



St. Thomas Church

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

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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

March 6 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
March 7 SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul Patrick McCarthy requested by Brian and Patrice Rogers 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
MON	No Mass
TUES	6:30 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Roy Keith requested by Patricia Keith
WED	6:30 PM - Mass at Mary of the Assumption
THU	8:00 AM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Peter Richard requested by Patricia Keith
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
March 13 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Patricia May requested by Tom and Susie May 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
March 14 SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul Peter Richard requested by Ed and Louise Mathews 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>March 13 & 14</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	T May	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	NONE	M Ledwith	NONE

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Corned Beef and Cabbage Take-Out

The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus are serving a Corned Beef and Cabbage take out dinner on Sunday, March 14th. Pick up time is 4:30-6:00 PM in the parish hall. Tickets are \$14 for this traditional Irish dinner, and will consist of Corned Beef and Cabbage, boiled potatoes, carrots and dessert. Please call ahead to reserve tickets (802-899-4632), or purchase after weekend Masses. Tickets may also be purchased at Wells Corner Market in Underhill Center, or Snowflake Chocolates in Jericho.

Stewardship - February 27 & 28, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,618.62
Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$828 On-Line Giving)\$ 2,586.00
Second Collection - Eastern Europe:\$ 119.00

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

*"You, therefore, must be perfect,
as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48)*

I suffer from a virulent strain of perfectionism. It's been a tough battle through the years attempting to tackle this virus. The perfectionism I speak of has to do with actions and tasks. To do something I have to make sure it's done to the nth degree whatever that means to me at any given time. When I fry eggs over light I want the egg yolks to be soft but not too runny, the white of the egg must be of the right consistency too. We could address other areas of life but the gist of the matter is that doing something means doing something to the highest degree. So what's wrong with that? The Book of Ecclesiastes tells us, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work of thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going." (Ecclesiastes 9:10) Our Lord commands us to be perfect, yet what does He really mean - to make sure everything we do is perfectly accomplished? Christ could hardly expect us to be perfectionists. Doing something for the sake of doing it "perfectly" without flaw is counterproductive to the Christian life because none of us can achieve this, it's impossible; something always goes wrong. We have been made in the image and likeness of God and retain that dignity to a certain degree (we are not totally corrupt as some non-Catholic Christians have thought over the centuries). Yet as humans we are inherently flawed because of sin. Jesus tells us that the root of the problem comes from within and does not originate externally (Matthew 15:11). God is offended by sinful acts but His focus is on where they are born, in the heart and imagination of the person. To be perfect for God is not cooking eggs a certain way but by reaching the goal or end He has for each and every one of us. It is accomplishing the very reason for our existence, first for the vocation we have on this earth and secondly and most importantly, to enjoy His presence in eternity. When something is perfect it does exactly what God had designed it to do. Birds who fly are perfect because God created them for that purpose. Those poor creatures that are disabled in some way and can't fly because of defects are imperfect, unable to accomplish the end that the Creator meant for it. So it is with the human person. When we commit sinful acts they offend God because as a loving Father He sees we are choosing to be less than He wants us to be. Parents want what is best for their children and when they undercut their potential it saddens them. Christ wants us to flourish in this life but His focus is not on the actual tasks or activities we engage in. He wants us to be perfect by accomplishing His will for us: holiness in this life and pure communion with Him in the next. So stop worrying about whether the eggs are cooked just right and focus on being perfect in the true sense. Let's permit God to overcome our sinful motivations and attitudes that lead us to sin and fall short of His purpose for us and so strengthen our relationship with the Blessed Trinity and with others, always seeking the will of our Father in heaven.

~Fr. Chris

PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday	3/9	5:30 PM - Confessions & Adoration 7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting
Thursday	3/11	9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group
Friday	3/12	6:30 PM - Vespers (St. Thomas) 7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross (St. Thomas)
Saturday	3/13	*Second Collection - Catholic Relief Services** 8:15 PM - Confessions



Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God.

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) #2226

Make faith formation a lifelong effort.

Faith formation should not end at Confirmation.



Diocesan Men's Conference

The Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held Saturday, March 27th via Zoom. The keynote speaker is retired Air Force Captain Guy Gruters. Guy is a decorated Vietnam War veteran who spent 5 1/2 years as a POW in Vietnam and a lifelong Catholic. Other speakers include Bishop Coyne and Monsignor John McDermott. Visit www.vermontcatholic.org/men to register or for more information.

The Sisters Are Coming!

Please join the Sisters of Life for their 2021 Lenten Mission: Encountering Christ the Healer. Mission dates are 6-8pm March 7&8 at Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Morrisville, and 6-8pm March 9&10 at Blessed Sacrament Church in Stowe.

Virtual Concert

A virtual Christian concert will be held Friday, March 12th at 7:30 PM, featuring Ryan Tremblay (RyanTremblayMusic.com) to benefit Kurn Hatin Homes for Children in Westminster, VT. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at bit.ly/2MrasMD. Since 1894, Kurn Hatin Homes for Children has helped thousands of children and families by offering a safe home and quality education in a nurturing environment. This event will be sponsored by The St. Nicholas Project. For more information, please visit <http://kurnhattin.org/>

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.

K of C Scholarships Available

Three \$500 scholarships are available from the Knights of Columbus Bishop Rice Council and Assembly affiliated with this Parish. To be eligible to compete for one of these Scholarships applicants must graduate from High School during 2021 and attend an accredited postsecondary college or institution commencing in the Fall of 2021. In addition, the applicant must either be a member of one of the parishes in the Bishop Rice Council and Assembly, or be the child or grandchild of a member of the Knights of Columbus Bishop Rice Council or Bishop Rice Assembly. Information is also available on the @KoCofEssexVT Facebook page. You may also contact the council scholarship chairman, Scott Turnbull at turnbull_vt@comcast.net or 802-879-5231

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 in a quiet area on the main floor, a small house, condo, or mother in-law 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

Meat Pie and Pea Soup Dinner

A Homemade French-Canadian Meat Pie and Pea Soup Sale will be offered on Saturday March 20th by the K of C Rosary Council 4684 of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish of Richmond. Advanced orders are required: 9 inch meat pies for \$15 each and 1 quart of pea soup for \$5 each. Items will be available for pick-up at OLHR Parish Hall in Richmond from 5 - 6:30 PM on the 20th. Quantities are limited, so order early. Please call Paul at 802-316-8791 to place an order or order online <https://tinyurl.com/KnightsFrenchCanadian>. Orders will be accepted up to March 14th if items are still available.

2021 Offertory Envelopes

There are still many boxes of 2021 offertory envelopes that have not been picked up. They will be moved to the rectory porch for pick up and an email will be sent as a reminder. If you no longer want/need offertory envelopes, or would like to start using them, please call the office to notify us.

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished."

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life
Reflection: Cherished, Chosen, Sent usccb.org/cherished
-chosen-sent-reflection*

Readings For the Week



March 8

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab
Lk 4:24-30

March 9

Dn 3:25, 34-43
Mt 18:21-35

March 10

Dt 4:1, 5-9
Mt 5:17-19

March 11

Jer 7:23-28
Lk 11:14-23

March 12

Hos 14:2-10
Mk 12:28-34

March 13

Hos 6:1-6
Lk 18:9-14

March 14

Fourth Sunday Of Lent

2 Cr 36:14-16, 19-23
Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
Eph 2:4-10
Jn 3:14-21



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, Barb Juell, Patricia Stone, Jim Meadows, Diane Dufresne, Amy Gratton, Joyce Fleury, Aline Lehouillier, Theresa Nadeau, Tim Clark, and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

DECEASED: For all who have died, especially Robert Black, Bernard Kellner, Pete Richard, 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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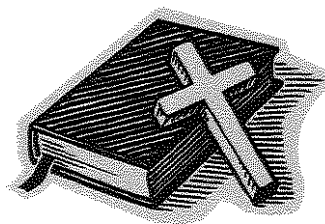
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no longer practice our Catholic Faith?

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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

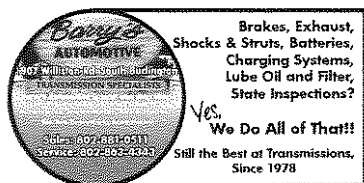


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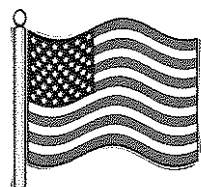
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