



St. Thomas Church

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

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St. Thomas Cemeteries

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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

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
MON	NO Mass
TUES	6:30 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Steve Tinsman requested by Don and Teri Gingras
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 Jo Ann Konczal requested by the Konczal Family
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
June 12 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Esther Klick requested by Tom and Susann May 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
June 13 SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Maynard Child requested by Don and Teri Gingras 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

Ministry Schedule June 12 & 13	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors	Altar Servers
4:00 PM SATURDAY	NONE	T May	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	NONE	L Wells	NONE

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 29 & 30, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,618.62
Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$438 On-Line Giving)\$ 2,559.00

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

"Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me." (Luke 22:19)

This past Monday we celebrated Memorial Day or Decoration Day, as it was first known. It started originally by Civil War widows who gathered to the gravesites of their fallen husbands and placed wreaths or flowers in remembrance of their sacrifice to their country. Although the holiday can be associated with a day off from work and chance to enjoy a hamburger or hot dog we must never forget those who gave their all, their very lives for the freedom of others. This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi or the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ who sacrificed His life for our spiritual freedom from sin. Christ's sacrifice at Calvary becomes present to us. We not only remember Jesus, we experience His presence before us. We are not honoring the memory of a fallen hero who no longer lives. Christ's actual sacrifice is re-presented to us. Jesus who is beyond time and space, the eternal God who was ever living, having no beginning or end, is past, present and future. God sees it all, He is not limited to any specific time period. Therefore Christ is with us substantially, meaning the very reality of Christ, who He is now, in His glorified body. Please note, and this is essential to the understanding of the Holy Eucharist: The wine and bread we receive at mass are NOT a symbol of Jesus' sacrifice. Christ wants us to become more and more like Him, to enter into true communion with Him. When we receive Him we are changed more into Him, He does not become a part of us. A symbolic gesture is nice, like reenacting a scene from history, but Christ wants us to experience Him in this very personal and profound way. Do we truly appreciate what happens every Sunday at mass? Do we approach the King of all nations, the very Second Person of the Blessed Trinity in a manner of respect and great reverence? "Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself." (1 Corinthians 11:27-29) Recently we celebrated the Feast of the Visitation (May 31), when Mary travelled to see Elizabeth her relative. St. Elizabeth greets Our Lady with these words, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." (Luke 1:42-45) Do we believe in Christ's real presence reserved in the tabernacle at church, as Mary was the "tabernacle" when she carried Jesus in her womb? Does our heart rejoice coming into his presence? Our gestures, postures and demeanor at Mass must reflect the seriousness of this sacred moment when Christ comes to us. We must present ourselves at Communion in a most reverent and grateful manner with a focused will, an intention to properly honor the "fallen hero" who lives forever and who wants us to live with Him for all eternity.

~Fr. Chris

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

Tuesday	6/8	11:00 AM - Bible Study 5:30 PM - Confessions 7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting
Wednesday	6/9	5:30 PM - Confessions & Adoration at St. Mary's
Thursday	6/10	9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group
Saturday	6/12	3:15 PM - Confessions
Sunday	6/13	12-1 PM - Going away party for Fr. Chris

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

Bible Study-Date Change

There is still time to sign up for the bible study presented by Laura Wells as we had to postpone the first class. Classes will be held at St. Thomas on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 am on June 8, 15, & 22. If you would like to attend please contact Laura at rel.ed@stthomasvt.com or call 899-4770. We will continue the Old Testament Bible study 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.



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!

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.

2021 Annual Bishop's Appeal

During the height of the pandemic, when our churches were closed, the Diocese was able to livestream more than 200 faith activities to keep us all connected, including daily and Sunday Mass, daily rosary and Adoration, bible study, book club, retreats and so much more. This was possible because of your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Next weekend we will be asking you to make a gift or pledge this year to help us reach our reduced goal of \$20,455. Please help us reach our goal and strengthen our Catholic Church in Vermont. To learn more or make a gift online visit: bishopsappealvt.org

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.

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.

Rosary Relay

On the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (June 11), the Diocese of Burlington will be participating in a worldwide Rosary Relay led by Bishop Coyne at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington. In 2002 Pope John Paul II announced the Annual World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests to be held on the Feast of the Sacred Heart. The first global Rosary relay was launched in 2009 and has been an annual event since. This relay serves as a gift from the laity to our wonderful priests to show our love and appreciation. Beginning at midnight on Friday, June 11th, various locations from over 100 different countries will start praying the Rosary at every half hour, passing it along to the next location until finally the entire world will be encircled in the Rosary just before midnight of the next day. The Diocese of Burlington will be receiving the relay from the St. Dominic Priory at Our Lady of the Rosary in Haverstock Hill London, where we will say the Sorrowful Mysteries and then we will send it on to Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Euclid, Ohio. Visit our website at stthomasvt.com to find the link to the live stream beginning at 2pm on Friday, June 11.

"Our relationship with Christ—strengthened by receiving him worthily in Holy Communion—helps us understand our relationships with one another and with creation."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Serene Attentiveness to God's Creation"

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 Al Bernasconi, Stephan Kellner, Frank Babicz, and all deceased members of St. Thomas & St. Mary's Parishes.

Readings For the Week



June 7

2 Cor 1:1-7
Mt 5:1-12

June 8

2 Cor 1:18-22
Mt 5:13-16

June 9

2 Cor 3:4-11
Mt 5:17-19

June 10

2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6
Mt 5:20-26

June 11

Solemnity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8-9
Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
Eph 3:8-12, 14-19
Jn 19:31-37

June 12

Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
2 Cor 5:14-21
Lk 2:41-51

June 13

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 17:22-24
Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
2 Cor 5:6-10
Mk 4:26-34

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For prayers answered

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To be prayed 8 consecutive days



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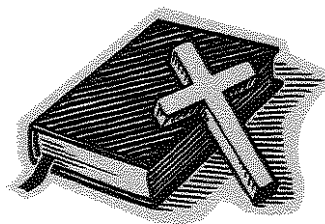
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Initiation of Adults

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

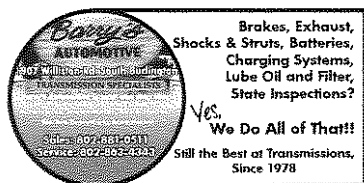


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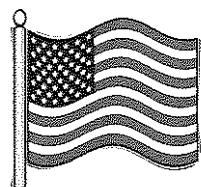
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