



St. Thomas Church

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M-TH 9:30 AM - 4:00 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 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
MON	NO Mass
TUES	NO Mass
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 priestly vocations
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
May 29 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the Parishioners of St. Thomas and St. Mary's Parishes 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
May 30 SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Patrick McCarthy requested by Paul and Lucy Bathalon 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

Ministry Schedule May 29 & 30	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors	Altar Servers
4:00 PM SATURDAY	NONE	T May	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	NONE	L Wells	NONE

Second Collection

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect people to Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Burlington Diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

New Mask Guidelines

In keeping with CDC and local guidelines, the Diocese of Burlington is lifting the mask requirement in our churches for those fully vaccinated. We encourage continuation of face coverings for those that are unvaccinated, at-risk or feel uncomfortable. Social distancing in every other pew will continue for the time being.

Stewardship - May 15 & 16, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal:	\$ 2,618.62
Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$398 On-Line Giving)	\$ 2,416.00
Second Collection - Fuel & Heat:	\$ 685.00
Holy Day - Ascension:	\$ 200.00

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

**'Sanctify them in the truth. Your word is truth.
As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.
And I consecrate myself for them,
so that they also may be consecrated in truth.'**
(John 17:5-8)

A great uncle of mine made a comment many years ago that has always stuck with me. He said, "A liar needs to have a good memory." This is one of those truisms that can't be debated. If someone is in the habit of lying, he or she better know what was said previously not to contradict the former statement and thereby be discredited. Yet today it doesn't seem to matter whether someone is consistent, even if all the recorded television and Internet statements that can easily be reviewed to see what a person publically stated in the past. Truth seems hard to come by these days. Does it seem lately that we aren't getting the right information about things? If someone can say one thing one day and then later on speak exactly opposite about any given topic and not be criticized for this behavior, even when it can be shown the duplicity in speech and belief, how are we to ever rely on that person to give us the "straight scoop" on anything? Today more and more people are as doubtful as Pontius Pilate: "what is truth?"

Truth is not an idea or concept it is a person, the person of Jesus Christ. Christ, who is the Word made flesh is the truth of God that has come into the world. As Christians we follow Jesus who is the Way the Truth and the Life. The purpose of Christ's coming was to reveal the truth about God, about life about sin and its terrifying consequences for humanity and the way that would free us from those consequences and bring us to eternal life. He did not use language or speech to control, manipulate or amass power by portraying something as truth. Jesus instead permitted Himself to suffer and die for the truth. He gave us the Holy Spirit, who we receive at Baptism and strengthened at Confirmation to assist us (our Advocate or Helper) in recognizing and knowing the truth. Christ is the full manifestation of all that is truth expressed by the Law of love His Commandments and the further expression and meaning of those Commandments through the Church by way of the Holy Spirit, who conveys the grace through the Sacraments of the Church. We celebrate Pentecost Sunday in recognition of the Holy Spirit who leads us into all truth. In a world so devoid of truth and honesty the Christian must rely on the Holy Spirit's understanding and wisdom to negotiate all the falsehood, half truths and outright lies that beset him or her. All falsehood is simply grounded in Satan and his monstrous desire to prevent humanity for enjoying the beauty of God's eternal Kingdom in glory. This Pentecost Sunday let us not only celebrate the manifestation of the Spirit among the Apostles, Our Lady and the early Church. Let us revel in the gift of the truth that the Spirit offers us as we respond to Him in this life. Let us live in the truth without being deceived now, so that when we leave this earth we will live in a Kingdom free of all lies and deception, where we will see God as He really is worshipping Him in spirit and in truth.

~Fr. Chris

PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday	5/25	5:30 PM - Confessions 7:00 PM - Finance Council meeting
Wednesday	5/26	12-1PM - Age Well Grab and Go Luncheon 5:30 PM - Confessions & Adoration at St. Mary's
Thursday	5/27	9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group
Saturday	5/29	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

Bible Study

Laura Wells will continue the Old Testament Bible study this summer called "The Law". We will examine the "golden calf" and the institution of the Levitical priesthood from Exodus, a short view of Leviticus, and an outline of Deuteronomy. Classes will be held at St. Thomas on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 am, 6/1; 6/8; and 6/15. If you would like to attend please contact Laura at rel.ed@stthomasvt.com or call 899-4770.

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.

Organ Concert at St. Michael's College

Dr. William Tortolano, professor emeritus of fine arts and chapel organist emeritus will present a concert in the St. Michael's College chapel in Colchester on May 25 at 12:15 p.m. The live concert is free and open to the public; it will reflect the many tonal colors of the organ. The program includes two compositions from the Baroque era: the Toccata in D Minor by Froberger and the Jig Fugue by Buxtehude. The audience is requested to observe Covid-19 protocols.

Bulletin available online

The bulletin is available as a downloadable PDF on the St. Thomas website! Visit us at www.stthomasvt.com to see how the feature works. While you are there, check out photos from recent church renovations, view the calendar for upcoming events, and visit our sponsors page to find local services and products. There's also a link to our facebook page. Comments and suggestions are always welcome.



Changes at Mass Due to COVID-19 Restrictions

- Masks are not required for fully vaccinated parishioners but we encourage continuation of face coverings for those that are unvaccinated, at-risk or feel uncomfortable.
- Parishes are still required to limit capacity to 50% so every other pew will be roped off for the time being.
- Printed material is available to use during Mass but must be taken home to be disposed of
- Bulletins will be available after Mass.

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.

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

5-Day Directed Retreat

The Society of St. Edmund will be conducting a 5-Day Directed Retreat in the Ignatian tradition from Sunday June 20 to Friday June 25, 2021 at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte. Using principles from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, retreatants are invited to contemplate scripture passages in a silent environment, celebrate daily Eucharist and meet with a Spiritual Director each day. Applicants should be comfortable maintaining an atmosphere of silence and be able to share their prayer experience with a Spiritual Director in a daily meeting of about forty-five minutes. The cost is \$525 per person which includes private room and all meals. Call Nancy Dulude at (802) 928-3362 or email her at ndulude@sse.org to obtain an application. Space is limited and all participants are required to follow the State of Vermont COVID-19 guidelines regarding travel protocols for fully vaccinated and non-vaccinated persons.

Readings For the Week

May 24

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9-15, 20

Jn 19:25-34

May 25

Sir 35:1-12

Mk 10:28-31

May 26

Memorial of St. Philip Neri, Priest

Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17

Mk 10:32-45

May 27

Sir 42:15-25

Mk 10:46-52

May 28

Sir 44:1, 9-13

Mk 11:11-26

May 29

Sir 51:12cd-20

Mk 11:27-33

May 30

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Dt 4:32-34, 39-40

Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22

Rom 8:14-17

Mt 28:16-20

"The Lord says to us, 'Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Be Not Afraid"

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: 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, 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.

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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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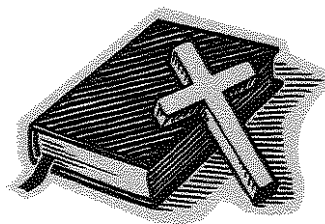
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Why not invite them to "come home".

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

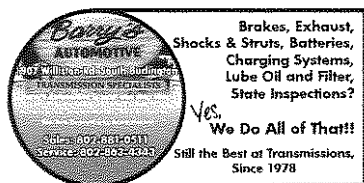


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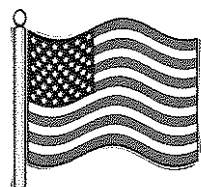
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