



# St. Thomas Church

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

Pastor Office Hours:  
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

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
MON	NO Mass
TUES	6:30 PM - Mass in thanksgiving for prayers answered requested by Andy and Diane Dufresne
WED	5:30 PM - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament-St. Marys 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
THU	8:00 AM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Peter A. Micale
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
May 22 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Yvonne Cross requested by Steve and Corinne Ferreira 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
May 23 SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Rob Blais requested by Gail Nadeau and family 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

Ministry Schedule May 22 & 23	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors	Altar Servers
4:00 PM SATURDAY	NONE	L Berard	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	NONE	M Girouard	NONE

Attention Liturgical Ministers: If you have not dropped off your exceptions sheet please e-mail the office. Thank you!

### Second Collection

This 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.

### Mass Intentions

Please call the office if you would like to schedule a Mass intention for 2021-22. Intentions are available for Saturday and Sunday Masses as well as weekdays and holy days. Masses may be scheduled one year in advance, and there is a suggested donation of \$10 per intention. You can schedule Mass by stopping in or calling the parish office at 899-4632.

### Stewardship - May 8 & 9, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal: .....\$ 2,618.62  
Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$693 On-Line Giving) .....\$ 3,672.00

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

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming.'" (John 16:12-13)

Working in the field of Occupational Therapy it was essential to know the milestones of human development, especially with infants and children. Missing what stage a child is in will lead to poor or even damaging results with any treatment plan that is applied. Thus, if you are dealing with a child who has a developmental delay before the age of six months you would not expect the child to be able to sit up without support. This could not be a goal of treatment because it is not normal for any child to support itself before this age (of course every child is different and its level of development depends on genetics, etc.). So it is in life in the Spirit. We are fast approaching the day of Pentecost, the pouring out of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and our Blessed Mother. We must take stock of where we are in the spiritual developmental process of the Christian. The Christian life is not static. God expects us to grow and like a therapy session He challenges us at times through change, upheaval and our own weaknesses. The Holy Spirit helps us in this endeavor that is why he is referred to as the Advocate or helper. In his non-invasive way he leads us out of spiritual dysfunction and sin. At times there is a gentle prodding, a thought or our conscience is tweaked. Other times we experience a more forceful presence that moves us in our thoughts and actions. Jesus spoke often of the Holy Spirit, as He must, because ultimately the love between the Father and the Son is the superabundant expression of the Spirit. The problem is we so often ignore or refuse the Holy Spirit's help. The developmental process in the Christian cannot progress without the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Through the Sacraments, and the moral life it is the Spirit of God that moves us forward. We must always be aware of his presence asking for wisdom and discernment. We live in troubling and very confusing times. Things are changing rapidly even on a daily basis. What was held as important or defined in a certain way can change completely over night. Without prayer to the Holy Spirit we are at a severe disadvantage. Let's not underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit to change lives and let's respond to his prompting so we can move forward in the Christian life.

~Fr. Chris

### PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday	5/18 5:30 PM - Confessions Finance Council meeting moved to May 25
Wednesday	5/19 5:30 PM - Confessions & Adoration at St. Mary's
Thursday	5/20 9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group
Saturday	5/22 Second Collection - Catholic Communications 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

### 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, or Renee at 802-370-2231 or rjpatterson1962@gmail.com

### Baby Bottle Campaign



If you did not get a baby bottle this year, Aspire Together is offering an online giving option at <https://secure.ministrysync.com/ministrysync/event/website/?m=5100061#0> (Find the link at stthomasvt.com) Any donation really does save lives through Aspire Together's life affirming ministry. Thank you for participating and for your prayers.

### 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, Our Lady of Providence.org or call 655-2395 for more information.

### 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.

### 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.

### Birthingright

In order to optimize their ability to assist pregnant mothers, Birthingright has created a new tool—an Amazon Wishlist! Now, if anyone wishes to make a donation of a specific item, they can go online and pick out a gift to give... from diapers, to bottles to sheets in an assortment of colors and styles! Often, items are placed on the list for which families have a specific need. So you know you will be helping someone with their exact wish for their new baby. Find the list here at: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2EJG02HDE2PLZ> or link to it through Birthingright's Facebook page. Don't forget to order through Amazon Smile and choose Champlain Valley Birthingright Burlington when you place an order! Thank you so much for your generosity to these growing families.

### A Novena for Life

On May 31st, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates the Blessed Mother's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of Jesus and St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers. Join us in praying A Novena for Life in honor of this special feast day. Sign up at [respectlife.org/visitation](https://respectlife.org/visitation)

*"Everyone is in need of reassurance, and if we, who have touched 'the Word of life' (1 Jn 1:1) do not give it, who will? How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death!"*

Pope Francis, 2020 Easter Vigil Homily  
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## Readings For the Week

### May 17

Acts 19:1-8  
Jn 16:29-33

### May 18

Acts 20:17-27  
Jn 17:1-11a

### May 19

Acts 20:28-38  
Jn 17:11b-19

### May 20

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11  
Jn 17:20-26

### May 21

Acts 25:13b-21  
Jn 21:15-19

### May 22

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31  
Jn 21:20-25

### May 23

## Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11  
Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13  
Jn 20:19-23



### A Novena for Life

honoring the Feast of the Visitation  
May 22-30 | Sign up: [respectlife.org/visitation](https://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, Diane Dufresne 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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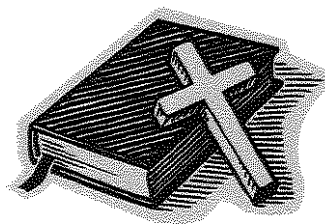
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To be prayed 8 consecutive days

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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

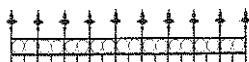
Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or interested in learning more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church? RCIA is the process by which adults are received into the church and receive the sacraments.

## 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

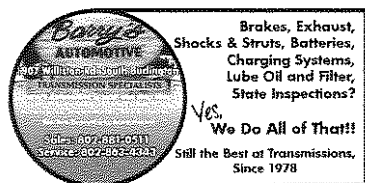


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## Confirming



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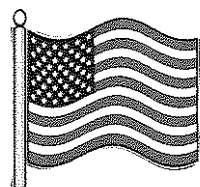
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