



St. Thomas Church

6 Green Street
PO Box 3
Underhill Center, VT 05490

Office Hours:
M-TH 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

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Tue. 2:00 PM-5:00 PM, Thur. 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

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Parish Staff

Rev. Richard CalapanAdministrator
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Theresa Gingras..... Secretary
Laura Lynch WellsRel. Ed. Coordinator
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St. Thomas Cemeteries

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

October 23

SAT 4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Frank Babicz requested by Ed and Louise Mathews
6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

October 24

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
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MON 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
TUES 6:30 PM - Mass for all those on our care list
WED 8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption followed by Confessions and Adoration
THU NO Mass
FRI 8:00 AM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Sandra Lynch requested by Laura Lynch Wells

October 30

SAT 4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the souls of Stephan and Jane Kellner requested by the Kellner Family
6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

October 31

SUN 8:05 AM - Rosary
8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Vito Parisi requested by the Tim and Theresa Potvin family
10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>October 30 & 31</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	D Dufresne	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	NONE	L Wells	NONE

Today is World Mission Sunday

We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

Priest Benefit Fund Collection Next Weekend

Bishop Salvatore R. Matano established the annual collection for the Priests' Benefit Retirement Fund as a way for the faithful of the diocese to contribute toward their parish priests' pensions, in gratitude for the priestly ministry rendered by these dedicated priests to the faithful whom they served in parishes, and continue to serve in sacramental ministry. The Priests' Benefit Fund needs generous gifts to cover the future liability and to cover the pensions of the senior priests into the future.

Stewardship - October 16 & 17, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,730.77
Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$378 On-Line Giving)\$ 3,347.00

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.

St. Luke the Apostle and Evangelist, October 18

On October 18 Catholics celebrate the feast of St. Luke, the physician and companion of St. Paul whose gospel preserved the most extensive biography of Jesus Christ. St. Luke wrote more of the New Testament than any other single author, including the earliest history of the Church called the Acts of the Apostles. Ancient traditions also acknowledge Luke as the founder of Christian iconography (images and symbols), making him a patron of artists as well as doctors and other medical caregivers.

Luke came from the large metropolitan city of Antioch, a part of modern-day Turkey. In Luke's lifetime, his native city emerged as an important center of early Christianity. During the future saint's early years, the city's port had already become a cultural center, renowned for arts and sciences. Historians do not know whether Luke came to Christianity from Judaism or paganism, although there are strong suggestions that Luke was a gentile convert.

Educated as a physician in the Greek-speaking city, Luke was among the most cultured and cosmopolitan members of the early Church. Scholars of archeology and ancient literature have ranked him among the top historians of his time period, besides noting the outstanding Greek prose style and accuracy of his accounts of Christ's life and the apostles' missionary journeys.

St. Luke's writings were the only ones to incorporate the personal testimony of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose role in Christ's life emerges most clearly in his gospel. Tradition credits him with painting several icons of Christ's mother, and one of the sacred portraits ascribed to him – known by the title “Salvation of the Roman People” -- survives to this day in the Basilica of St. Mary Major.

After St. Paul's conversion, Luke accompanied him as his personal physician-- and, in effect, as a kind of biographer, since the journeys of Paul on which Luke accompanied him occupy a large portion of the Acts of the Apostles. Luke wrote this text, the final narrative portion of the New Testament, in the city of Rome where the account ends.

Luke was also among the only companions of Paul who did not abandon him during his final imprisonment and death in Rome. After the martyrdom of St. Paul in the year 67, St. Luke is said to have preached elsewhere throughout the Mediterranean, and possibly died as a martyr. However, even tradition is unclear on this point. Fittingly, the evangelist whose travels and scholarship could have filled volumes, wrote just enough to proclaim the gospel and apostolic preaching to the world.



PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	10/24	10-11:15 AM - Religious Ed Grade K-5
Tuesday	10/26	5:30 PM - Confessions
Thursday	10/28	9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group
Saturday	10/30	**Second Collection - Priest Benefit Fund ** 9-10:15 AM - Confirmation - Grades 6-7 3:15 PM - Confessions
Sunday	10/31	10-11:15 AM - Religious Ed Grade K-5



Religious Education 2021-2022:

Saturdays, Confirmation Class: Grades 6&7 in the parish hall.

Sundays, Rel Ed K-5: Openings upstairs in the church. Classes: Grades K-2 classes in the parish hall; Grades 3-5 in the Sacristy.

Fried Onions

The Essex Jericho Underhill food shelf is putting together a bag of Thanksgiving foods to go along with turkeys at the November Distribution. St. Thomas has been assigned 60 packages of **fried onions** for green bean casserole. Please consider adding a couple of boxes to your shopping cart. These items as well as the regular donations will be collected and distributed during the November 20th distribution. Thanks for the continued support of the Food shelf.

RCIA

Are you interested in exploring the Catholic faith or becoming a Catholic? Join us for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). It is the process by which non-Catholics enter the Catholic Faith. To become a Catholic, one must understand the teachings of the Church, believe in those teachings, and be a baptized Catholic. Those who are not baptized will study the teachings of the Catholic Church through RCIA and conclude their journey with the reception of the Sacrament of Baptism into the Church. Those who were baptized as a Protestant, will study the teachings of the Catholic Faith in RCIA and conclude their journey with their reception into the Church by a priest, which may include a conditional Baptism and a profession of the Catholic Faith. Interested persons may contact Laura Wells at stthomasvt.com@gmail.com or call 899-4770

Adult Confirmation:

Adult Catholics who have been baptized, received First Communion and are practicing their Catholic faith but have not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to participate in a formation program for the sacrament. Interested persons may contact Laura Wells to prepare for the sacrament at 802-899-4632 or by email at: stthomasvt.com@gmail.com

Word & Eucharist Books

Our new Word and Eucharist Sunday Mass books will be arriving soon in time for the new liturgical year beginning November 28th. If you ordered a book and have not already done so, please send your check for \$18 to PO Box 3, Underhill Ctr., VT 05490, or drop in the offertory basket on Sunday. Thank you.

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.

Country Music

"Not just heartbreaks and honky-tonk: Country Music and Sacred Space"- join us for an engaging event presented by Fr. Richard Berube, SSE, retired St. Michael's College Religious Education Professor and Jeff Firlik, music minister, to take place at Holy Family Parish Hall at 36 Lincoln Street, Essex Junction, VT on Thursday, October 28th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Due to the pandemic, we ask that you please wear a mask so that we have a safe environment for all to participate.

COH Capitol Campaign

Perhaps You Were Born for Such a Time as This. — Esther 4:14 The situation and circumstances we face today, in the culture and the Church, call for us to move from maintenance to mission. At every Catholic parish in Vermont, we are called to respond in faith — in new ways, with a new vigor. Many of you have received the Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign letter in the mail that included an insert that describes how every parish plans to use their 60% of funds raised. It is quite amazing the impact this campaign will have throughout our statewide Diocese. Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift that will renew our parishes and move our Church from maintenance to mission. To learn more about the campaign visit: www.christourhopevt.org.

Diocesan Women's Retreat

The Heart of Prayer: Our living relationship with God. Saturday, Nov. 13, 9am-2:15pm at St. Catherine of Sienna, Shelburne, Vermont. Key Note: Sister Barbara Cline, Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Limited number of attendees, deadline registration November 6 with \$30 payment. There will be a waitlist in event of cancellations made prior to retreat. Contact Terri McCormack (802) 658-6110 x1451 or email tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org

"I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. ...But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. ...The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation."

Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, no. 99. © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana.

Thank you St. Jude
for favors granted. JC

Readings For the Week

October 25

Rom 8:12-17

Lk 13:10-17

October 26

Rom 8:18-25

Lk 13:18-21

October 27

Rom 8:26-30

Lk 13:22-30

October 28

Feast of Saints Simon and

Jude, Apostles

Eph 2:19-22

Ps 19:2-3, 4-5

Lk 6:12-16

October 29

Rom 9:1-5

Lk 14:1-6

October 30

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12,
25-29

Lk 14:1, 7-11

October 31

Thirty-first Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Dt 6:2-6

Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

Heb 7:23-28

Mk 12:28b-34



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, Gene Wells, Diane Dufresne, Audra Goss, Alicia Alesandrini, Peggy 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 Sandra Lynch and 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> <p>PO Box 97 Jericho, VT 05465</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oil furnace & boiler specialist • Install, service and clean • Oil Tank Installations • Plumbing repairs and water heaters <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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