

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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E-Mail: office@stthomasvt.com Parish Website: www.stthomasvt.com

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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 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

MON NO Mass
TUES NO Mass
WED NO Mass
THU NO Mass

Fr. Chris is away

June 26 SAT

FRI

4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Jay Patterson requested by Dan and Elizabeth MacDonald

6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

June 27

SUN 8:05 AM - Rosary

NO Mass

8:30 AM- Mass for the deceased members of the Nadeau Family requested by Gail Nadeau and Family

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

Ministry Schedule June 26 & 27	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar</u> <u>Servers</u>
4:00 PM SATURDAY	NONE	D Dufresne	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	NONE	L Wells	NONE

Church Maintenance Fund

This 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.

Peter's Pence

On June 26 & 27, we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which is a way to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.peterpence.va/en.html.

Baby Bottle Campaign

The Aspire Together Baby bottles are due back this weekend. 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.

Stewardship - June 12 & 13, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal: \$2,618.62 Regular Collection: ...(incl. \$398 On-Line Giving).....\$2,288.00

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

"For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with might through his Spirit in the inner man..." (Ephesians 3:14-16)

Two things that come to mind when I recall the memory of my father who died thirteen years ago (it doesn't seem possible): his hands and his presence. By his hands I mean the thickness of his fingers and the meatiness of them. Thank goodness my father was a gentle man with his family because he could have done some serious damage to us if he was prone to violence. A butcher by trade his hands were anything but delicate, yet I guess because of the fat and animal flesh he handled they were not rough or calloused. The second thing about Pop was his presence; he was always present. Now, as I've mentioned before he was not Ward Cleaver sitting down having heart to heart chats with me but although that would have been really good for my brothers and I it was his availability that made all the difference. As we celebrate Father's Day it is important to remember our Father in heaven. As we read in Isaiah 49:16 "Behold, I have graven you on the palms of my hands..." (Isaiah 49:16a) God the Father knows each and everyone of us for He created us with a purpose and end even before we were born. His hands are strong and big enough to care for us and they are soft and gentle if we trust in Him and follow His will. He is actually the origin of all that we are including the universe around us. Without His presence there would be no world with all its functioning parts. The entire planet and the galaxies of outer space belong to Him because they were an idea in His mind before they came into being. We must remember, that as my father was always available, so God our Father is too. When those troubling times come, and they will for suffering comes to us all, He will be there for us just as my father was there for his family. An interesting fact about my own father was that he knew more about the goings on of each of his children more than he let on. He was on top of things but wanting us to figure things out and develop our own ideas and lives he kept quiet when maybe we would have liked him to intervene. So it is with our heavenly Father. He is on top of it all. He knows what His children are up to, their strengths and their weaknesses, their triumphs and failures, their attributes and their foibles. If we trust Him in all things He will be our bulwark, our protection from the onslaught from all that tries to tear us down. We must never forget that God our Father is strong, gentle, protective and present for his children. Our job is to reach out to Him, to worship Him and trust Him in all things for He will never let us down. Although He may seem silent and uninvolved during periods in our lifetime He sometimes keeps things close to His chest patiently waiting for the right time and the proper intervention helping us to grow spiritually as we overcome the sin and bad habits we have accumulated over time. To all our fathers out there Happy Father's Day and to God our Father in heaven Happy Father's Day to you too! ~Fr. Chris

Please note: Fr. Chris will be away the week of June 21st so 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 6/20 ** Second Collection - Church Maintenance **

Tuesday 6/22 11:00 AM - Bible Study

No Confessions

Wednesday 6/23 NO Confessions or Adoration at St. Mary's

Thursday 6/24 9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group

Saturday 6/26 ** Second Collection - Peter's Pence ** 3:15 PM - Confessions

Fr. Micale's last weekend!

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 option at online giving 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.

Funeral Luncheon Ministry:

Thank you to all who contributed to the funeral luncheon for the Bernasconi Family last week, those who contributed their time and those who contributed food for this ministry. As a corporal work of mercy, the funeral luncheon ministry's purpose is to comfort those who mourn the loss of a recently deceased loved one. This ministry truly is a ministry of the who parish as we could not do this without your generosity. With much gratitude, Laura Wells. PS - If you have not yet picked up any serving dishes or pans you brought, they are in the parish hall.

Yard Sale Donations

YARD SALE

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

Happy Father's Day! In this Year of St. Joseph, we celebrate the important role of all fathers to pass along the Catholic faith to their children. We also celebrate our deacons and priests who spiritually nurture the Catholic community. Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal supports the permanent deaconate and vocations. Please consider a gift to the appeal by visiting: bishopsappealvt.org

New Bible Study Series

New Bible Study to begin in July called, "The Rise of the New Kingdom: From the Conquest to the Anointing of David." We will meet at St. Thomas on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 AM: July 6, 13, and 20. Please contact Laura Wells if you plan to attend at rel.ed@stthomasvt.com or call the rectory office.

Age Well Grab and Go Meals

St. Thomas will be hosting the June Grab and Go meal on Wednesday, June 30 from 11-12 (note time change). This meal are free to those 60 and older and prior registration is necessary. No delivery is available. The meal will consist of: Spaghetti and meatballs, broccoli florets, whole wheat roll with butter, blueberry crisp with cream, and milk. Register by calling 802-434-3155 by June 28th.

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 pro-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

Natural Family Planning Class

NFP Outreach Program for Catholic couples married in the Church (one spouse must be Catholic); couples married civilly or are cohabitating but have a date to marry in the Church can participate as well. This is a free virtual NFP class sponsored by the St. Augustine Please contact Terri McCormack Foundation. at tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org for more info.

"Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the irreplaceable role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God's gift of new life!

> Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux

"Fathers' Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life"

Readings For the Week



June 21

Memorial of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious Gn 12:1-9 Mt 7:1-5

June 22

Gn 13:2, 5-18 Mt 7:6, 12-14

June 23

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18 Mt 7:15-20

June 24

Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist Is 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80

June 25

Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 Mt 8:1-4

June 26

Gn 18:1-15 Mt 8:5-17

June 27 Thirteenth Sunday in **Ordinary Time**

Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24 Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-13 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15 Mk 5:21-43



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 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 Babicz, 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".

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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