



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
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Laura Lynch WellsRel. Ed. Coordinator
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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

October 30 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the souls of Stephan and Jane Kellner requested by the Kellner Family <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption</i>
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 <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption</i>
MON	All Saints Day <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption</i>
TUES	All Souls Day 6:30 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Robert McDermott requested by Laura Wells
WED	<i>NO Mass at St. Mary</i>
THU	<i>NO Mass</i>
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass for the repose of the soul of JoAnn Konczal requested by the Konczal family
November 6 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the Parishioners of St. Thomas and St. Mary's Parishes <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption</i>
November 7 SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM - Mass for the repose of the soul of George Lawler requested by Sean and Mary Ann Ledwith <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption</i>

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>November 6 & 7</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 Girouard	NONE

Full schedule at www.stthomasvt.com/liturgy-member-schedule
Please contact the office if you would like to begin serving as Lector

Second Collection - Priest Benefit Fund

The Priests Benefit Fund works to support our priests throughout their ministry, but especially seeks to provide senior and disabled priests with sufficient financial means to lead a prayerful and dignified life. The Fund was established as a means to care for the ill and aged priests with healthcare needs, and support a pension program providing a modest pension and health insurance coverage.

Daylight Savings



Daylight savings ends next Sunday, November 7. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night!

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 it in the offertory basket on Sunday. If you would like to order a book, call Teri at the 899-4632. Thank you.

Stewardship - October 23 & 24, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,730.77
Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$378 On-Line Giving)\$ 1,735.00

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



Hallowe'en, as it is celebrated today, comprises a mishmash of different cultural traditions. Hallowe'en as we know it developed in relation to a feast which is definitely Catholic – the Solemnity of All Saints celebrated on November 1. There are more

than 10,000 canonized saints in the Church, which means that not all of them can be recognized on a calendar of 365 days: All Saints Day commemorates all saints, canonized and otherwise.

This feast was first officially established by Pope Boniface IV in 615 as the "Feast of All Martyrs". In 840, the title changed to the "Feast of All Saints" as saints other than the martyrs were added. From the 4th Century until 844 this feast was celebrated on May 13. But Pope Gregory IV transferred the celebration to November 1 so that it would coincide with harvest to be able to provide food for pilgrims. Some scholars argue it was moved in order to "baptize" a pagan holiday – it is possible that both accounts are correct.

Hallowe'en, All Saints and All Souls form an unofficial triduum sometimes called "Allhallowtide". The placement of the days is significant, expressing the Christian belief in the "Communion of Saints". The Communion of Saints is the union of all the faithful on Earth (the Church Militant), the saints in Heaven (Church Triumphant) and the Poor Souls in Purgatory (Church Suffering).

The solemnity of All Saints commemorates the Church Triumphant, while All Souls commemorates the Church Suffering. Hallowe'en is a celebration, we might argue, of the Church Militant, those pilgrims left on earth to do the Lord's work. We celebrate with our fellow pilgrims, our earthly brothers and sisters in Christ, rejoicing in the gifts of God given to us in creation.

This act of rejoicing for the gifts of life is celebrated, in typical Catholic fashion, as a *memento mori* – a reminder of the inevitability of death. Many of the traditions which we now follow on Hallowe'en, such as trick-or-treating and lighting jack-o-lanterns, stem from its connection with All Saints Day and provide reminders of our death and eternal life. The symbolic location of Hallowe'en on the point of nature's death has a Catholic significance.

All Saints Day and its Vigil, Hallowe'en, are days of celebration and hope first and foremost. It is a family day – we celebrate the memory of those family members, our brothers and sisters in the faith, now sharing eternal happiness in the presence of God. Unsurprisingly, a wide array of traditions has developed in connection with this great feast.

All Saints is a holy day of obligation, so as a Catholic, our first responsibility is to attend Mass (if any holy day falls on a Saturday or Monday, they aren't considered holy days of obligation, because they're back-to-back with Sunday) – after that, a variety of celebrations are open to us. How you spent the vigil, Hallowe'en, depended on where in Christendom you lived. For instance, in Brittany, the night was solemn and without a trace of merriment. In Ireland and Scotland, whence we draw some of our traditions, it was a lively combination of prayer and merriment. In England, it was common during the Middle Ages that beggars would go from door to door, asking for food or donations in return for prayers for the holy souls. This practice became known as "souling" and the cakes frequently offered to them as "soul cakes". The Day of the Dead (Spanish: Día de Muertos or Día de los Muertos) is a holiday celebrated on the 1st and 2nd of November. It originated and is mostly observed in Mexico but also in other places, especially by people of Mexican heritage elsewhere. The multi-day holiday involves family and friends gathering to pay respects and to remember friends and family members who have died. These celebrations can take a humorous tone, as celebrants remember funny events and anecdotes about the departed. All together, we have a mixture of traditions. Let us be reminded of our ultimate goal of eternal life with Christ in Heaven as we celebrate the unofficial triduum of "Allhallowtide."

PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday	11/2	5:30 PM - Confessions
Thursday	11/4	9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group
Saturday	11/5	9-10:15 AM - Confirmation - Grades 6-7 3:15 PM - Confessions
Sunday	11/6	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.

COH Capitol Campaign

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. —James 1:17. St. Thomas Parish is 9% to goal. With the contributions we have received already, we will be able to finish restoring our stained glass windows. The needs of our parish and of our Church in Vermont are urgent. Your generosity allows us to address these needs and build a vibrant Church for the future during one of our most challenging times. To learn more about the campaign or to make a gift visit: www.christourhopevt.org.

GM Habitat for Humanity

Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity is in need of volunteers at their job site on North Ave as well as in their ReStores in Milton and Williston. They are in the process of finishing a single-family home and a duplex at the North Ave site and the families are eager to get into their homes. As we head into the holiday season and people are looking for places to give back, they hope that you would consider Green Mountain Habitat for Humanity. Their construction site offers a unique experience for people to learn important life skills while giving back to those in need. They also have schedule flexibility with the ReStore as it is open 7 days a week from 10am-6pm. If you know anyone who might be interested, or you may be interested yourself, please contact Kali Wood at (802)857-5296 ext. 8 or kali@vermonthabitat.org. They would love to have volunteers join them to give back and bring awareness to their mission.

K of C November Breakfast



The St. Thomas Parish Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Country Breakfast on Sunday, November 14, from 8-10:30 AM. The buffet style breakfast will be served in the Parish Hall and will include juice, fruit, eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries, and coffee or tea. The cost is by donation. ALL ARE WELCOME! Take-out will be available.

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.

Open House at Christ the King November 2nd

Christ the King School in Burlington, a Catholic school serving learners of all faiths from 3 years old through 8th grade, will host an in-person Open House on Tuesday, **November 2nd starting at 8:45 AM**. Join us to meet our school leadership, teachers, and discover what makes CKS such a special place. Registration is required and can be found here: <http://www.cksvt.org/open-house>

Diocesan Women's Retreat

The Heart of Prayer: Our living relationship with God. Saturday, Nov. 13, 9am-2:15pm at St. Catherine of Siena, 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 tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org or 658-6110 x1451

Redeemable Bottles and Cans

Please consider donating your clean, redeemable bottles and cans to help fund the St. Thomas Religious Education Program. You can put them in the plastic bin next to the rectory. We would like to thank the volunteers from the Religious Ed program who redeem the bottles/cans for us.

Volunteers Needed

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home in Burlington is looking for energetic and compassionate volunteers who enjoy working with an active senior population. Arts & Crafts: Do you have 1.5 - 2 hours each week to conduct a simple adult-style craft project? Reading with our residents: Do you have one hour each week to read with our residents? If you are interested in spending time with our wonderful residents, please email our Resident Service Coordinator, Amy, at amuir@vermontcatholic.org. You need to have received a COVID-19 vaccination and will be required to complete a volunteer application and background check

"We know earthly death is not the end, but rather the door through which we must pass to gain eternal life. Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"
respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations

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.

Thank you St. Jude
for favors granted. JC

Readings For the Week

November 1

Solemnity of All Saints

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14

Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6

1 Jn 3:1-3

Mt 5:1-12a

November 2

**The Commemoration of
All the Faithful Departed
(All Souls)**

Wis 3:1-9

Jn 6:37-40

November 3

Rom 13:8-10

Lk 14:25-33

November 4

**Memorial of Saint Charles
Borromeo, Bishop**

Rom 14:7-12

Lk 15:1-10

November 5

Rom 15:14-21

Lk 16:1-8

November 6

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27

Lk 16:9-15

November 7

**Thirty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

1 Kgs 17:10-16

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

Heb 9:24-28

Mk 12:38-44

<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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