



# 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>August 14</b>	
<b>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>August 15</b>	
<b>SUN</b>	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the souls of Greg and Marcel Lehouiller requested by Joan Lehouiller and family 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
<b>MON</b>	NO Mass
<b>TUES</b>	6:30 PM - Mass for the health and healing of Evangeline McSoley requested by Teri Gingras
<b>WED</b>	6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
<b>THU</b>	8:00 AM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Bernard Kellner requested by the Kellner family
<b>FRI</b>	8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
<b>August 21</b>	
<b>SAT</b>	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Ann Wejroch requested by Tom and Susie May 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
<b>August 22</b>	
<b>SUN</b>	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the souls of Albert Bernasconi requested by the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>August 21 &amp; 22</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	T Robinson	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	NONE	L Wells	NONE

**Attention Liturgical Ministers:** If you have not dropped off your exceptions sheet please e-mail the office.  
Please contact the office if you would like to begin serving as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Server

### Ice Cream Social-Save the Date

We are planning an Ice Cream Social to welcome Fr. Calapan on Sunday, August 22 at 1:00 PM. Please watch the bulletin for details as they become available.

### September Breakfast

The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus will be selling tickets for their first breakfast in a long time! The breakfast will be September 19 from 8-10:30am and tickets will be \$7 each. The menu will be the same as before—pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, fruit, and coffee. They will be offering meals to go and inside/outside dining will be available. Tickets will go on sale soon!

### Stewardship - August 7 & 8, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal: .....	\$ 2,730.77
Regular Collection: .....(incl. \$581 On-Line Giving)....	\$ 2,827.00
Second Collection - Church Maintenance:.....	\$ 541.00
Please give online at <a href="http://www.stthomasvt.com/donate">www.stthomasvt.com/donate</a> or mail your contributions directly to the parish t PO Box 3, Underhill, VT 05490. Thank you for your generosity.	

### Reflection on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 15, 2021

The Solemnity of the Assumption celebrates the Blessed Mother's entrance into heavenly glory. The Catechism explains that Mary "was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of his Body" (CCC, 974).

Mary's Assumption into heaven reminds us that life on earth is a pilgrimage to our ultimate destination. We prepare in hope for our own passage into eternal life by the choices we make today. When we choose to love and follow God in our daily lives, we strengthen our relationship with Him, and this relationship is the true meaning of heaven: "To live in heaven is 'to be with Christ'" (CCC, 1025 citing St. Ambrose, In Luc., 10, 121:PL 15 1834A.).

We can see how, throughout her life, the Blessed Mother continually chose to go deeper into her relationship with God. She modeled how to value and respect His precious gift of human life, from the moment of conception to its natural end. In the Annunciation, through her "yes," Mary witnessed to the undeniable humanity of unborn children as she conceived and carried the Christ child in her womb. After the Annunciation, having learned that her cousin Elizabeth was with child, she went in haste to her aid.

Our Blessed Mother shows us how the way we live today can prepare us, in hope, to also enter into heavenly glory at the end of our lives. Are we open to God's precious gift of new life? How do we support expectant mothers and parents of young children? Do we prioritize showing our love and care for loved ones who are ill or aging?

*Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

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### 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.

### PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday	8/17 5:30 PM - Confessions 7:00 PM - Finance Council Meeting
Wednesday	8/18 5:30 PM - Confessions or Adoration at St. Mary's
Thursday	8/19 9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group
Saturday	8/21 3:15 PM - Confessions



### **Religious Education 2021-2022:**

Registrations are open for the new religious education year. The link can be found on our website: [stthomasvt.com/religious-education](http://stthomasvt.com/religious-education)

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

### **Sauce Jars Needed**

We sold a lot of sauce at the Yard Sale/Food Booth last weekend! As you know, many products are hard to get these days and canning supplies are among those in short supply. If anyone has empty 32 oz wide mouth jars from sauce you have purchased, and would like to donate them back to us, please leave them in the parish hall or on the rectory porch. We would really appreciate it!

### **Age Well Grab and Go August Meal**

St. Thomas will be hosting this month's Grab and Go meal on August 25 from 11am-12noon. These meals are free to those 60 and older and prior registration is necessary. Please register by August 20 at 434-3155. The meal will consist of: Spinach and bacon quiche with cheddar and asiago cheeses, home fries, Corn O'Brien, dinner roll with butter, iced blueberry coffee cake, and milk. Please call the office if you know of someone who might like to get a free meal from Age Well.

### **Annual Bishops Appeal**

St. Thomas Parish is 36% to our Bishop's Appeal goal. On July 29, we will celebrate Founder's Day of Giving in memory of our first bishop, Bishop de Goesbriand, and raise money to support the mission of our Diocese. We have received a matching grant that will match any gift made online on this day up to \$20,000. If you have not yet made a gift to the appeal or would like to make an additional gift online, visit [vermontcatholic.org/giveonline](http://vermontcatholic.org/giveonline).

### **Yard Sale Thanks!**

Many thank yous go out to all those who donated items, purchased items, and especially set up and worked all week to arrange our treasures. It is certainly lots of work for those dedicated parishioners to make it all happen. The food booth was successful as well and many, many meatball subs were enjoyed! All told, St. Thomas made over \$7,000 at the sale. This includes a \$1,000 matching donation from Catholic Financial Life and \$65 from the donation jar that will go directly to the Handicap Access Bathroom project in the parish hall beginning this fall. Thank you to all!!

### **Looking Ahead**

You are cordially invited to celebrate the life and teachings of Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman on Sunday, October 10th, at Holy Family Church Hall in Essex Junction, from 4 - 8:00 pm. The evening will include Solemn Vespers, dinner and dessert, and two presentations on the life and thought of Cardinal Newman, featuring a guest speaker from St. Thomas Aquinas College, as well as Fr. Kevin Chalifoux. \$10 per person/\$15 for two/\$5 for each additional guest. For more information or to RSVP by October

3rd: [VermontNewman@gmail.com](mailto:VermontNewman@gmail.com)

### **Looking for Christmas ornaments**

Fr. Lance W. Harlow, founder of the St. Nicholas Project, which supports the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children in Westminster, VT, will have a booth at the Champlain Valley Expo from August 27-August 31 in Essex Jct. He is looking for donations for Christmas ornaments to be used as prizes. Please check your attic, basement or garage for any gently used Christmas ornaments that you would like to get rid of and donate to a good cause. If you have any questions, please contact him at his personal email: [lwharlow@sover.net](mailto:lwharlow@sover.net) or call Corpus Christi Parish (802) 748-8129. Items can be picked up at your church. Deadline for donations is August 25.

*"In times of suffering, the human person should be able to experience a solidarity and a love that takes on the suffering, offering a sense of life that extends beyond death... In the family a person can count on strong relationships, valued in themselves apart from their helpfulness or the joy they bring. It is essential that the sick under care do not feel themselves to be a burden, but can sense the intimacy and support of their loved ones" (SB 4-5).*

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Samaritanus bonus: On the Care of Persons in the Critical and Terminal Phases of Life © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

*Mary, Queen of Heaven,*



## **Readings For the Week**

### **August 16**

Jgs 2:11-19  
Mt 19:16-22

### **August 17**

Jgs 6:11-24a  
Mt 19:23-30

### **August 18**

Jgs 9:6-15  
Mt 20:1-16

### **August 19**

Jgs 11:29-39a  
Mt 22:1-14

### **August 20**

Memorial of Saint Bernard,  
Abbot and Doctor  
of the Church  
Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22  
Mt 22:34-40

### **August 21**

Memorial of Saint Pius X,  
Pope  
Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17  
Mt 23:1-12

### **August 22**

**Twenty-first Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**  
Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b  
Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-  
19, 20-21  
Eph 5:21-32  
JN 6:60-69

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, Sandra Lynch, Alex Wintersteen, Dorothy Reny, Evangeline McSoley, 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.

<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 Council No. 7810</b> 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>
<p><b>PRAY FOR VOCATIONS</b></p> 	<p><b>REED'S QUALITY HEATING</b></p> <p>(802) 899-4362 Personalized Efficient Service</p>  <p>John Reed Licensed Service Technicians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oil furnace &amp; boiler specialist</li> <li>Install, service and clean</li> <li>Oil Tank Installations</li> <li>Plumbing repairs and water heaters</li> </ul> <p>PO Box 97 Jericho, VT 05465</p> <p>www.reedandbenoitqualityheating.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>
<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 <b>Bruce Barry</b></p> <p>Sales: (802) 881-0511 Service: (802) 863-4343 Fax: (802) 660-4393 <b>David Warren</b></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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