



# St. Thomas Church

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

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## 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.

## 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

<b>April 17 SAT</b>	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
<b>April 18 SUN</b>	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
<b>MON</b>	NO Mass
<b>TUES</b>	6:30 PM - Mass for a special intention by Cedric and Laura Wells
<b>WED</b>	5:30 PM - Adoration at St. Mary of the Assumption 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
<b>THU</b>	8:00 AM - Mass for the health and wellbeing of Raymond and Tonia Barbin requested by Charlie Barbin
<b>FRI</b>	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
<b>April 24 SAT</b>	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Jean Navitskis requested by Larry and Donna Pires 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
<b>April 25 SUN</b>	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Bernard Kellner requested by Ed and Louise Mathews 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>April 24 &amp; 25</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	D Dufresne	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	NONE	M Ledwith	NONE

### Polish Dinner Take Out

The Thomas Church Knights of Columbus will hold their Annual Polish Dinner (Take-out) this Sunday, April 18, with pick up from 4:30 to 6:00 PM from the parish. 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. Purchase tickets after Mass for this weekend's meal.

### Second Collection Next Weekend

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

### Stewardship - April 10 & 11, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal: .....\$ 2,618.62  
Regular Collection: ...(incl. \$543 On-Line Giving).....\$ 1,948.00

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.

### Message from Fr. Christopher Micale

*"And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." (John 3:19-21)*

As I get older I have to admit that I need more light to see whether I'm reading or performing detailed work. As we age the lenses of our eyes do not focus the light precisely onto the retina and the scattered light creates a glare that makes it difficult to see small things, so the added light aids in seeing. Sunlight can reveal a lot that may go undetected like the spots on our clothes when we hang them on the line (does anyone still hang out clothes?). God has a way of revealing our "spiritual spots" when we compare ourselves with Christ, both in His person and through the revealed Word that is sacred scripture. The common rejection of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is the old "I can tell God I'm sorry in private I don't need to go present myself before a priest." The misconception here is that in the confessional the priest is the one who forgives sins - he doesn't - Christ does through the agency of the priest. This is a significant distinction. A priest has no power of his own, he is conduit for Christ and the Holy Spirit that pours out the graces needed to absolve one from sin. Unlike a conduit under a roadway that can become ineffective in permitting water from flowing Christ has set His Sacramental system in the Church according to the principle "ex opere operato" (by the very fact of the action's being performed). As the Catechism of the Catholic Church points out, "...the power of Christ and his Spirit acts in and through it (the sacrament), independently of the personal holiness of the minister..." (# 1128) Now we all want our priest to be holy and living by the laws of God and the Church yet God is not limited to the weakness, faults or sinfulness of the priest. Jesus in the Holy Spirit conveys the grace of absolution. It is Christ working through the priest's not the priest himself. It is quite different therefore to confess in the presence of an agent of Christ in the flesh than to make a confession in one's bedroom. When done in the confessional the process becomes concrete and far more impacting because we are made to account for our sins and given a penance to correct the injustice toward God our sins have caused. Our sinfulness becomes far more real to us and encourages us to avoid sinning in the future. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation we are required to perform an examination of conscience placing our actions, thoughts and desires next to the Light of Truth, Jesus Christ. Are we light haters or light lovers? Do we shrink back from God and His holiness by permitting ourselves to engage in sinful activities or a sinful lifestyle preferring the dark shadows? Our first parents Adam and Eve hid from God when they first sinned, do we do the same or do we regularly present ourselves to the light of God through His healing Sacrament of Reconciliation helping us to see the details of our spiritual situation just like added light helps we older folks to see the details of close work. Our Lord gives us the perfect opportunity through the sacrament of confession to be lovers of the Light. Will we take advantage of it? Will we let Him help us "see" better spiritually?

~Fr. Chris

### PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	4/18 4:30—6:00 PM - Polish Dinner Take-out
Tuesday	4/20 5:30 PM - Confessions 7:00 PM - Finance Council Meeting
Thursday	4/22 9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group 12-1 PM - Age Well 'Grab and Go' luncheon
Saturday	4/24 *second collection - Home Missions* 3:15 PM - Confessions
Sunday	4/25 St. Mary's Brisket Dinner take-out



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.

### Age Well Grab and Go Luncheon

This Thursday, St. Thomas will be sponsoring a Grab and Go Luncheon by Age Well Vermont. This meal is free to those 60 and over. The meal includes Chicken tarragon, vegetable rice pilaf, spinach, roll, cake, and milk. Call 802-434-3155 to register. If the meal is successful, we may be holding one monthly.



### 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!

### 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

### Theology of the Body

Join us for the Theology of the Body Virtual Conference being held April 30 through May 2, 2021. This free virtual conference will include over 80 speakers, artists, and clergy. Talks will be given by Fr. Jon Schnobrich, Scott Hahn, Christopher West, Fr. Donald Calloway, Fr. Timothy Gallagher, and many more. Register for free at [www.TOBVirtualConference.com](http://www.TOBVirtualConference.com).



### 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.

"Christ invites us to trust in his invisible grace that prompts us to the generosity of supernatural charity, as we identify with everyone who is ill: 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me' (Mt 25:40)."

*Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith*  
"Samaritanus bonus: On the Care of Persons in the Critical and Terminal Phases of Life". (© 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.)

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 19

Acts 6:8-15  
Jn 6:22-29

### April 20

Acts 7:51—8:1a  
Jn 6:30-35

### April 21

Acts 8:1b-8  
Jn 6:35-40

### April 22

Acts 8:26-40  
Jn 6:44-51

### April 23

Acts 9:1-20  
Jn 6:52-59

### April 24

Acts 9:31-42  
Jn 6:60-69

### April 25

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12  
Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23,  
26, 28, 29  
1 Jn 3:1-2  
Jn 10:11-18



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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".

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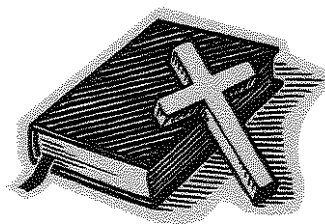
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For prayers answered  
Most holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered the beloved Master into the hands of His enemies has caused you to be forgotten by many, but the Church honors and invokes 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.  
To be prayed 8 consecutive days

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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

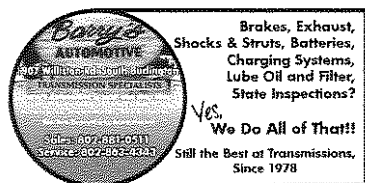


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## Confirming



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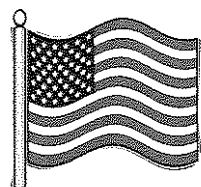
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