

# 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

Phone: 899-4632  
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E-Mail: [office@stthomasvt.com](mailto:office@stthomasvt.com)  
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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

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

**MON** 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

**TUES** 6:30 PM - Mass for the health and wellbeing of Dorothy Reny requested by the Knights of Columbus

**WED** 8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

**THU** NO Mass

**FRI** 8:00 AM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Dale Bolio requested by Dan and Elizabeth MacDonald

September 18

**SAT** 4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Michael Pollak requested by Bob and Martha Pollak  
6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

September 19

**SUN** 8:05 AM - Rosary  
8:30 AM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Patrick McCarthy requested by Brad and Betsy Soutiere  
10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

Ministry Schedule September 18 & 19	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors	Altar Servers
4:00 PM SATURDAY	NONE	D Dufresne	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

### Second Collection Next Weekend—Fuel & Heat

Next weekend we will take up our quarterly collection for the fuel and heat fund. Our chimneys have been repaired and furnaces cleaned in anticipation of fuel efficient winter heating. As always, thank you for your generosity.

### 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.

### Stewardship - September 4 & 5, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal: .....\$ 2,730.77  
Regular Collection: .....(incl. \$461 On-Line Giving)....\$ 3,146.00  
Special Collection - Catholic University: .....\$ 146.00  
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.

## The Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross September 14

The one symbol most often identified with Jesus and his Church is the cross. This Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross traces its beginning to Jerusalem and the dedication of the church built on the site of Mount Calvary in 335 AD. But the meaning of the cross is deeper than any city, any celebration, any building. The cross is a sign of suffering, a sign of human cruelty at its worst. But by Christ's love shown in the Paschal Mystery, it has become the sign of triumph and victory over evil and death, the sign of God, who is love itself.

Believers have always looked to the cross in times of suffering. People in concentration camps, in prisons, in hospitals, in any place of suffering and loneliness, have been known to draw, trace, or form crosses and focus their eyes and hearts on them. The cross does not explain pain and misery. It does not give us any easy answers. But it does help us to see our lives united with Christ's.

We often make the Sign of the Cross over ourselves. We make it before prayer to help fix our minds and hearts on God. We make it after prayer, hoping to stay close to God. In trials and temptations, the cross is a sign of strength and protection. The cross is the sign of the fullness of life that is ours. At Baptism, too, the Sign of the Cross is used; the priest, parents, and godparents make the sign on the forehead of the child. A sign made on the forehead is a sign of belonging. By the Sign of the Cross in Baptism, Jesus takes us as his own in a unique way. Let us look to the cross often. Let us make the Sign of the Cross and realize we bring our whole selves to God—our minds, souls, bodies, wills, thoughts, hearts—everything we are and will become.

*O cross, you are the glorious sign of our victory.  
Through your power may we share in the triumph of  
Christ Jesus.*

*(Prayer of Christians)*

### 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	9/13 5:30 PM - Confessions and Adoration at St. Mary's
Tuesday	9/14 5:30 PM - Confessions 7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting
Thursday	9/16 9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group
Saturday	9/18 **second collection - Fuel & Heat** 3:15 PM - Confessions

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

### Religious Education 2021-2022:

#### Religious Education begins Sunday September 19—

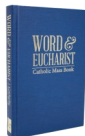
Registrations are open for the new religious education year. In Person classes will begin on September 19th The link can be found on our website: [stthomasvt.com/religious-education](http://stthomasvt.com/religious-education)



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:SDL930@comcast.net) if you can volunteer.

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### Advance Directive:

The Diocese of Burlington has revised its Vermont Catholic Advance Directive and encourages all people, regardless of age, to consider this legal document which protects and ensures your medical care and end of life decisions will be in concert with the Catholic Faith. Documents are available in the rectory or may be obtained by calling the Marriage, Family and Respect Life office at [www.vermontcatholic.org](http://www.vermontcatholic.org) or by calling 658-6111.

### 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.

### 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](mailto:patforman@charter.net)

### 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.

### Bishop's Annual Appeal Progress

Overall, the diocese is 63% to the Bishop's Appeal goal and 22 parishes are 80% or more to goal! Here at St. Thomas, we have raised \$9,480 toward our goal of \$20,455. That's 46%! Thank you for all those who have made a donation to the appeal.

"By our baptism, we are members of Christ's body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God."

*USCCB, "Open Wide Our Hearts"*

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 13

Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Tm 2:1-8

Lk 7:1-10

### September 14

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9

Jn 3:13-17

### September 15

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 3:14-16

Jn 19:25-27

### September 16

Memorial of Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Saint Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Tm 4:12-16

Lk 7:36-50

### September 17

Memorial of Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

1 Tm 6:2c-12

Lk 8:1-3

### September 18

1 Tm 6:13-16

Lk 8:4-15

### September 19

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12,17-20

Ps 54:3-4,5,6 & 8

Jas 3:16-4:3

Mk 9:30-37

<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> <p>PO Box 97 Jericho, VT 05465</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>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 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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