



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 CalapanAdministrator
Rev. Mr. Peter Brooks..... Deacon
Theresa Gingras..... Secretary
Laura Lynch WellsRel. Ed. Coordinator
Patrice Rogers - 399-6226.....Music Ministry

St. Thomas Cemeteries

Range Rd., Irish Settlement Rd., Pleasant Valley Rd.
Nate Sullivan899-4732
Tim Clark735-7341

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

August 28
SAT 4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Dora Herman requested by Brad and Betsy Soutiere
 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

August 29
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

MON NO Mass

TUES 6:30 PM - Mass for the people of Haiti

WED 8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
 Followed by Confession and Adoration

THU NO Mass

FRI 8:00 AM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Jo Ann Konczal requested by the Konczal family
 8:30 AM - Confessions and Adoration

September 4
SAT 4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Ross Perri requested by Sean and Mary Ann Ledwith
 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

September 5
SUN 8:05 AM - Rosary
 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Albert Bernasconi requested by Ed and Louise Mathews
 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>September 4 & 5</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 May	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
 Please contact the office if you would like to begin serving as
 a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Server

Emergency Second Collection for Haiti

Massive 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit Haiti recently, killing nearly 1300 people, with death toll numbers increasing. The shock leveled homes, leaving thousands without shelter. Countless others are injured and hospitals are already overwhelmed. Haiti is a country already susceptible to hurricanes and still recovering from the disastrous earthquake a decade ago and many in Haiti are already facing widespread hunger due to drought and economic instability. Your gift is critical for the families in Haiti. When you give, you provide immediate assistance for our Haitian sisters and brothers desperate to survive this devastating situation. Your help will deliver immediate relief. Your prayers and support will make so much difference. Please give generously during this weekend's collection.

Stewardship - August 21 & 22, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,730.77
 Regular Collection:(incl. \$375 On-Line Giving)....\$ 1,697.00

Please give online at www.stthomasvt.com/donate or mail your contributions directly to the parish tPO Box 3, Underhill, VT 05490. Thank you for your generosity.

Pope St. Gregory the Great, Doctor of the Church Feast Day: September 3

St. Gregory was born in Rome about 540 AD, the son of Gordianus. He was a wealthy senator at the height of his renown when he retired to enter religion, and was to become one of the seven cardinal-deacons in charge of the poor and the suffering in the hospitals of Rome. Gregory's mother Sylvia left him to enter a small oratory near Saint Paul's in Rome, where she led a life of such austerity and holiness that she was a constant example to the Catholics of Rome during her lifetime. She was canonized by the church after her death. The feast of Saint Sylvia is celebrated on November 3. Besides his mother, two of Saint Gregory's aunts were canonized. They are his father's sisters, Saints Tarsilla and Aemiliana, of whom Pope Gregory often speaks in his writings.

Gregory later renounced the world and became one of the seven deacons of Rome. After he had acquired the usual thorough education, Emperor Justin the Younger appointed him Chief Magistrate of Rome in 574, although he was only thirty-four years of age.

After the death of his father, he built six monasteries in Sicily and founded a seventh in his own house in Rome, which became the Benedictine Monastery of St. Andrew. Here, he himself assumed the monastic habit in 575, at the age of thirty-five. Against his own will, St. Gregory was chosen Pope by the unanimous consent of priests and people. Now began those labors, which merited for him the title of "Great". His zeal extended over the entire known world, he was in contact with all the Churches of Christendom and, in spite of his bodily sufferings, and innumerable labors, he found time to compose a great number of works.

There has been a revival also in our day of the beautifully reverent "Gregorian Chant", named in honor of Saint Gregory's patient labor in restoring the ancient chant of the Church and in setting down the rules to be followed so that Church music might more perfectly fulfill its function. Pope Gregory held that the place of Church music was a subordinate one. It should never provide, he said, anything more than a background for the sacred reenactment of Calvary. It should never draw attention to itself, and away from the Holy sacrifice of the Mass. It should, while disposing the minds of the faithful to profound reverence of God, and making more ardent the love of their hearts for Him, never become an end in itself.

He is known above all for his magnificent contributions to the Liturgy of the Mass and Office. He died on March 12, 604. He was canonized immediately after his death, by the unanimous acclaim of his people. Later, because of the volume, the extraordinary insight and the profundity of his writings, the depth and extent of his learning, and the heroic holiness of his life, the Church gratefully placed him beside Jerome and Ambrose and Augustine. Saint Gregory the Great became the fourth of the Church's four great Doctors of the West.

Week Day Mass Changes

Beginning in September, the week day Mass times will be slightly changed. There will no longer be a Thursday morning Mass at St. Thomas. Instead we will have Mass on Friday morning at 8:00 AM with Adoration on the First Friday of each month, following the Mass. The Tuesday Mass time is unchanged. If you attend week day Masses at St. Mary's, please consult their bulletin for those changes as well.

PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday 8/24 5:30 PM - Confessions
 Wednesday 8/25 11:00 AM - Age Well Grab and Go Luncheon
 5:30 PM - Confessions or Adoration at St. Mary's
 Thursday 8/26 9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group
 Saturday 8/28 3:15 PM - Confessions



Religious Education 2021-2022:

Registrations are open for the new religious education year. In Person classes will begin on September 19th The link can be found on our website: stthomasvt.com/religious-education

Harvest Market

St. Thomas will again be participating in Harvest Market on September 25th & 26th by selling meatball subs, cinnamon rolls and sauce. We would love to see you there to support our fundraising efforts. We would appreciate any help at the booth, but especially Friday evening set-up and Sunday evening to help bring items back to the church. Please contact Sharon Lockwood at SDL930@comcast.net if you can volunteer.

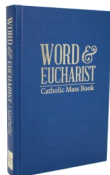


September Breakfast

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!

Housekeeper Needed

St. Thomas is in need of a part time housekeeper. Duties would include vacuuming and dusting in the church and parish hall, cleaning bathrooms, emptying trash, and light cleaning in the rectory. We can offer 6-8 hours per week and \$14 per hour. Please contact Teri in the parish office at 899-4632.



Word & Eucharist Mass Books

We are looking into what missals we will need in the coming year and wanted to see if there is interest in purchasing the Word & Eucharist

Catholic Mass Book, Sunday edition, which is a complete hardcover ritual and lectionary book for use on Sundays, Feasts and Solemnities. It contains everything parishioners need to follow along, understand, and consciously participate in all of the Rites and Orders that take place within Mass. Parishioners could purchase these books for \$18 each and keep them as their own. Unlike the previous Breaking Bread missals, these never need replacing. Please call the office or email office@stthomasvt.com if this is something you would like. We are also working on music books and daily Mass options to have available in church.

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.

Volunteering at the Sugarhouse at the Fair

The Champlain Valley Fair is back on! The fair dates are August 27 -September 5 and your help is needed. No experience necessary! Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings are always our busiest nights with concert/events, but volunteers are needed for all days. Our shifts are 9:30am-4:00pm and 4:00pm-10:00pm each day. Each volunteer receives a fair pass with parking, a \$15 meal allowance, a tee shirt, entry into a prize drawing at the end of the Fair, and an invitation to a free volunteer dinner in late September. If you can help us, please call Megan Davis at 802-825-8294. PLEASE CALL EARLY as we are NOT able to schedule at the last minute this year. Many thanks! Chittenden County Maple Sugar Makers Association.

Shoes for St. Nicholas

The St. Nicholas Project is conducting its fall fundraiser, "Shoes for St. Nicholas." They are inviting Catholics throughout the diocese to make a donation to the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children to help the staff purchase new shoes and winter boots for the boys and girls. Kurn Hattin is a non-profit residential care facility for boys and girls ages 5-15 located in Westminster, VT. Fr. Lance W. Harlow founded The St. Nicholas Project as an association of Catholics who help support the children's home with material and financial donations. You can make an on-line donation by visiting: www.thestnicholasproject.com and go to the Donate icon. Or, mail a check directly to: Kurn Hattin Homes for Children P.O. Box 127 Westminster, VT 05158. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Harlow at: lwaharlow@sover.net. Thank you for remembering the boys and girls at the children's home and for being their special guardian angels. God bless you!

Growing the Pro-Life Revolution

Join Savannah Dudzik at the Life Symposium on October 2, 2021 at the Doubletree Hilton, Burlington, 9am—3pm. Savannah is communications assistant at Illinois Right to Life where she manages social media as well as the organization's blog and *Life Chat* podcast. She will present a workshop geared specifically for students to help understand the issues impacting human life at the crossroads of law, medicine, and their community. Registration is \$50 (student scholarships are available). Visit vrlc.net for more information and to register.

"No sin or crime is greater than God's mercy. The sacrifice of the Cross reveals that Christ's greatest desire is to forgive those with a repentant heart."

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Death Penalty: Catholic Q&A"*

Readings For the Week



August 30

1 Thes 4:13-18

Lk 4:16-30

August 31

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11

Lk 4:31-37

September 1

Col 1:1-8

Lk 4:38-44

September 2

Col 1:9-14

Lk 5:1-11

September 3

Memorial of Saint Gregory
the Great, Pope and Doctor
of the Church

Col 1:1-15-20

Lk 5:33-39

September 4

Col 1:21-23

Lk 6:1-5

September 5

**Twenty-third Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Is 35:4-7a

Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

Jas 2:1-5

Mk 7:31-37



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, Les Lashway 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>Natural Family Planning</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>Sharon Trani MSN; APRN Nurse Practitioner - NFP teacher 802-326-2015 strani@vermontcatholic.org</p>	<p>Repentant Reconciled Renewed</p>	 <p>St. Thomas Church Knights of Columbus 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>PHIL POTVIN 27 MOOSE RUN 899-3305 UNDERHILL</p>	<p>CORNERSTONE CONSTRUCTION, INC. P.O. Box 178 Underhill Ctr., VT 05490</p>  <p>RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL BUILDING & REMODELING</p> <p>Bill MacDonough</p> <p>Phone: 802-343-9605 CornerstoneConstructionVT.com</p>		<p>For prayers answered</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>PRAY FOR VOCATIONS</p> 	<p>REED'S QUALITY HEATING</p> <p>(802) 899-4362 Personalized Efficient Service</p>  <p>John Reed Licensed Service Technicians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oil furnace & boiler specialist Install, service and clean Oil Tank Installations Plumbing repairs and water heaters <p>PO Box 97 Jericho, VT 05465</p> <p>www.reedandbenoitqualityheating.com</p>		<p>For prayers answered</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>Elegant Wood Floors</p> <p>Robbe "Kibby" Pierce 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>RCIA = Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</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>Adult Confirmation</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>Confirming Their Faith</p> 	<p>RCIA = Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</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>Adult Confirmation</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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<p>Pierre Donzé Inc.</p> <p>Plaster Trowel Coatings Construction Services</p>  <p>P.O. Box 264 Cambridge, VT 05444 Phone/Fax: 802-644-5426 Email: donzeboy@yahoo.com</p>	<p>First Step PRINT SHOP</p> <p>LIKE us on facebook</p> <p>Orders@FirstStepPrintShop.com Phone: 899-2708 Fax: 899-2021 22 Park St. • Underhill, VT 05489</p>	<p>Lamoureux & Dickinson</p> <p>14 Morse Drive Essex, VT 05452 878-4450 LDengineering.com</p> <p>Land surveys Septic Design Subdivisions Site Plans Wetland Delineation Permitting</p>	<p>Would you like to place an ad in our bulletin?</p> <p>Call the parish office at 899-4632 for details.</p>