



# St. Thomas Church

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## Parish Staff

Rev. Christopher Micale ..... Pastor  
Rev. Mr. Peter Brooks ..... Deacon  
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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.

## 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

April 10 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the health and wellbeing of Irene Currie requested by John and Genie O'Neil 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
April 11 SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Patrick McCarthy requested by Ed & Louise Mathews 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 Girouard Family
WED	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
THU	8:00 AM - Mass for the health and wellbeing of Stephanie O'Neil requested by her Grandmother
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
April 17 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Helen Pollak requested by Robert and Martha Pollak 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
April 18 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

**Message from Fr. Christopher Micale**  
*"Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' I did not come to call the righteous but sinners." (Matthew 9:13)*

*"Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with mercy." (No. 301 of St. Faustina's Diary)*

Not everyone in the Seminary studying for the priesthood is diligent in his studies. We all have different temperaments. Some can sit for hours focusing on philosophy and theology. Others cannot. Some have the knack for studying some do not. For about three or four years of my six-year formation at the seminary one seminarian in particular tapped into my Sicilian temper. Not being the most diligent student he had a strategy when examination time rolled around. The night before the test he would visit the rooms of those seminarians who were invested in the class and had done the required reading and "tap into" their insight, drawing out their understanding of the subject at hand like sipping soda from a straw. I was furious when he first attempted this. Who did he think he was, trying to take all the knowledge and "wisdom" I developed and worked so hard for during the semester without lifting a finger to do the work himself? Despite all the "wisdom" I had, I made up for it by my lack of love for this poor soul. What a pigheaded egotistical so and so I was! It finally dawned on me that maybe this "not ready for prime time" seminarian had a learning disability and that the best way for him to learn was through discussion one on one with someone who understood the material. I kicked my pride down the hall and started assisting him, along with others, and he made it through to his very last year. He eventually discerned a different calling and he is now married and I believe has a child. This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday, instituted by Pope St. John Paul II. Why did Jesus go to such lengths to reveal the Divine Mercy to St. Faustina? "The Lord said to me, 'The loss of each soul plunges Me into mortal sadness. You always console Me when you pray for sinners. The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners. Know, My daughter, that this prayer is always heard and answered.'" (No. 1397) Let's not kid ourselves by believing we do not sin and are not in need of God's mercy. For to do so is to make us guilty of a far worse a sin called presumption or an attitude of trusting in ourselves without recognizing that salvation comes from God. (Catechism of Catholic Church #2092) I hope you will attend the Divine Mercy Chaplet this Sunday. Confessions will be available and God's mercy abundant; for priests and parishioners alike.

~Fr. Chris

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>April 17 &amp; 18</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	L Wells	NONE

### Polish Dinner Take Out

The Thomas Church Knights of Columbus will hold their Annual Polish Dinner (Take-out) on Sunday, April 18, 2021 with pick up from 4:30 to 6:00 PM from the parish hall at 6 Green Street in Underhill Center. The menu will include homemade smoked kielbasa, pierogi (dough filled with cheese or filled with mushrooms and sauerkraut), cabbage, potatoes, homemade sauerkraut, and dessert. The cost will be \$12.00 per meal. Reserve your traditional Polish meal by calling the parish office at 899-4632, or purchase tickets at Wells Corner Market in Underhill Center, or Snowflake Chocolates in Jericho.

### Stewardship - April 3 & 4, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal: .....\$ 2,618.62  
 Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$1,080 On-Line Giving) ...\$ 3,797.00

Holy Land Collection: .....\$ 190.00

Please give online at [www.stthomasvt.com/donate](http://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

Tuesday	4/13	5:30 PM - Confessions 7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus Zoom
Thursday	4/15	9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group 6:30 PM - Food Shelf setup at Good Shepherd 7:00 PM - Confirmation at St. Joseph's Cathedral
Saturday	4/17	9:30 AM - Food Shelf distribution 3:15 PM - Confessions
Sunday	4/18	4:30—6:00 PM - <b>Polish Dinner Take-out</b>



## Religious Education News

**Confirmation 2021:** The Confirmation candidates from St. Thomas and St. Mary's Parishes will be confirmed at St. Joseph Cathedral on Thursday, April 15 at 7:00 PM. Please keep all our candidates in your prayers. Due to Covid restrictions seating at the cathedral is limited but the liturgy will be livestreamed on the diocese's Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/DioBurlington>



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.

## Yard Sale News

Please keep us in mind while you are spring cleaning, and hold aside your treasures for the Annual Yard Sale!! We plan to hold our yard sale in August this year and will be collecting items to sell over the summer. We do not plan to sell clothing this year but we will begin accepting any clean, sellable items soon. Watch the bulletin for more info and notification of when the garage will be open. Thank you!

## 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

## Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sunday, Week Day and Holy Day Masses are available for your intentions here at St. Thomas. Masses may be scheduled one year in advance from the calendar date you arrange the Mass, and there is a suggested donation of \$10 per intention. You can schedule Mass intentions through April 2021 by stopping in or calling the parish office at 899-4632.

## Changes at Mass Due to COVID-19 Restrictions

- 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.

## Walk To Mary

Celebrate our Sacred Mother on a journey in faith and fellowship on May 22, 2021 from St. Joseph's Church to St. Anne's Shrine, Isle LaMotte. They will begin the walk at 9AM from St. Joseph's as they pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Mass will be celebrated at St. Anne's Shrine at 11 AM. The celebration continues with lunch (bring your own), Stations of the Cross at 1PM, and closing prayers at 3PM. For details, contact Janice at 802-848-3834 or [janicegodin@myfairpoint.net](mailto:janicegodin@myfairpoint.net), or Renee at 802-370-2231 or [rjpatterson1962@gmail.com](mailto:rjpatterson1962@gmail.com)

## OLP Residential Care

Our Lady of Providence Residential Care Community, a 46-bed, private room and bath facility, is located in Winooski and sits on a 2 1/2-acre lush property is now welcoming applications for residency. With the motto: "With love, we care," the facility offers an array of services, ranging from weekly housekeeping and laundry to daily spiritual guidance and support and free, scheduled transportation. The homey atmosphere at Our Lady of Providence combined with a dedicated and caring staff make for an unbeatable combination. In addition to the above mentioned amenities, the facility also provides delicious meals and medical support, including 24-hour, daily nursing care. Please consider visiting our facility and taking a tour. We think that you will discover that Our Lady of Providence is the best kept secret in Chittenden County. Please visit our website, [OurLadyofProvidence.org](http://OurLadyofProvidence.org) or call 655-2395 for more information.

## May Crowning at St. John Vianney



The parishioners of St. John Vianney invite you to join them for an outdoor Mass and May crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary that will be held on the front lawn of the Parish in South Burlington, on Saturday, May 1st at 9:30am. They will also be dedicating their new outdoor statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The rosary will be prayed at 9:10am, prior to Mass. All are welcome to attend.

*If you or someone you know has had an abortion, "be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."\* Additionally, other confidential, compassionate help is available. Select "Find Help" from the menu on [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org) to find the diocesan Project Rachel Ministry near you.*

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
\*"Bridges of Mercy for Healing after Abortion"  
[www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy](http://www.usccb.org/bridges-of-mercy)*

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, Gene Wells and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

**DECEASED:** For all who have died, especially Jean Navitskis, and all deceased members of St. Thomas & St. Mary's Parishes.

## Readings For the Week

### April 12

Acts 4:23-31  
Jn 3:1-8

### April 13

Acts 4:32-37  
Jn 3:7b-15

### April 14

Acts 5:17-26  
Jn 3:16-21

### April 15

Acts 5:27-33  
Jn 3:31-36

### April 16

Acts 5:34-42  
Jn 6:1-15

### April 17

Acts 6:1-7  
Jn 6:16-21

### April 18

## Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19  
Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9  
1 Jn 2:1-5a  
Lk 24:35-48



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## 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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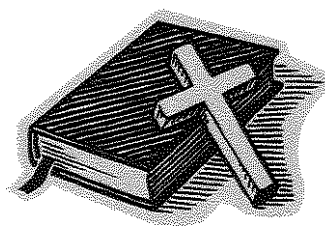
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For prayers answered  
Most holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered the beloved Master into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes 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.  
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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

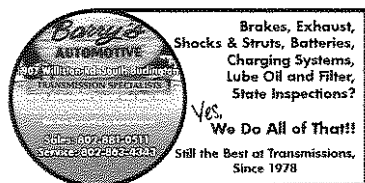


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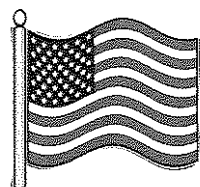
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