



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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Theresa Gingras..... Secretary
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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

November 20

SAT 4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Thomas Manion requested by Patrick and Jean Burke

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

November 21

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

TUES 6:30 PM - Mass for the spiritual and physical health and wellbeing of Rene and Barbara Desany

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

THU Thanksgiving Day

9:00 AM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Benjamin Parisi requested by Matt and Mary Parisi

FRI NO Mass

November 27

SAT 4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Patrice Manion requested by Patrick and Jean Burke

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

November 28 **The First Sunday of Advent**

SUN 8:05 AM - Rosary

8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Patrick McCarthy requested by the Girouard Family

10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

| Ministry Schedule November 27 & 28 | Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Lectors | Altar Servers |
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| 4:00 PM SATURDAY | NONE | T May | NONE |
| 8:30 AM SUNDAY | NONE | M Girouard | NONE |

New Music and Mass Books

We have ordered additional Word & Eucharist Catholic Mass Books and they will be available for purchase for \$18. If you have not already reserved a copy, please call the office at 802-899-4632 if you would like to request one. These books are a permanent replacement for the Breaking Bread Missals we have purchased year after year. Beginning next weekend we will start using our new music issues as well. The musicians on Saturday normally use the St. Michaels Hymnal and Sunday's music will be from "Today's Missal—Music Issue"

Cemeteries

The Range Road and Irish Settlement Cemeteries are now closed for the winter. If you have any questions about the cemeteries or pricing, please call the office at 802-899-4632. Prices for plots will be going up in the spring. A full pricing sheet will be available upon request before the cemeteries open in the spring.

Stewardship - November 13 & 14, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,730.77

Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$313 On-Line Giving).....\$ 1,550.75

Second Collection - Church Maintenance:\$ 1,170.00

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.

The Catechism's Wisdom on Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is for sharing our gratitude to God for our many blessings, and enjoying family. Understanding thanksgiving within the context of our faith can serve as a solid foundation when we recount our earthly blessings. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, we find numerous contexts in which we give praise and thanks to God. Here are several examples:

1. The Eucharist is an action of thanksgiving to God. When we celebrate the Eucharist, we recognize it as a sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise to God the Father. The Church expresses her gratitude to God for all He has accomplished through creation, redemption and sanctification (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church. 1328, 1358, 1360).

2. When we pray the Our Father, we say the words, "hallowed be Thy name." It's an expression in which we recognize God as holy. But through these words, we are giving praise and thanksgiving, too. Asking the Father that His name be made holy draws us into His plan of loving kindness for the fullness of time (cf. CCC. 2807).

3. In the Liturgy of the Word, the Holy Spirit recalls to the assembly all that Christ has done for us. Through this, the Holy Spirit prepares the Church to encounter the Lord in the Eucharistic sacrifice, making a remembrance of the marvelous works of God. The Holy Spirit, who awakens the Church's memory, inspires us to give thanksgiving and praise (cf. CCC. 1103).

4. The Gospel often shows Jesus in prayer. He has been depicted as praying in solitude before important moments in His mission or the work of His Apostles. Jesus' life becomes a prayer because He is in frequent communication with His Father. In a prayer before the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers words of thanksgiving to His Father: "Father I thank you for having heard me." Through this, He reveals to us how to offer our petitions. The giver (God) is treasured more than the gift itself (cf. CCC. 2603, 2604).

5. The Commandments express the implications of belonging to God by establishing the covenant to prepare his people for salvation. Moral existence is a response to the Lord's loving initiative. It is the acknowledgment and homage given to God and a worship of thanksgiving. It is cooperation with the plan God pursues in history. It is life as thanksgiving (cf. CCC. 2062).

6. Without the Lord's plan of salvation, including the forgiveness of sins, there would be no hope of eternal life in His Kingdom after death. It is necessary to give thanks to Jesus for His gift to the Church — the mission and power to forgive sins through the apostles' ministry and their successors (cf. CCC. 224, 795, 983, 1167, 1333, 2781).

7. Prayers of thanksgiving and praise are one of the essential forms of Christian prayer. Every prayer can be an opportunity to offer thanks to God. In St. Paul's letters, he often began and ended by giving thanks to the Lord. "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18) (cf. CCC. 2638).

Wishing you all a very blessed Thanksgiving holiday with your family and friends.

PARISH EVENTS

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| Sunday | 11/21 | NO Religious Ed classes |
| Tuesday | 11/23 | 5:30 PM - Confessions |
| Wednesday | 11/24 | 11:00 AM - Age Well Grab & Go Meal pickup |
| Thursday | 11/25 | Thanksgiving NO Social Concerns Group |
| Saturday | 11/27 | NO Confirmation class 3:15 PM - Confessions |
| Sunday | 11/28 | NO Religious Ed |

Religious Education 2021-2022:



There are no religious education classes for the next two weekends. Confirmation class resumes on December 4. All other religious education classes resume on December 5.

Christmas Food and Fruit Baskets

Beginning this weekend we will start collecting food for our Christmas distribution of Food and Fruit Baskets to those in need in the parish and the wider community. We are also looking for donations of turkeys and money to buy Walmart gift cards for recipients. If you know of a family in need in our area (Underhill/Jericho, or Cambridge/Jeffersonville) who would benefit from this ministry, please contact Laura Wells in the parish office.

Christmas stocking

Please take a tag from the Christmas Stocking at the entrance of the church and purchase personal care items for the food shelf. This is an easy and inexpensive way to help our neighbors this time of year. This drive was very successful in past years and we hope to do well again this year! Please place the items in the basket by the giant stocking. Thank you for your generosity and Merry Christmas!

Advent Appeal

Please join Vermont Catholic Charities in supporting the Annual Advent Appeal. The "Season of Giving" has no bounds for people in need. Whatever the season, it is a daily struggle for many Vermonters to maintain housing, stay warm or feed their families. With your help, we can make a difference in lives of those living on the edge. Whether your gift is \$10, \$100, \$1000 or more, your gift will make a difference in the life of a needy family. To donate, please mail a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403. or give on online at www.vermontcatholic.org/adventappeal.

Please Consider Online Giving

Visit our website to sign up and begin contribution automatically to your parish. This convenient system does not require you to contact your bank to sign up or make changes. You can use your checking, savings, or credit/debit card account and the funds will be automatically transferred to our parish bank account. Go to www.stthomasvt.com and click the 'Online Giving' icon to get started. Please call the parish office with any questions 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.

November 24th Grab and Go Meal

Our November Age Well Grab and Go meal, free to those 60 and over, will be held on Wednesday, November 24th, with pickup 11-12pm. If you would like a meal, please call Donna at 802-434-3155 to register by November 22. This month's meal includes: : Lasagna rollette with meatballs, marinara sauce & mozzarella, broccoli florets, wheat dinner roll, fresh fruit salad, & milk.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this distribution once a month, please call the parish office at 802-899-4632. Thank you.

Job Opening at Rice

Rice Memorial High School is seeking a critical, part-time member (20 hours/week) of its fundraising and alumni relations team. The Advancement Coordinator is responsible for all aspects of donation processing, gift acknowledgment and database management. For a complete position description, visit www.rmhsvt.org/careers-at-rice. To apply, email your resume with a cover letter outlining what you bring to this position to bahrenburg@rmhsvt.org. The chosen hire will receive a \$500 signing bonus!

The Book of Remembrance

We will be leaving the Book of Remembrance out for parishioners to enter names of deceased friends and family members. We will pray for these souls in a special way during the month of November.



There will be a special time of Adoration here at St. Thomas on November 30th from 5:30 - 6:30 PM. Please join us before the 6:30 Mass to pray for an end to abortion.



"The right to religious freedom has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person."
Pope Paul VI, Dignitatis humanae (Declaration on Religious Freedom)

Thank you St. Jude
for favors granted. JC

Readings For the Week



November 22

Memorial of Saint Cecilia,
Virgin and Martyr
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20
Lk 21:1-4

November 23

Dn 2:31-45
Lk 21:5-11

November 24

Memorial of Saint Andrew
Dung-Lac, Priest, and Com-
panions, Martyrs
Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17,
23-28
Lk 21:12-19

November 25

Dn 6:12-28
Lk 21:20-28

November 26

Dn 7:2-14
Lk 21:29-33

November 27

Dn 7:15-27
Lk 21:34-36

November 28

First Sunday of Advent
Jer 33:14-16
Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
1 Thes 3:12-4:2
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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, Maureen Mayes, and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.
DECEASED: For all who have died, especially Benjamin Parisi, Annmarie Dubois, Joan Snell and all deceased members of St. Thomas & St. Mary's Parishes.

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| <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</p> <p>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> |