

Parish Staff

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St. Thomas Cemeteries

Please call the parish office if you are a new parishioner and would like to register.

St. Thomas Church

6 Green Street PO Box 3 Underhill Center, VT 05490

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.

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 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

MON NO Mass

TUES 6:30 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Frank Babicz requested by Dick and Linda Stowe

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WED 5:30 PM - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament-St. Marys 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

THU 8:30 AM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Jean

Navitskis requested by the Smith Family

FRI 8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

June 19 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

June 20

SUN 8:05 AM - Rosary

8:30 AM– Mass for the repose of the soul of Patrick McCarthy requested by David and Jeanne Atkinson

10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

Ministry Schedule June 19 & 20	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar</u> <u>Servers</u>
4:00 PM SATURDAY	NONE	T Robinson	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	NONE	M Girouard	NONE

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next Weekend we will be taking up our collection for the Church Maintenance Fund. Several unanticipated repairs (rectory water heater, chimney liners, addition roof and slab repairs) have happened over the past couple of months which makes this fund even more important as we move into a new fiscal year. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Please join us this **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 - June 5 & 6, 2021

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

"'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law, until all is accomplished." (Matthew 5:17-18)

We live in a world of constant change. Many believe humanity must continually advance (however that is defined) through change. This change is expressed through shifting values, beliefs and morals as indicated at differing eras of human history. In the ancient world (as well as in the Church for the Church sprung forth from the ancient world) mankind used philosophical approaches to understand the natural, social, economic, and political world around them. They observed that while there was great change in the universe, there was also stability. Although things are in a state of constant flux the seasons come and go regularly, the growth of plants and animals have a patterned developmental process. This change and stability reflects the nature of God. To establish and maintain stability despite all the cultural changes and influences mankind would endure, God established written laws (The 10 Commandments). Just as the laws of physics, chemistry and mathematics exist and cannot be altered without consequence, so the moral laws God established provide stability amid the great changes in human culture over time. God's truth and reality was literally set in stone when He gave Moses and Israel the Decalogue (10 Commandments) and continues to this day to provide stability in an everchanging world. The modern approach is on updating and constant change: out with the old in with the new and it seems this approach speeds up more and more each year. I liken it to the characters of the old man with a staff versus the little baby in diapers as we enter a new year. Jesus tells us that He came to fulfill not eliminate what came before Him. We live in a world many cite as a "cancel culture" that is everything that came before the present was deficient or in need of correction and must be eliminated and forgotten. Unlike the ancient world that saw change happening organically and led to overall stability, modern man sees the world from a disjointed/compartmentalized perspective; there is no relation of parts to whole no overall purpose or design just disconnected parts that serve no overall objective. This leads to a tear down and destroy it attitude. The real problem with this mentality is the way it infiltrates into the everyday lives of citizens in that people focused more on the moment with no sense of purpose. The result is a reactionary approach that serves the passions putting the self first. We become more concerned with caring for our own needs, the common good becomes our own good and society suffers. Mankind is way off track. It has turned from God and turned inward, opposite the nature of the Trinity that is out flowing love toward others. Jesus came to fulfill the 10 Commandments by showing their true intent love for God and neighbor, not a way to escape judgment and punishment. The Commandments are still in effect today and until mankind recaptures their sense unbridled change will lead it to continued and worsening instability. Only the true stability of God's law gives us peace in an increasingly changeable, purposeless and dangerous world. There is no substitute for it because it provides everything mankind needs to flourish. It behooves humanity to turn back to God's time -tested principles, for what the world needs now "is love, sweet love" but true love rooted in the moral truths of God's law.

~Fr. Chris

Please note: Fr. Chris will be away the week of June 21st and there will be no week day Masses. He will return for the June 26/27 weekend and those will be his final weekend Masses. We will have Fr. James Shea for the weeks during July, and our new priest, Fr. Richard Calapan, will be here beginning the weekend of August 7/8.

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

Sunday 6/13 12-1 PM - Going away party for Fr. Chris

Tuesday 6/15 11:00 AM - Bible Study 5:30 PM - Confessions

7:00 PM - Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday 6/16 5:30 PM - Confessions & Adoration at St. Mary's

Thursday 6/17 9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group

6:30 PM - Food Shelf Setup @ Good Shepherd

Saturday 6/19 ** Second Collection - Church Maintenance ** 9:30 AM - Food Shelf Distribution at GSLC

3:15 PM - Confessions

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

Baby Bottle Campaign



Baby bottles filled with change for Aspire Together are due back next weekend on Father's Day, June 20th. If you did not get a baby bottle this year, they are 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 is open for yard sale donations on Mondays, Tuesdays, and 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

Food shelf reminder

June is St. Thomas Parish's month to supply volunteers for the food shelf. Please call Louise at 899-4693 if you would like to volunteer at set-up on Thursday, June 17 or distribution on Saturday, June 19. Because of restrictions, very few volunteers are needed. If you would still like to support the food shelf, they are in need of boxes of cereal

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 nonvaccinated persons.

Job Openings

Our Lady of Providence, a beautiful residential- care community is seeking a 40-hour, full-time housekeeper. OLOP offers competitive wage and benefits and a wonderful work culture. Please respond to Chantel Berard or Kristie Daigneault at (802) 951-3053 to apply.

They are also seeking a Life Enrichment Coordinator responsible for creating an atmosphere of joy and fulfillment for our residents. We are seeking an individual with the following professional qualities:

· Timeliness and organization · Vision and creativity · Can- do attitude · At least one-year experience in long- term care services· Love of Seniors · Good organizational skills · Coordinate in-house activities, community events and entertainment programs. · Participate in monthly resident meeting · Drive whenever needed and supervise resident outings · Maintain a professional and caring attitude toward residents · Other duties as assigned. Please contact Kristie Daigneault at (802) 951-3053 or kdaigneault@ourladyofprovidence.org

"It is so hard to express in words what a unique experience adoption has been for us. It has been quite a journey facing infertility, as well as so many unknowns and acts of kindness and sacrifice—all with so many emotions—which led to the growth of our family. There were times when our faith was shaken and we weren't sure if we could handle our cross. But adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activites
"An Adoption Love Story"

Babicz, and all deceased members of St. Thomas & St. Mary's Parishes.

Readings For the Week



<u>June 14</u>

2 Cor 6:1-1 Mt 5:38-4

<u>June 15</u>

2 Cor 8:1-9 Mt 5:43-48

June 16

2 Cor 9:6-11 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

June 17

2 Cor 11:1-11 Mt 6:7-15

June 18

2 Cor 11:18, 21-30 Mt 6:19-23

June 19

2 Cor 12:1-10 Mt 6:24-34

June 20 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jb 38:1, 8-11 Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 2 Cor 5:14-17 Mk 4:35-41





If you would like to add or remove someone from this list, please call the office at 899-4632 ${\bf WE\ PRAY\ FOR}$

SICK: For all our sick: Riley McLaughlin, Lynn McLaughlin, Joyce Brush, Jen Di-Nardo, 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

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".

Sharon Trani MSN; APRN Nurse Practitioner - NFP teacher 802-326-2015 strani@vermontcatholic.org



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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 godparent 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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