



St. Thomas Church

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St. Thomas Cemeteries

Range Rd., Irish Settlement Rd., Pleasant Valley Rd.
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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

January 23 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Armand Nadeau requested by Theresa Nadeau and family 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
January 24 SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Ross Perri requested by Tony & Tammy Perri 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
MON	No Mass
TUES	6:30 PM - For the health and well being of the Gingras family requested by the Girouard Family
WED	6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
THU	8:00 AM - Mass for the repose of the soul of JoAnn Konczal requested by the Konczal Family
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
January 30 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Irving Wejroch requested by Tom and Susann May 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
January 31 SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Raymond Nadeau Sr. requested by Gail Nadeau and Family

Message from Fr. Christopher Micale

"We earnestly desire each of you to demonstrate the same eagerness for the fulfillment of hope until the end so that you may not become sluggish, but imitators of those who, through faith and patience are inheriting promises." (Hebrews 6:11-12)

It's easy to get sluggish this time of year. Post Christmas, post January thaw, cold and snow starting to become a pattern, and we can all fall into a pattern of low energy, low expectations and low levels of productivity. We kind of expect this on the physical level but it can very easily happen to us spiritually. If we had been growing through Advent with the hope of Christmas to come its understandable to drift a bit in our relationship with Christ after the bluster and cacophony of the holiday season. In addition, we have all the pulls of COVID and the concerns that things are somehow out of kilter and in need of some sort of realignment. In nature the centripetal force is one that tends to impel a thing or parts of a thing toward the center of rotation. The heaviness of winter with its grey skies and chilling winds can cause us to turn inward. We must resist the "spiritual" centripetal force of the world and its answer to the hopelessness many may be experiencing. The world seeks answers and hope without the assistance of God. Yet our hope is not in politics, technology or science. Invariably these will fail us and we can easily become discouraged. Politicians do not deliver what they promised, the internet for all its benefits can be a two edged sword promoting discord and disunity, science and medicine have not found an answer to all sickness and inequities in the world. Yet our hope is always Jesus. He came to earth to give us the hope of new life not only in heaven but also here on earth. Christ encourages us to be faithful to the end. We are not to throw in the towel giving up on our relationship with God and His Church because the societal landscape looks rough and dangerous. As God's people we must carry on and persevere. In less than a month's time we begin Lent. The Church in its wisdom assigns certain liturgical seasons for a reason. The penitential times of the year, in particular the season of Lent, can re-energize our spiritual life which is apt to be drained by the pushes and pulls of this society and the piling snow. We've been through quite a year and many of our spiritual circuits have been drained. We are in need of a recharge. Let us look beyond the cold and snow to the warmth of the spiritual spring that can blossom in us if we take the time to draw close to God, seeking His answers to the problems we face rather than those of the world. Our Lord tells us to cheer up despite all the anxiety we may experience about the state of affairs in our country and the world. Jesus tells us, "In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) Jesus, I trust in you!
~Fr. Chris

Ministry Schedule January 30 & 31	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors	Altar Servers
4:00 PM SATURDAY	NONE	T May	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	NONE	M Grouard	NONE

Next Week's Second Collection

Next week we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising culture, difficult terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Fish Fry Friday, February 19



There will be a fish Fry takeout on the first Friday in lent, February 19. The menu for adults will include Lemon Dill glazed Haddock, wild rice, green beans, and coleslaw, roll and desert for \$14. Children's meals will include fish sticks, tater tots, coleslaw, & green beans. Tickets will be on sale soon so watch the bulletin for more details!

Stewardship - January 16 & 17, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 2,618.62
Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$395 On-Line Giving)	\$ 4,203.00
Second Collection - Catholic Education:	\$ 95.00

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.

PARISH EVENTS

Saturday	1/23	3:15 PM - Confessions
Tuesday	1/26	5:30 PM - Confessions
Thursday	1/28	9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group
Saturday	1/30	**Second collection - The Church in Latin America ** 3:15 PM - Confessions
Sunday	1/31	Have a blessed week!

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

From the Diocese of Burlington

vermontcatholic.org/tvmass

Live Stream: Daily (Monday-Thursday)
Eucharistic Adoration, 11:30AM - 12:00PM
Mass, 12:05PM

Sunday Mass, 10:00AM

Daily online rosary—email vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org

VISION 2020

The new Church lights have arrived: After 12 weeks of manufacturing the (10) new pendant lights arrived at the Church. We will be installing them over two weeks starting the week of February 1st. The new lights are about 1 foot taller than the existing lights and they will provide significantly more light in the Church. We are excited to finally be able to improve the lighting throughout the main part of the Church. The final phase of the stained glass windows restoration continues and remains on track to be reinstalled in the May timeframe. We have approximately \$5,000 more to raise to complete the project fundraising. Cash or checks can be sent to St. Thomas Catholic Church, PO Box 3, Underhill Center, VT, 05490 or just drop an envelope in the offertory basket. Please note Vision 2020 stained glass window project. We are obtaining estimates to add a handicap bathroom, and we expect the estimates to be completed over the next two weeks.

Rental Needed

Parishioner Donna Kunkel is returning this summer for the period around June-October. Her primary residence for the last 43 years was in Jericho. She desires to rent a quiet area on main floor, a small house, condo, or mother in laws apartment furnished with the basics with a separate entrance; or to house sit in Jericho, Essex, Essex Jct, Underhill or a nearby area. She doesn't smoke, drink or have pets. References are available. If you, or friends, know of a rental, please contact Donna's email: Donnakunkel54@gmail.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.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

JANUARY 21 - 29, 2021

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PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!

Faith and Family in the Home

an interactive webinar by the Messy Family Project

Parents are invited to attend this free series in January, sponsored by the Diocese of Manchester, NH. Join Mike and Alicia Hernon of the *Messy Family Project*, as they share: 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.

Challenges to Grow Your Marriage

Weekly challenges for married couples to spend time together. Weekly challenges can be found by visiting: <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/ministries-programs/marriage-family/marriage-enrichment/>

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.

"Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? ...Even a woman who doesn't go to church or think of herself as religious can be afraid that God will never forgive her for having an abortion. She should know that God loves and forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them his peace.
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion"

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.

Readings For the Week



January 25

Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle
Acts 22:3-16
PS 117:1bc, 2
Mk 16:15-18

January 26

Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops
2 Tm 1:1-8
Mk 3:31-35

January 27

Heb 10:11-18
Mk 4:1-20

January 28

Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Heb 10:19-25
Mk 4:21-25

January 29

Heb 10:32-39
Mk 4:26-34

January 30

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
Mk 4:35-41

January 31

The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Dt 18:15-20
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9
1 Cor 7:32-35
Mk 1:21-28



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.
To be prayed 8 consecutive days



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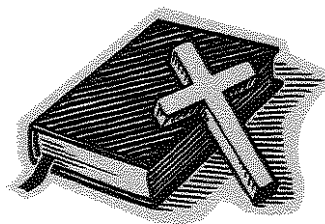
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no longer practice our Catholic Faith?

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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

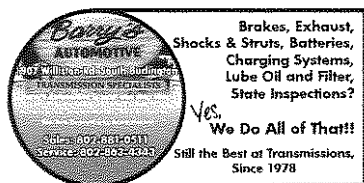


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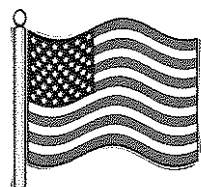
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