

St. Thomas Church

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

Pastor Office Hours:
Tue. 2:00 PM-5:00 PM, Thur. 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

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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.

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.

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

January 9 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Johanna Gandini requested by Don Gandini and Family 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
January 10 SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Fumiko Russ requested by Brian and Patrice Rogers 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
MON	No Mass
TUES	6:30 PM - For the Health and Wellbeing of Irene Curry requested by Genie O'Neill
WED	6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
THU	8:00 AM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Robert Staples requested by Laura Lynch Wells
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
January 16 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Patrick McCarthy requested by Bob and Martha Pollak 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
January 17 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

Ministry Schedule January 16 & 17	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors	Altar Servers
4:00 PM SATURDAY	NONE	T May	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	NONE	L Wells	NONE

Fuel Fund Collection

The second collection this weekend is for the St. Thomas fuel and heat fund. As always, thank you for your generosity to this fund that helps keep us toasty during the winter months.

Next Week's Second Collection

Gifts to the Catholic Education Collection support lifelong faith formation programs throughout the Diocese of Burlington. Faith Formation goes beyond the classroom to nurture and encompass people of all ages. It's truly a lifelong endeavor. Half of every dollar raised stays at the parish level to support its educational and faith formation programs. The other half is granted throughout the diocese to fund programs like leadership training, coursework for pastoral ministers, retreat programs, workshops, conferences and tuition assistance. Thank you for supporting these exciting opportunities!

Stewardship - January 2 & 3, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 2,618.62
Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$1,400 On-Line Giving) ...	\$ 4,600.00
Holy Day - Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 260.00

Please give online at www.stthomasvt.com/donate 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

"I need to be to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me? Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:14-15)

I have to admit the grayness of these last few weeks is getting to me. Usually the month of January brightens up a bit with more sunshine and maybe that will be the case in the up coming days and weeks but for now I have a bad case of the "grays". It has me scratching my head when I hear that one of the more popular paint colors for rooms is gray. Don't we see enough gray outside in Vermont to see gray on the inside as well? "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder," they say. Life post Christmas can be a let down. The glitter of the holiday season becomes a memory and we can slip into a gray state of mind. (I wonder this year in addition to the angst with Covid-19 that the Christmas decorations and lights may stay up a bit longer than usual) As Christians we can fall prey to the apparent "gloom" of the sky and weather of a Northern New England winter. We can forget the miracle of what we just celebrated, the Nativity of Our Lord, the coming in the flesh to take on our very humanity and set us free from sin. Quite often what adds to our gloominess is our distraction away from Christ and His saving work. This weekend we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. We are nearing the end of the Christmas season yet our life in Christ has not ended and must go on through the New Year. What Jesus shows us by His baptism is the ongoing renewal of our relationship with Him and the continual growth that must happen with our souls. God came to us in this humble way to illustrate to us that it is through the challenges of the physical life we live hear on earth that salvation occurs. It is the physicality of the Incarnation that shows how God wants to work within us. Through our natural existence on earth God uses physical agents (i.e. water, bread and wine) of the Sacraments to impart the grace of God to heal and elevate our souls. It is not the way a human would choose to conduct salvation, that is why St. John the Baptist questions Jesus about baptizing Him who is without sin and very God. Our Lord sets the example for all Christians to be baptized not because He needed baptism but because we need it as well as the other Sacraments. Since He is the Head, the Body must follow. By doing so we overcome the gloominess -the grayness- of sin in our lives, creating little by little the brilliance of holiness that will shine for all eternity.
~Fr. Chris

PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday	1/12	5:30 PM - Confessions 7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting
Thursday	1/14	6:30 PM - Food Shelf Setup at Good Shepherd Church
Saturday	1/16	** second collection - Catholic Education ** 9:30 AM - Food Shelf Distribution at Good Shepherd 3:15 PM - Confessions

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

Marriage Day Mass

Married Catholic couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20...55, 57) in 2021, may be recognized at the Diocese Anniversary Mass with Bishop Coyne, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington, February 7, 2021, at the 10:00am Mass. Given the health restrictions this year, there will be a limit of 20 couples to be recognized in person at this Mass. Couples can bring up to 6 family members with them (a total of 8). Registrations will be accepted through January 28, 2021, by contacting Valerie Parzyck at vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org or by calling the parish office at 899-4632. If you cannot or do not want to attend the Mass but would like a certificate, please call the parish office.

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions are available for 2021 here at St. Thomas for the week day and weekend Masses: Saturday at 4:00 PM, Sundays at 8:30 AM, Tuesdays at 6:30 PM, and Thursdays at 8:00 AM. Some Holy Days may also be available. Masses may be scheduled one year in advance from the calendar date you arrange the Mass. The normal stipend for a Mass intention is \$10. You can also schedule the Sanctuary Candle to be lit in memory of a loved one. You can schedule Mass intentions through January 2022 by stopping in or calling the parish office at 899-4632.

The Prayer Chain

If you have a need for prayers for any reason, a group of parishioners have agreed to pray for your intention/s. You may give as much or as little information as you wish. Please contact Sandy Gosselin at 899-2060 or e-mail her at StThomasPrayers@aol.com.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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.
- 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.

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".



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Week of January 10:

*In loving memory of
Armand Nadeau*

Requested by Theresa Nadeau and Family

Nine Days For Life Novena

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at www.9daysforlife.com!

Respect Life Mass

The annual Diocesan Respect Life Mass will be held on Saturday, Jan. 23rd, 2021 at 9:30AM at St. Augustine Parish in Montpelier with Bishop Coyne. VT Right to Life will then sponsor a short outdoor program.

Faith and Family in the Home

an interactive webinar by the Messy Family Project

Parents are invited to attend this free three-part series in January, sponsored by the Diocese of Manchester, NH. Join Mike and Alicia Hernon of the *Messy Family Project*, as they share: January 13, 8-9:30 p.m.— Communication in Marriage; January 20, 8-9:30 p.m.— Messy Parenting 101; January 27, 8-9:30 p.m.— Evangelizing Your Children. Please register at <https://vermontcatholic.org/event/family-faith-in-the-home/2021-01-20/>

Contact Alyse Hlasny, ahlasny@rcbm.org or (603) 663-0108, with any questions.

Bottle Donations

Thank you to all parishioners supporting the Religious Education Program through the donation of redeemable bottles and cans in the collection bin at the rectory. Thanks to our Confirmation students and their families who return them and get the money to the church. Redeemable bottles and cans must be clean for health reasons, as young person is handling them and counting them.

"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life" (respectlife.org/culture-of-life)

Readings For the Week



January 11

Heb 1:1-6
Mk 1:14-20

January 12

Heb 2:5-12
Mk 1:21-28

January 13

Heb 2:14-18
Mk 1:29-39

January 14

Heb 3:7-14
Mk 1:40-45

January 15

Heb 4:1-5, 11
Mk 2:1-12

January 16

Heb 4:12-16
Mk 2:13-17

January 17

**The Second
Sunday of
Ordinary Time**

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19
Ps 40:2,4,7-8,8-9,10
1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20
Jn 1:35-42



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, Jay Tisbert, Lawrence Lecours, Don Gingras, Deacon Gerry Scilla, Rosemary Breen, Robert Black, Barb Juell, Patricia Stone, Jim Meadows, Diane Dufresne, Amy Gratton, Joyce Fleury, Peter Richards and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

DECEASED: For all who have died, especially Patrick McCarthy, Nancy Walko, George Lawler 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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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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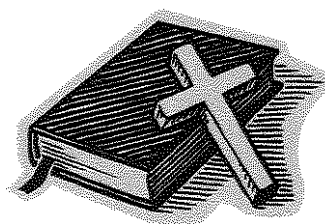
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never stop praying for them.

**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

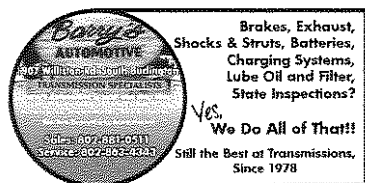


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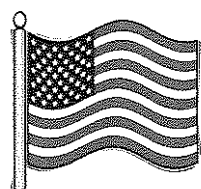
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