



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

May 8 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
May 9 SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Patrick McCarthy requested by Ken and Donna Schaeffler 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
MON	NO Mass
TUES	6:30 PM - Mass for the Health and Wellbeing of Irene Hurley requested by the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus
WED	5:30 PM - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament-St. Marys 6:30 PM - Vigil Mass at St. Mary's for Holy Day
THU	The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord 10:30 AM - Mass in Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Fr. Christopher Micale 7:00 PM - Mass at St. Mary's for the Holy Day
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
May 15 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Claire Wheeler requested by Steve and Corinne Ferreira 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
May 16 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

Ministry Schedule May 15 & 16	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors	Altar Servers
4:00 PM SATURDAY	NONE	D Dufresne	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	NONE	M Ledwith	NONE

Baby Bottle Campaign

 It's that time of year again - Aspire Together Pregnancy Center's Baby Bottle Campaign! You can pick up your baby bottle on this weekend, fill it with change, and return it here on Father's Day. This year they are offering an online giving option at <https://secure.ministrsync.com/ministrsync/event/website/?m=5100061#0> (Find the link on: stthomasvt.com) Make it a family project! Your spare change really does save lives through Aspire Together's life affirming ministry. Thank you for participating and for your prayers.

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend we will be taking up our quarterly Fuel & Heat Collection. Fuel donations have been down a bit this year so we appreciate any amount you can give. We really appreciate how generous our Parishioners are, especially during these difficult times.

Stewardship - May 1 & 2, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,618.62
Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$1,073 On-Line Giving) ...\$ 3,073.00

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 have been born anew, not from perishable but from imperishable seed, through the living and abiding word of God, for 'All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, and the flower wilts, but the word of the Lord remains forever.'" (1 Peter 1:23-25)

As I've mentioned before the Easter lilies we decorate the Churches with are beautiful but they generally only last barely over a month, and that's with tender loving care (a shout out to those who nursed the flowers during the Easter season – many thanks!) Whether we like to admit it or not our lives are like the Easter lilies that spring up and blossom with a burst of life and then shortly afterward weaken and struggle just like altar flowers as time goes on. In this season of life and regeneration, as we see the grey skies give way to blue, as the sun decides to remain above the horizon for longer periods of time, the snow melt away and the cold icy winds give way to balmy breezes we turn away from such somber thoughts yet the reality remains: our life reaches a peak in performance and then begins its slow decline just like the life cycle of an Easter lily. Yet, as we approach the end of the Easter Season there is great hope. Christ's Ascension celebrated as a day of obligation Thursday next, refocuses our hearts and minds on our true destiny if we are faithful to God in this lifetime. St. Peter tells us because of our Baptism we have been reborn and are now are being made ready to live forever in glory with the Holy Trinity. It is through the Word of God made flesh who is fully expressed in Sacred Scripture abiding in us that moves us beyond and negates any dreams secular man has of creating a superhuman race. Humans must submit to the Creator of the Universe not attempt to overthrow Him by contravening the natural and moral law, then we will rise to meet Him totally changed so that we can live with God, the angels and saints in heaven. As one of our hymns states: "Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Foll'wing our exalted head; Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia! God's grace is sufficient to get us there if, we, cooperate with him overcoming sin, developing our relationship with him by keeping His commandments and receiving his grace in the sacraments especially confession and the Holy Eucharist.

~Fr. Chris

PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday	5/11 5:30 PM - Confessions 7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday	5/12 5:30 PM - Confessions & Adoration at St. Mary's
Thursday	5/13 9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group 6:30 PM - Food Shelf setup at Good Shepherd
Saturday	5/15 Second Collection - Fuel & Heat 9:30 AM - Food Shelf distribution at GSLC 3:15 PM - Confessions



Religious Education News

First Holy Communion: Congratulations to our children who made their First Holy Communion Saturday morning: Dylan Schaeffler, Máire Sheldon, Isabel Soutiere, and Anna Vallett

Food Shelf Needs

The EJUEM Food Shelf is in need of donations of canned fruit, Mac/cheese, canned Veggies, cereal and oatmeal for the distribution on Saturday, May 15th. Donations can be left in the bin here at church or on the rectory porch. Thank you for your generous donations to local families in need.

Food Bank Info

We encourage anyone struggling to access food to look into these great resources:

- 3SquaresVT - Email 3svt@vtfoodbank.org, call 1-855-855-6181, or text VFBSNAP to 85511
- WIC - (Women/Infants/Children) text VTWIC to 85511 or visitcwww.healthvermont.gov/family/wic to apply.
- Find a food shelf at Vtfoodbank.org
- The Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) is a federal nutrition program which offers free monthly nutrition information and nutritious foods to income-eligible older adults. Learn more at vtfoodbank.org/csfp.
- 2-1-1 – The Vermont 2-1-1 database contains detailed descriptions of programs and services available to Vermonters that are provided by local community groups, social service and health-related agencies, government organizations, and others.
- Meal Programs for Older Vermonters – 1-800-642-5119.

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!

Christ Our Hope Capitol Campaign

St. Thomas Parish recently received our first distribution of the donations collected through the diocese Christ Our Hope Campaign. We have deposited the \$1,157.78 into our Vision 2020 funds to be used on the remaining renovation projects. The diocese will be mailing donation request letters later this summer with more information about their capitol campaign.

Changes at Mass Due to COVID-19 Restrictions

- 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.
- 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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE



If you would like to dedicate the tabernacle vigil candle in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please call the parish office at 899-4632. The suggested donation is \$10 for a one-week period. You may call ahead to reserve a special date anytime throughout the year.

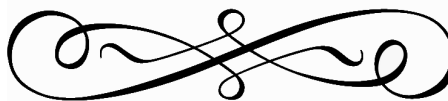
Make faith formation a lifelong effort
Faith formation should not end at Confirmation

Age Well Grab and Go Meals

St. Thomas will be hosting the Grab and Go meals on the 4th Wednesday of the month for the foreseeable future. These meals are free to those 60 and older and prior registration is necessary. Our next Grab and Go meal will be Wednesday, May 26 (register by 5/21 at 434-3155) with pick-up 12-1 pm (no delivery). The meal will consist of : Roast beef with au jus sauce, home fried potatoes with paprika, french green beans with lentils, dinner roll with butter, chocolate cake with raspberry topping, and milk. We are looking for a few volunteers to help pack and distribute the meals, which would require about an hour a month. Please call the office if you have some time to help out.

Foreign Links Around The Globe

FLAG, an exchange student organization, is looking to find host families for high school exchange students. They are looking for the perfect family for Annchristin from Germany: She's Catholic and her faith is very important to her. She has requested to be placed with a Catholic family. More information at www.becomeahostfamily.com



"O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,
"A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers"



Readings For the Week

May 10

Acts 16:11-15
Jn 15:26—16:4a

May 11

Acts 16:22-34
Jn 16:5-11

May 12

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1
Jn 16:12-15

May 13

**Solemnity of the
Ascension of the Lord**

Acts 1:1-11
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Eph 1:17-23
Mk 16:15-20

May 14

**Feast of Saint Matthias,
Apostle**
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
Jn 15:9-17

May 15

Acts 18:23-28
Jn 16:23b-28

May 16

**Seventh Sunday
of Easter**

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20
1 Jn 4:11-16
Jn 17:11b-19

A Novena for Life
honoring the Feast of the Visitation
May 22-30 | Sign up: respectlife.org/visitation



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, Amy Gratton, 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.

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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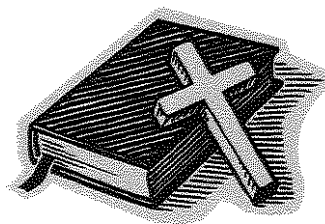
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no longer practice our Catholic Faith?

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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

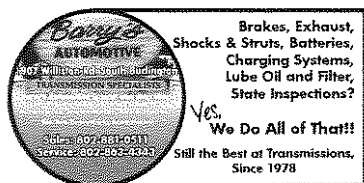


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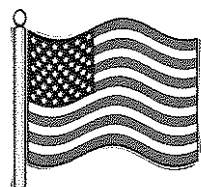
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