



St. Thomas Church

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St. Thomas Cemeteries

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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 26 SAT	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 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
MON	NO Mass
TUES	NO Mass
WED	NO Mass
THU	NO Mass
FRI	NO Mass
July 3 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Armand Nadeau requested by Theresa Nadeau and Family 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
July 4 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

Fr. Chris is away

Ministry Schedule July 3 & 4	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors	Altar Servers
4:00 PM SATURDAY	NONE	D Dufresne	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	NONE	M Ledwith	NONE

Peter's Pence

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.peterpence.va/en.html.

2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in..." Matthew 35:25

Central to the mission of the Catholic Church is caring for the most vulnerable among us. The Bishop's Appeal supports emergency aid to members of our parish and the larger community who are in financial crisis. People like John and Maggie who have five children under the age of 16. During Covid, Maggie had to quit her job to stay home with the children when the schools shut down and John's hours were cut back. The emergency aid program was able to help pay back rent during this temporary crisis. Please consider a gift to the Bishop's Appeal so we can continue to help families like John and Maggie. To learn more visit: bishopsappealvt.org.

Stewardship - June 19 & 20, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,618.62
Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$398 On-Line Giving)\$ 1,579.00
Second Collection - Church Maintenance:\$ 1,148.00

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

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." (1 Corinthians 15:58) "Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)

Well, it's been quite a journey for the past five years. In addition to all the building needs of both parishes we had to contend with Covid-19 and all the baggage that went with it. What I saw at the barbeque was the re-invigoration of St. Thomas and St. Mary's. After a year or so of no social contact with people, our gathering was more than a breath of fresh air, it was the resurrection of a community spirit led by the Spirit. I've talked often (maybe some will say too often) about the human person being a composite being, both body and soul/spirit. When I came to both parishes in the summer of 2016 both churches were in need of a facelift. I knew that while we must grow spiritually and strengthen our faith in God and His Church, physical deterioration works against this. The physical and spiritual affect each other. Coming to Holy Mass must be an uplifting spiritual encounter with the Holy Trinity but this is hindered if the environment in which one attempts to worship God is less than optimal. This first phase was accomplished with the help of the parishioners of both parishes. Without your support, whether it was contributing to a new roof for St. Mary's or the renovation of St. Thomas, it could not have possibly happened. So, to all of you who supported, participated, donated your time, talents and prayers, I thank you. For those who have been faithful and solid workers in the vineyard via music, teaching and social ministry, I thank you. I thank all who have thanked me but we must always come back to the fact that we worship a powerful and loving God who cares for us in the small and big aspects of our lives. It is to the Blessed Trinity that we must truly give thanks for all the achievements accomplished over these few years. Yet with all the accomplishments we have been given by God we are not finished. The second part of the vision (beyond Vision 2020) is the spiritual one. What I saw at the barbeque was the vision we need to have for the future: one of cooperation and dedication to God, one of cooperation and dedication to the parishes and to each other. Despite all the evil and difficulties that we find and experience in the world Our Lord tells us this, "I have said this to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) As St. Thomas and St. Mary's parishes move forward they must do so in love and respect for each other. All of us must strive to grow spiritually, to overcome the sin that drags us down, to trust in God more, to love in a deeper and more profound way, to overlook the faults of others and to work in concert for the Kingdom of God both within the church's buildings as well as in the local community. If the parishes of St. Thomas and St. Mary's will commit to this, then the future for both churches will be bright because this is the mind and desire of the living God and He will assuredly bless all for the efforts made. As I head up to St. Albans I want to thank you all for making this part of my priesthood so rewarding and fulfilling. I have learned so much from each and every one of you and I have appreciated the opportunity to serve both churches. A final blessing to you all "The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26) ~Fr. Chris

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

Sunday	6/27	** Second Collection - Peter's Pence **
Tuesday	6/29	NO Confessions
Wednesday	6/30	11-12 Age Well Grab and Go Meal NO Confessions or Adoration at St. Mary's
Thursday	7/1	9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group
Saturday	7/3	3:15 PM - Confessions

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

New Bible Study Series

A new Bible Study will 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 is 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.

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 whole 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

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.

Baby Bottle Campaign



The Aspire Together Baby bottles were due back last weekend but you can still return them over the next couple of weeks. If you did not get a baby bottle this year, they are offering an online giving option at <https://secure.ministrsync.com/ministrsync/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.

Rosary Campaign for Life!

Please join the Knights for Life and Fr. Tim Naples in praying the rosary for the cause of life! The Knights and Fr. Naples are giving away Our Lady of Guadalupe rosaries to kick off their rosary campaign starting June 24th, the Nativity of John the Baptist.

Father wishes to give a rosary to All the faithful who commit to praying 50 (or more!) rosaries for the cause of life. We pray for respect for all life from conception to natural death, we pray for the restoration of human dignity in the laws of the state of Vermont, and for the rebuilding of a culture of life all around us. Request a Vermont Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary at this link or on our website: <https://ubipetrusvt.com/knights4life/knights-for-life-rosary-campaign/>

Religious Freedom Week 2021:



Solidarity in Freedom takes place June 22 – 29. The Week begins with the Feast of Saints John Fisher and Thomas More, ends with the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, and includes the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Many resources are available to help the faithful pray, reflect, and take action on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad. Resources, including daily prayers and reflections are available at uscbb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek

"We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith."

USCCB

"Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty"

Readings For the Week



June 28

Memorial of Saint Irenaeus,
Bishop and Martyr
Gn 18:16-33
Mt 8:18-22

June 29

Solemnity of Saints Peter
and Paul, Apostles
Acts 12:1-11
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Mt 16:13-19

June 30

Memorial of the First Holy
Martyrs of the Holy Roman
Church
ROM 8:31B-39
MT 24:4-13

July 1

Gn 22:1b-19
Mt 9:1-8

July 2

Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8,
62-67
Mt 9:9-13

July 3

Feast of Saint Thomas,
Apostle
Eph 2:19-22
Jn 20:24-29

July 4

Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Ez 2:2-5
Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4
2 Cor 12:7-10
Mk 6:1-6



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.

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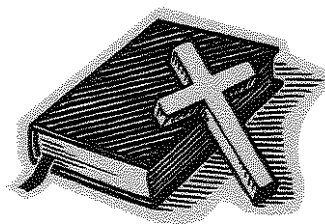
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For prayers answered
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Invite them to come to Holy Mass with you and
never stop praying for them.

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



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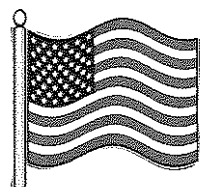
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