

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

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
MON	6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
TUES	NO Mass
WED	NO Mass
THU	NO Mass
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass in remembrance of those who died on September 11, 2001
September 11	
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
September 12	
SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Theresa Fraser requested by Tim Potvin and family 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>September 11 & 12</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 Ledwith	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

Successful Collection for Haiti

Thank you to all who donated toward the special collection for Haiti. We are able to send over \$800 to Catholic Relief Services for emergency aid to Haiti. If you are still wanting to make a donation, you still have time. I will be forwarding a check to the diocese on September 9. Thank you.

Catholic University Second Collection

This weekend, we will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting both future Catholic leaders, religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, Faith-rooted education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. Please give generously. Learn more at: collection.catholic.edu.

Stewardship - August 28 & 29, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,730.77
 Regular Collection:(incl. \$461 On-Line Giving)....\$ 1,994.00
 Special Collection - Aid to Haiti:\$ 849.00
 Please give online at www.stthomasvt.com/donate or mail your contributions directly to the parish t PO Box 3, Underhill, VT 05490. Thank you for your generosity.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, September 8

The origin of this Feast is fought in Palestine. It goes back to the consecration of a church in Jerusalem, which tradition identifies as that of the present basilica of St. Ann. The Birth of Mary has been assigned to September 8 both in the East and the West, but in ancient times it was celebrated on different dates from place to place.

The Blessed Virgin Mary had a singular mission in the History of Salvation. The birth of the Blessed Virgin is in direct relationship with the coming of the Savior of the world. Thus, the birth and existence of Mary takes on a significance that transcends her own person. It is explained solely in the context of the History of Salvation, connected with the People of God of the Old Covenant and the New. Mary's birth lies at the confluence of the two Testaments - bringing to an end the stage of expectation and the promises and inaugurating the new times of grace and salvation in Jesus Christ.

Mary, the Daughter of Zion and personification of Israel, is the last and most worthy representative of the People of the Old Covenant but at the same time she is "the hope and the dawn of the whole world." With her, the elevated Daughter of Zion, after a long expectation of the promises, the times are fulfilled and a new [divine plan] is established (LG 55).

The birth of Mary is determined in particular toward her mission as Mother of the Savior. Her existence is intimately connected with that of Christ: it partakes of a unique plan of predestination and grace. God's mysterious plan regarding the incarnation of the Word embraces also the Virgin who is His Mother. In this way, the Birth of Mary is at the very heart of the History of Salvation.

The Biblical readings of the Feast have a clear intention that forms the backdrop for contemplating the figure of Mary.

The virginity stressed by the Gospel text is the sign of the Divine origin of the Son and of the absolute newness that now comes forth in the history of human beings.

Joy pervades the whole of this Feast's liturgy. Much joy is stirred up by the birth of the Mother of the Savior. This is a Feast that serves as a prelude to the "joy to all people" brought about by the Birth of the Son of God at Christmas and expressed by the singing of hymns and carols.

Added to this theme of joy on this Marian Feast is that of light because with Mary's birth the darkness is dispersed, and there rises in the world the dawn that announces the Sun of Justice, Christ the Lord.

Week Day Mass Changes

The week day Mass times have been 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

Monday	9/6	5:30 PM - Confessions and Adoration at St. Mary's
Tuesday	9/7	NO Confessions - Father is away 7:00 PM - Parish Council
Thursday	9/9	9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group
Saturday	9/11	3:15 PM - Confessions

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Religious Education 2021-2022:

Religious Education begins Sunday September 19

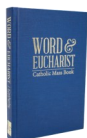


Registrations are open for the new religious education year. In Person classes will begin on September 19th The link can be found on our website: stthomasvt.com/religious-education

Middle School Rally

On Saturday, October 30th, from 9:30am - 5:30pm at St. John Vianney Parish in South Burlington, the diocese will hold a state-wide Middle School Rally for youth and catechists who work with them. Nationally known speaker and musician Chris Padgett will lead the day. Assuming that most middle schoolers have been confirmed, the focus of the day will be living joyfully as we become Saints. There will be two meetings for the adults to share their hopes and plans. Lunch will be provided. The cost is \$15 per person. The Rally will end with the 4:30pm Mass. For more information or to register, please contact Fr. Pat Forman at patforman@charter.net

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.

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. Parish hall seating as well as breakfast to go will be available. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses or by calling the office at 899-4632.



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.

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 lwharlow@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!

Attention Crafters

Area crafters! Don't miss out on this great opportunity to sell your works at the Saturday, November 13, 2021 St John Vianney Craft Fair! No imports, manufactured, commercial or resale items will be allowed. All items must be original and produced by the artist. To reserve your space contact Catherine Joachim 802.233.0289 or Dick Labrecque 802.864.5439 no later than September 30, 2021.

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

"The Church has consistently taught that every human life is precious and worthy of protection."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Another Look at Abortion"

respectlife.org/another-look-at-abortion

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.

Readings For the Week



September 6

Col 1:24-2:3 1

Lk 6:6-11

September 7

Col 2:6-15

Lk 6:12-19

September 8

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a

Ps 13:6ab, 6c

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

September 9

Memorial of Saint Peter

Claver, Priest

Col 3:12-17

Lk 6:27-38

September 10

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14

Lk 6:39-42

September 11

1 Tm 1:15-17

Lk 6:43-49

September 12

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:5-9a

Ps 116:1-2,3-4,5-6,8-9

Jas 2:14-18

Mk 8:27-35



<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> 
 <p>God Bless America</p>	 <p>Dave Chenette Realtor/Broker Business 802-264-1991 · Fax 802-318-4662 e-mail: Dave@DaveChenette.com website: www.DaveChenette.com</p>	 <p>Heating Oil • Propane • Service</p> <p>P.O. Box 253 • Richmond, VT 05477 tel 800-427-9276 • fax 802-434-3518 • info@pattersonfuels.com</p>	
<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>