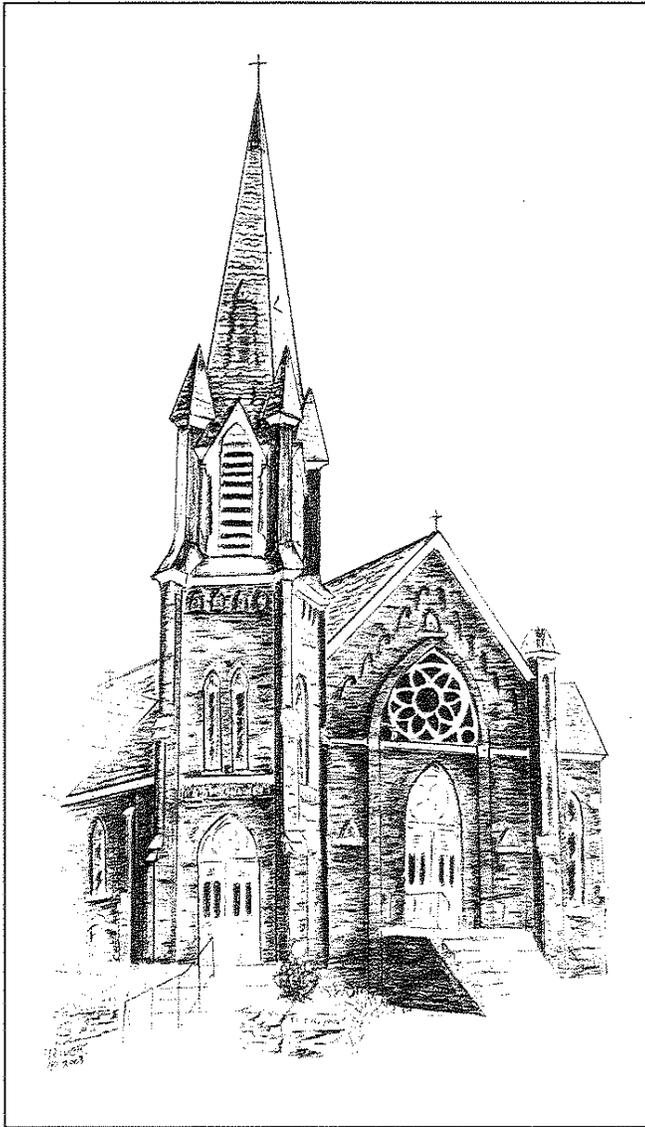
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St. Thomas Cemeteries

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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

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

MON No Mass

TUES 6:30 PM - Mass for the deceased members and spouses of the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus

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

THUR 8:00 AM - Mass for our All Soul's Day Intentions

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

November 14
SAT 4:00 PM - Mass in thanksgiving for the Haupt Family requested by the Girouard Family
 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

November 15
SUN 8:05 AM - Rosary
 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Fumiko Russ requested by the Knights of Columbus
 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

Message from Fr. Christopher Micale

"He took up a collection among all the soldiers...for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death...Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from this sin." (2Maccabees 12:43-44,46)

I remember as a youngster creating pottery in art class. The fun part was the glazing and firing of the clay object and not knowing what the color and appearance the fire would create with the finished product. The color that went on before the firing would not be the same when the piece came out of the furnace. The enjoyment was the anticipation of something entirely different and more beautiful. St. Paul references this idea of pottery when it comes to the Christian. Speaking of the glory God is creating in us he states it is not yet visibly apparent. "But we hold this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing power may be of God and not from us." (2 Corinthians 4:7) God is permitting us to be fired by the difficulties, trials and sufferings we endure on earth. Just like pottery glazed and ready to be baked in a furnace, so Jesus permits us to endure such hardships so that we will truly shine spiritually. Similar to pottery before firing our condition both spiritually and outwardly is unknown to us now but we can anticipate a glorious appearance if we yield to the crosses we bear in this life, dying in friendship with God. We have entered the month of November, the month in which we remember the souls of those departed from this earth. As Christians we do not know the fate of our beloved family and friends who have left this earth, but we hope that God in His mercy will bring them into the light of His face. Yet we are not to fall into an attitude of presumption, meaning that we believe that either we, or those we know, will automatically enter into heaven and truly see God as He is. The Church has always held since early on that there is a interim place of further "firing" of our souls to perfect them and remove all vestiges of sin. "The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned (Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1031). Our job is to offer mass, pray and light candles (as another offering) for the souls that have left this earth. Pre-Christian understanding by the Jewish people respected those who have gone before us asking for God's forgiveness and His kindness toward their souls. The Church encourages us to make the month of November a month of somber reflection of the frailty of human existence and the need for God's mercy. Let us pray for those departed souls we know, especially those who have no one to pray for them. As we offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass fired by our prayers and offerings for those who are still in need of further purification, we petition heaven asking that their souls become a dazzling reflection of the love and beauty of God, who desires all souls to be saved and to live with Him forever in splendor that is beyond our comprehension this side of heaven.

~Fr. Micale

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>November 14 & 15</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	L Berard	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	NONE	M Girouard	NONE

Pork Dinner Take-Out

The Knight's Council 7810 is cooking a Pork Loin take out dinner this Sunday, November 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 purchased at Wells Corner Market, Snowflake Chocolates, or after Mass this weekend.



Second Collection

This 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 31 & November 1, 2020

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,618.62
 Regular Collection: ...(incl. \$783 On-Line Giving).....\$ 2,921.00
 Holy Day--All Saints:\$ 175.00

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

Sunday 11/8 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM - Pork Loin Dinner Take-Out
 Sponsored by the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus

Tuesday 11/10 5:30 PM - Confessions by appointment
 7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting

Thursday 11/12 9:30 AM - Social Concerns

Saturday 11/14 3:15 PM - Confessions by appointment



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.**

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.

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

Psalm 69:30: "I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." It's with joy and excitement that we offer this update. Thanks to the sacrifice of parishioners throughout the Diocese, the Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign has received more than \$2M in gifts and pledges. We are thankful for this wonderful response and grateful for the work of our volunteers. Of course, we want to recognize the sacrifice of our donors at St. Thomas Parish. To date we've received \$1,500 in gifts and pledges. With 60% of the support coming back to us, we will use these funds to address our ongoing renovation needs. Please note that it's not too late to make your gift. You may return a completed pledge form or go online to christourhopevt.org/ donate to make a commitment.



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.

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.

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".

"We know earthly death is not the end, but rather the door through which we must pass to gain eternal life. Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing" respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations

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 9

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
EZ 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
1 COR 3:9C-11,16-17
JN 2:13-22

November 10

Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
TI 2:1-8, 11-14
LK 17:7-10

November 11

Memorial of St Martin of Tours, Bishop
TI 3:1-7
Lk 17:11-19

November 12

Memorial of St Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
PHMN 7-20
LK 17:20-25

November 13

Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin
2 JN 4-9
LK 17:26-37

November 14

3 JN 5-8
LK 18:1-8

November 15

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
PRV 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
128:1-2, 3, 4-5
1 THES 5:1-6
MT 25:14-30

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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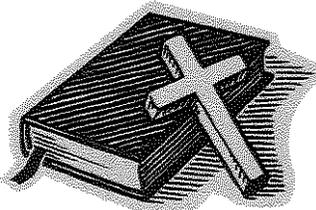
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 Reconciled
 Renewed**


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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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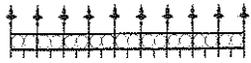


Do you have friends and family members who no longer practice our Catholic Faith? Why not invite them to "come home". Invite them to come to Holy Mass with you and never stop praying for them.

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

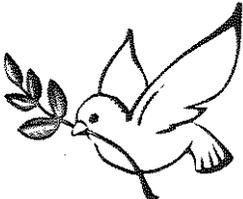


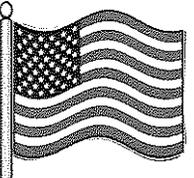

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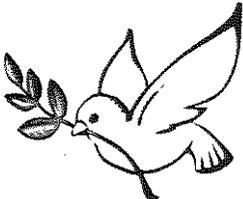







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