



St. Thomas Church

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

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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

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
MON	NO Mass
TUES	6:30 PM - Mass for the health and wellbeing of Audra Goss requested by Cedric and Laura Wells
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 Dora Herman requested by Lawrence and Donna Pires
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
June 5 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of James Belton Jr., requested by Bob and Martha Pollak 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
June 6 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 June 5 & 6	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors	Altar Servers
4:00 PM SATURDAY	NONE	L Berard	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	NONE	M Girouard	NONE

Bulletin Advertising

If your company would like to advertise on the back of our weekly bulletin, please call the parish office at 899-4632. Cost for one space is \$100 for one year, beginning July 1st through June 30th. If you presently have an ad with us, you will automatically be sent a renewal.

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. Churches are still at 50% capacity so the yellow tape will remain until that changes to allow for social distancing.

St. Thomas and St. Mary's Send Off for Fr. Chris

Please join us on **Sunday, June 13** for a send off BBQ for Fr. Chris from 12-3pm in the big tent at St. Thomas Church. The Knights will be cooking hamburgers & hot dogs, and will be providing drinks. Please bring a salad or desert to share, as well as your own chairs. Lets give Father a send off he won't soon forget!

Stewardship - May 22 & 23, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,618.62
Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$398 On-Line Giving)\$ 2,071.00
Second Collection - Communications:\$ 113.00

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

"...All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you..." (Matthew 28:18-20a)

Sometimes it's necessary to read between the lines. In other words there are times when things are not explicit or obvious to us and we need to have the insight and wisdom to connect the dots without many dots available to connect. In the psychological world it's called emotional intelligence, that intelligence that is not based on one's reading ability or astuteness for numbers and overall academic achievement. Emotional intelligence is the ability to read a situation with regard to relationships in particular. Since life is made up mostly of interactions between or among people it would seem to me that this intelligence is most important especially for living functional, and healthy lives. God who we know to be one yet three persons is the essence of all things and the Trinity is rooted in relationship. The love of the Father for the Son is the superabundant love and fruitfulness of the Holy Spirit. Yet if we read scripture from Genesis to Revelation we will never see the proper noun Holy Trinity. We can infer from certain passages that God is three persons yet one. At Christ's baptism we see the Trinity expressed. Jesus who is baptized is the Son. The Father speaks from heaven stating such and the Holy Spirit flutters down upon Our Lord. The Trinity is manifested for us. Quite often in the psalms and in passages such as when Moses chose men to assist him we see mentioned the spirit of God coming upon them well in advance of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and Our Lady at Pentecost. Jesus speaks of His Father often in the Gospels and makes reference to the Spirit too yet unless we are taught as the Church through its teaching arm the Magisterium, we would not know that God is a Trinity. What we need is the spiritual intelligence given us by the Church through the Holy Spirit that defines things that are not clearly defined in Scripture yet can be inferred. It behooves the Christian to study the Word of God in tandem with the Catechism of the Catholic Church to truly understand the truths of the faith. The Christian faith is not one of "obey, pray and pay", it is an intellectual endeavor that requires study, thought and guidance by the Church who received this knowledge from Christ in the Holy Spirit. On this day on which we celebrate and worship the Holy Trinity let's make it our business to search the Scriptures and the Catechism asking the Holy Spirit for wisdom and discernment so that not only will we increase in emotional intelligence (since knowing and loving God translates into better relationships with others) but also spiritual intelligence so that we can discern and read between the lines when difficult situations arise in our lives in which there is no obvious and easy answers; for if life was a matter of cookie cutter approaches we would not need intelligence in the first place. Yet being made in the image and likeness of God we are intelligent beings who need intelligent answers to the problems we face. The Blessed Trinity is our model both relationally as well as spiritually.

~Fr. Chris

Garage open for yard sale donations M-Th 9-4 PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday	6/1	5:30 PM - Confessions 7:00 PM - Parish Council meeting - in person
Wednesday	6/2	5:30 PM - Confessions & Adoration at St. Mary's
Thursday	6/3	9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group
Saturday	6/5	3:15 PM - Confessions

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.

VISION 2020

Vision 2020 Update

Work continues on the restoration efforts for the Parish and many projects are wrapping up. All the high exterior trim has been repainted, the crosses at the top of the Church have been repainted, bell tower has been cleaned out, inspected, rescreened and repainted. The front door refinishing is underway and the second set of doors for the main entrance scheduled to be completed the week of June 7th. The week of June 14th is the start of the stained glass window reinstallation. The large north and south windows will be installed and the eye window above the altar will be redone. The window woodwork will be fixed, repainted and a protective covering will be installed on the large arches above the exterior north and south windows to prevent future wood deterioration. Work on the stained glass windows is expected to be completed by June 27th.

Most recently, we have been fundraising for the handicap bathroom renovation in the Parish Hall. During the design phase, we identified a heating issue in the bathroom area that will be fixed when the bathrooms are updated. This added to the project cost but will fix a long-standing issue in the bathroom area. The total project cost is budgeted to be \$35,000 and we have \$9,700 remaining to raise to be able to start the project. We are hopeful we can start the project by this fall. We have continued to make significant strides to improving the Parish facilities and safety and certainly appreciate all the parish community support in making this all happen. Donations can be done online, drop an envelope in the offertory basket marked Vision 2020 or send a check to the St. Thomas Business Office at 6 Green Street – PO Box 3, Underhill Center, VT 05490. Thanks again for all your continued support. We will keep you updated on the progress.

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

Redeemable Bottles and Cans

Please consider donating your clean redeemable bottles and cans to help fund the St. Thomas Religious Education Program. You can put your bottles and cans in the plastic bin next to the rectory. If you would like to volunteer to redeem the bottles and cans for us, please contact Laura Wells in the office at rel.ed@stthomasvt.com or 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.

Yard Sale Donations

The garage will be open for yard sale donations beginning June 1st on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays 9-4 and Wednesdays 1-4. For weekend access please call Louise at 899-4793. Please - no clothing or exercise equipment. All items donated must be clean and in good shape to sell. The yard sale will be in early August so please hold all large furniture until just before the sale. Thank you!

"In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation. Practices such as abortion and assisted suicide tragically reject the truth that human life is always to be cherished and defended with loving concern. ... Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to truly and courageously live his Gospel of life."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Live the Gospel of Life"

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Readings For the Week



May 31

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Zep 3:14-18a
Lk 1:39-56

June 1

Memorial of St. Justin, Martyr
Tb 2:9-14
Mk 12:13-17

June 2

Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a
Mk 12:18-27

June 3

Memorial of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a
Mk 12:28-34

June 4

Tb 11:5-17
Mk 12:35-37

June 5

Memorial of Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20
Mk 12:38-44

June 6

Corpus Christi
Ex 24:3-8
Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18
Heb 9:11-15
Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

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, Audra Goss 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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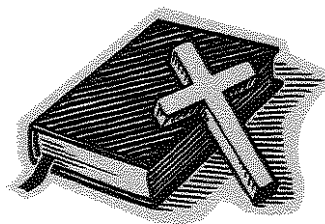
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no longer practice our Catholic Faith?

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

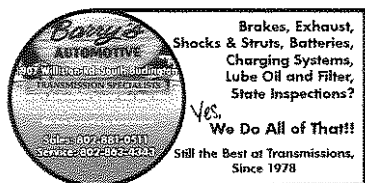


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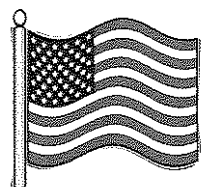
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