



# 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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## Parish Staff

Rev. Richard Calapan .....Administrator  
Rev. Mr. Peter Brooks..... Deacon  
Theresa Gingras..... Secretary  
Laura Lynch Wells .....Rel. Ed. Coordinator  
Patrice Rogers - 399-6226.....Music Ministry

## St. Thomas Cemeteries

Range Rd., Irish Settlement Rd., Pleasant Valley Rd.  
Nate Sullivan .....899-4732  
Tim Clark .....735-7341

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

<b>July 10 SAT</b>	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of William Belton requested by Bob and Martha Pollak 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
<b>July 11 SUN</b>	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of John Kunkel requested by the Donna Kunkel 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
<b>MON</b>	NO Mass
<b>TUES</b>	6:30 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Albert Bernasconi requested by the Girouard family
<b>WED</b>	6:30 PM – Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
<b>THU</b>	NO Mass
<b>FRI</b>	NO Mass
<b>July 17 SAT</b>	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
<b>July 18 SUN</b>	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the deceased members of the Tyler family requested by Gail Nadeau and family 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>July 17 &amp; 18</u>	<u>Extraordinary</u> <u>Ministers of</u> <u>Holy Communion</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar</u> <u>Servers</u>
4:00 PM SATURDAY	NONE	L Berard	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	NONE	M Girouard	NONE

Visit the ministry page on our website for full schedule -  
[www.stthomasvt.com/liturgy-member-schedule](http://www.stthomasvt.com/liturgy-member-schedule)  
 Please contact the office if you would like to begin serving as  
 a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Server

### The Prayer Chain

If you have a need for prayers for any reason, a group of parishioners have agreed to pray for your intention/s. You may give as much or as little information as you wish. Please contact Sandy Gosselin at 899-2060 or e-mail her at StThomasPrayers@aol.com

### Please Consider Online Giving

Visit our website to sign up and begin contribution automatically to your parish. This convenient system does not require you to contact your bank to sign up or make changes. You can use your checking, savings, or credit/debit card account and the funds will be automatically transferred to our parish bank account. Go to [www.stthomasvt.com](http://www.stthomasvt.com) and click the 'Online Giving' icon to get started. Please call the parish office with any questions 899-4632.

### Stewardship - July 3 & 4, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal: .....\$ 2,730.77  
 Regular Collection: ...(incl. \$1,110 On-Line Giving)....\$ 4,058.00

Please give online at [www.stthomasvt.com/donate](http://www.stthomasvt.com/donate) or mail your contributions directly to the parish t PO Box 3, Underhill, VT 05490. Thank you for your generosity.

Please welcome Fr. James Shea to St. Thomas Parish during the month of July. Fr. Shea will be celebrating all weekend Masses and some week day Masses here and at St. Marys. Please monitor the schedule in the bulletin for available week day Masses. Our new priest, Fr. Richard Calapan will begin celebrating Mass the weekend of August 7/8.

### July 16 is the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

#### **The Story of Our Lady of Mount Carmel:**

Hermits lived on Mount Carmel near the Fountain of Elijah in northern Israel in the 12th century. They had a chapel dedicated to Our Lady. By the 13th century they became known as "Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel." They soon celebrated a special Mass and Office in honor of Mary. In 1726, it became a celebration of the universal Church under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. For centuries the Carmelites have seen themselves as specially related to Mary. Their great saints and theologians have promoted devotion to her and often championed the mystery of her Immaculate Conception.

Saint Teresa of Avila called Carmel "the Order of the Virgin." Saint John of the Cross credited Mary with saving him from drowning as a child, leading him to Carmel, and helping him escape from a Carmelite imprisonment. Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus believed that Mary cured her from illness. On her First Communion day, Thérèse dedicated her life to Mary. During the last days of her life she frequently spoke of Mary.

There is a tradition that Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock, a leader of the Carmelites, and gave him a scapular, telling him to promote devotion to it. The scapular is a modified version of Mary's own garment. It symbolizes her special protection and calls the wearers to consecrate themselves to her in a special way. The scapular reminds us of the gospel call to prayer and penance—a call that Mary models in a splendid way

### From the Office of the Bishop

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is reinstated as of July 4, 2021. However, as has always been the case, there are times and circumstances when one cannot be present for Sunday Mass: injury, ill-health, mobility issues, age, and now personal safety issues that are still present due to Covid 19. Children who have not been vaccinated, people whose health is compromised so that they have to avoid any risk of contagion as well as their caregivers, may in freedom choose not to attend Sunday Mass.

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

Tuesday	7/13 5:30 PM - Confessions
Wednesday	7/14 <i>NO Confessions or Adoration at St. Mary's</i>
Thursday	7/15 9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group 6:30 PM - Food shelf setup at Good Shepherd
Saturday	7/17 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

### Did you know?

Once a common element in Catholic Churches, votive candles were a way for Catholics to offer prayers for their intentions and to give witness to the power and effectiveness of their prayers by 'prolonging' their prayer through the practice of offering a prayer and lighting a candle. The idea went that the candle represented the prayer. As the candle burned, your prayer continued to be offered to God. You are encouraged to light a candle to accompany your prayers for your intentions. The large candles burn for 6 days and the small candles for 6 hours. Wooden tapers and a box filled with sand is provided. Please be very careful lighting candles and extinguishing of the tapers in the sand provided.

### New families

Are you new to St. Thomas? Or just haven't gotten around to registering? We would love to welcome you to the St. Thomas family. Please call the office at 899-4632 or visit us online at stthomasvt.com to get a registration form, church directory, and calendar. Welcome to St. Thomas!

### Food shelf reminder

Thank you for your support of the EJU Ecumenical Food Shelf at Good Shepherd Church. Please call Louise at 899-4793 if you would like to volunteer at set-up on Thursday, July 15 or distribution on Saturday, July 17. Because of restrictions, very few volunteers are needed. If you would still like to support the food shelf, they are again in need of boxes of cereal. Thank you!



### 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 August 7th so please hold all large furniture until just before the sale. Thank you!



### Central Vermont CareNet Dinner

Care Net of Central Vermont - Love Life Well annual Fundraising dinner, Monday, July 19th 5:30 – 8 pm; VT College of Fine Arts, Montpelier. This in-person event features a wonderful guest speaker who will share a personal message about becoming a world-changer. Elizabeth B. Bristol is the author of *Mary Me*. Call 479-9215 for more information and to register.

### Help Needed for Bottle Redemption

Thank you to all who donated bottles over the last year for the benefit of the Religious Ed Program at St. Thomas. Because of your generosity we raised \$460 over the last fiscal year. During the course of the school year Confirmation students and their families redeem the bottles donated. But over the summer months we need volunteers who are willing to take back the bottles and get the money to us. If you are able, please volunteer to take bottles back. Instructions will be provided. Please contact Laura Wells at rel.ed@stthomasvt.com or call the rectory office.

### Covid Community Commemoration

To commemorate all essential workers and those affected in any way by the Coronavirus, St. Marks Parish in Burlington extends an invitation to their neighbors in the greater Burlington area. – All are welcome Saturday, July 17th 11 am – 2 pm. This free community event includes a commemoration ceremony with guest speakers and a bagpiper, followed by lunch with music by the Burlington Concert Band, and the planting of a tree of hope. For more information, please call St. Mark's parish office 864-7686

### Natural Family Planning

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 Foundation. For more information please contact Terri McCormack [tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org)

### No Taxpayer Abortion!

Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion. The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion. It is critically important for Catholics to send a strong message before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortion. Visit [NoTaxpayerAbortion.com](http://NoTaxpayerAbortion.com) to get more information on how you and can help. Tell Congress to save the Hyde amendment: <https://bit.ly/no-taxpayer-abortion-action>

*"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."*

Read more at [www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory](http://www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory).  
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"An Adoption Love Story"

## Readings For the Week



### July 12

Ex 1:8-14, 22  
Mt 10:34–11:1

### July 13

Ex 2:1-15a  
Mt 11:20-24

### July 14

Memorial of Saint Kateri  
Tekakwitha, Virgin  
Ex 3:1-6, 9-12  
Mt 11:25-27

### July 15

Memorial of St Bonaventure,  
Bishop and Doctor of the  
Church  
Ex 3:13-20  
Mt 11:28-30

### July 16

Ex 11:10–12:14  
Mt 12:1-8

### July 17

Ex 12:37-42  
Mt 12:14-21

### July 18

Sixteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Jer 23:1-6  
Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6  
Eph 2:13-18  
Mk 6:30-34

She wants  
help and  
support—  
not a free  
abortion.

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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, Alicia Alesandrini, Peggy Lynch, and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

**DECEASED:** For all who have died, especially all deceased members of St. Thomas & St. Mary's Parishes.

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<p><b>Natural Family Planning</b></p> <p>"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".</p> <p><b>Sharon Trani MSN; APRN</b> Nurse Practitioner - NFP teacher 802-326-2015 strani@vermontcatholic.org</p>	<p><b>Repentant Reconciled Renewed</b></p>	 <p><b>St. Thomas Church Knights of Columbus</b> Council No. 7810 G.K.: Steve Haupt Chancellor: Ed Matthews Recorder: Andrew Rowe Treasurer: Mark Girouard Warden: Bob Kennedy Advocate: Craig Benson Meets 2nd Tuesday each month</p>	 <p>Catholic Family Confectioners Established 1986</p> <p>81 A VT Rte 15 PO Box 303, Jericho, VT 05465 802-899-3373 SnowflakeChocolate.com The Pollak Family</p>
 <p><b>PHIL POTVIN 27 MOOSE RUN</b> 899-3305 UNDERHILL</p>	<p><b>CORNERSTONE CONSTRUCTION, INC.</b> P.O. Box 178 Underhill Ctr., VT 05490</p>  <p>RESIDENTIAL &amp; COMMERCIAL BUILDING &amp; REMODELING</p> <p><b>Bill MacDonough</b></p> <p>Phone: 802-343-9605 CornerstoneConstructionVT.com</p>		<p><b>For prayers answered</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>To be prayed 8 consecutive days</p>
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<p><b>Elegant Wood Floors</b></p> <p><b>Robbe "Kibby" Pierce</b> owner 802-522-3710 WWW.ElegantWoodFloors.com</p> <p>61 Lazy Brook Lane Jeffersonville, Vermont 05464 DESIGN - INSTALLATION - SANDING - FINISHING</p> 	<p>Do you have friends and family members who 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.</p>		<p><b>RCIA = Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Adult Confirmation</b></p> <p>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</p> 
 <p>1907 Williston Road So. Burlington, VT 05403 BarrysAutomotiveVT.com Bruce Barry</p> <p>Sales: (802) 881-0511 Service: (802) 863-4343 Fax: (802) 660-4393 David Warren</p>	<p>In loving memory of Millicent Dixon</p>  <p>Benefactor of the St. Thomas Cemeteries</p>	<p><b>Confirming Their Faith</b></p> 	<p><b>RCIA = Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Adult Confirmation</b></p> <p>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</p> 
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