



St. Thomas Church

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

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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.

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

March 20 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Connie Hanover requested by James Hanover 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
March 21 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 health and wellbeing of Sammy Kemp requested by the Knights of Columbus
WED	6:30 PM - Mass at Mary of the Assumption
THU	8:00 AM - Mass for the health and wellbeing of Gene Wells requested by Cedric and Laura Wells
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
March 27 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the souls of Bill and Mary Bassett requested by Tom and Susie May 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
March 28 SUN	Palm Sunday 8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the souls of Louis and Tillie Fugere requested by Ed and Louise Mathews 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> March 27 & 29	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
4:00 PM SATURDAY	NONE	D Dufresne	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	NONE	L Wells	NONE

Capitol Improvement Collection

This week we take up our quarterly Capitol Improvement collection for Vision 2020. Many projects are completed and several are ongoing. Our beautiful stained glass windows are in process and due to be reinstalled this spring. The handicap access bathroom is in the early planning stages, and the new lights have been installed the nave and vestibule of the church. All this thanks to the generous donations and hard work from many of our parishioners and community members. Thank you for your continued donations.

Order of Blessing of a Home in Time of Pandemic

A blessing can be given by a priest or deacon in a Covid-safe way, from the front yard or front porch and does not involve entering the house. This is an opportunity for the Church to go out to the people in the community and their homes, accompanying them with the Lord's blessings during this time. Parishioners are invited to request this blessing by calling the parish office at 899-4632.

Stewardship - March 13 & 14, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,618.62
Regular Collection: ...(incl. \$518 On-Line Giving).....\$ 2,898.00

Second Collection - Catholic Relief Services:.....\$ 172.00

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

"Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people from deceitful and unjust men deliver me! For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you cast me off? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?" (Psalm 43:1-2)

The Fifth Sunday of also known as Passion Sunday not to be confused with Palm Sunday begins the most solemn time of the liturgical year. You will notice the statuary and other images in the church are covered. This is an ancient tradition of the Church that begins the passion or great suffering of Our Lord. In John 8:58 Jesus publically declares His co-equal status with God the Father and the Jews react to what they believe to be a blasphemous statement by picking up stones to stone Jesus. "...but Jesus hid himself, and went out of the temple." (John 8:59b) Many believe the covering of statues and images reflect Christ in hiding before His suffering and death. Another understanding of veiling statues and images reflects the fasting we engage in during the Lenten season. In essence we "fast" from the beauty and glory of God and His saints. In the book of Exodus after Moses had come down from Mount Sinai "his face shone because he had been talking with God." This so frightened the people of Israel that whenever Moses had finished speaking with God, and entered back into the camp to be among the people, he would wear a veil over his face to obscure the glory of God. Thus the images of Christ and the saints (who reflect the glory of God) are veiled until the Easter Vigil when the glory of Christ's victory is revealed. In Passion Week we draw closer to Holy Week in which our Savior suffered and died for our salvation. In the Gospels of Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday Jesus makes references to his death when He interacts with the Pharisees. He publically declares their desire to kill Him foretelling His suffering and resurrection. "Jesus said to the Pharisees: you will look for me, but you will die in your sin. Where I am going you cannot come." (John 8:21) Tuesday Gospel. "...But you are trying to kill me, because my word has no room among you...(John 8:37b) "I have shown you many good works from my Father. For which are you trying to stone me?" (John 10:32) The intensity of this foreshadowing of Christ's passion is broken briefly by the Solemnity of the Annunciation celebrating the beginning of our salvation when Christ, upon the consent of the Blessed Virgin Mary, entered time through her womb. It was this monumental and profound event that led to the purpose for Christ's coming to earth: our salvation. Passion week assists us in preparing for the momentous suffering and pain Christ endured for us. It is the lead in to Holy Week when we remember the single act of all time that made it possible for mankind to be able to live with God in unveiled glory for eternity.

~Fr. Chris

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	3/21	*Second Collection - Capitol Improvement**
Tuesday	3/23	5:30 PM - Confessions & Adoration
Thursday	3/25	9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group
Friday	3/26	6:30 PM - Vespers (St. Thomas) 7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross (St. Thomas)
Saturday	3/27	3:15 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.

Solemnity of the Annunciation

March 25 is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him . . . might have eternal life." (John 3:16) At the Annunciation, God revealed this good news to Mary. She was the first to hear and to believe that God would do what he promised. Her faith told her that nothing is impossible for God. Mary also heard God's invitation calling her to be the Virgin Mother of his Son.

Successful Corned Beef Dinner

The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus would like to thank the community for making the Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner last weekend a success. They sold over 180 dinners and raised about \$1800 for their charities. Thank you as well to the Knights for their hard work. Watch the bulletin for details on their next take out meal in April! ☺

Challenges to Grow Your Marriage

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

Advance Directive:

The Diocese of Burlington has revised its Vermont Catholic Advance Directive and encourages all people, regardless of age, to consider this legal document which protects and ensures your medical care and end of life decisions will be in concert with the Catholic Faith. Documents may be obtained by calling the Marriage, Family and Respect Life office at 658-6111 or by visiting www.vermontcatholic.org



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 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 life-long Catholic. Other speakers include Bishop Coyne and Monsignor John McDermott. Visit www.vermontcatholic.org/men to register or for more information.

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.

COVID-19 vaccines:

To be clear, receiving the vaccine is morally licit. The Vatican and the USCCB encourage the faithful to advocate for the use of vaccines with no connection to abortion. Moral guidance on vaccines, and more can be found by visiting the USCCB website <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/biomedical-research>

On-Line Giving Option

St. Thomas is pleased to offer parishioners the option of on-line giving through eCatholic Giving. This option is for the convenience of parishioners, especially those who are unable to regularly attend weekend Mass at St. Thomas. There is a link on St. Thomas's new web site home page for those who are interested in participating (www.stthomasvt.com). If you are signed up under the old ParishSoft Online giving and would like to switch over to the new eCatholic Giving, please contact the parish office at 899-4632

"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ"

(The Gospel of Life 84)

Readings For the Week

March 22

Dn 13:41c-62
Jn 8:1-11

March 23

Nm 21:4-9
Jn 8:21-30

March 24

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
Jn 8:31-42

March 25

Solemnity of the
Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14; 8:10
Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9,
10, 11

Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

March 26

Jer 20:10-13
Jn 10:31-42

March 27

Ez 37:21-28
Jn 11:45-56

March 28

**Palm Sunday of
the Lord's Passion**

Mk 11:1-10
Is 50:4-7
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18,
19-20, 23-24
Phil 2:6-11
Mk 14:1—15:47



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, Diane Dufresne, Amy Gratton, Tim Clark, Lisa Abair, Jean Navitskis and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

DECEASED: For all who have died, especially 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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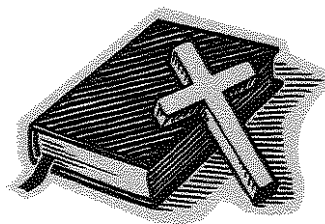
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no longer practice our Catholic Faith?

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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

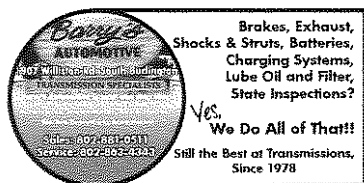


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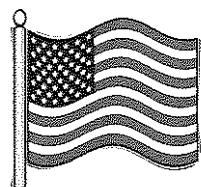
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