



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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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 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

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

TUES 6:30 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Andrew Brush requested by Laura Lynch Wells

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 JoAnn Konczal requested by the Konczal Family

December 4

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

December 5 **The Second Sunday of Advent**

SUN 8:05 AM - Rosary

8:30 AM- Mass for Donald, Ronald & Paul Potvin Requested by the Tim Potvin Family

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

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>December 4 & 5</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	T May	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY	NONE	M Girouard	NONE

FORMED

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Stewardship - November 20 & 21, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,730.77

Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$488 On-Line Giving)\$ 2,307.00

Second Collection - Human Development:\$ 134.00

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 Miracle of Chanukah

The Miracle of Chanukah will be celebrated by our Jewish neighbors beginning this Monday, November 29. Chanukah was a miraculous military victory, but a tiny jar of oil proved more miraculous and enduring in the memory of the Jewish people.

In the 2nd century BC, the Greek army exerted a very heavy hand against the Jews in occupied Israel and they were determined to crush the Jewish religion. About the year 166 BC, a group finally stood up to the Greeks: Mattathias and his family, known as the Hasmoneans. Mattathias had five sons, all of whom were people of great organizational leadership as well as pious, committed Jews: Johanan, Simon, Jonathan, Judah, and Eleazar. They ran to the caves and organized an army, not to fight an open war, but a guerilla war. The General of the Army was the great Judah the Maccabee. "Maccabaeus" is the Greek word for hammer, but the Jews took it, and made it Jewish by declaring that "Maccabee" stood for the first four letters in Exodus 15:11, meaning, "Who is like You, God?" — which was said by Moses and the people after the miraculous drowning of the Egyptians at the Sea of Reeds. An enormous Syrian-Greek army, numbering almost 50,000 men, marched into Judea. Judah the Maccabee marshaled his forces and with guile and courage outmaneuvered the far larger Greek army. It took many years, but their hit-and-run tactics wore them down. The last battle was for the fortress of Antonius, which guarded the Temple. When Antonius fell, the Jews came back to the Temple. They shattered the statue of Zeus and cleaned the Temple to the extent that they could. They only found one small flask of uncontaminated oil with the seal of the High Priest. By Torah law, the flame of the Menorah in the Temple could only be lit with specially prepared pure olive oil. The amount of oil remaining in the one uncontaminated flask was only enough to burn for one day, and it would take eight days to produce a new batch of pure oil. What could they do? They lit it and it miraculously burned for eight days. That is why Chanukah lasts eight nights. The rabbis gave more emphasis to the miracle of the lights than the military victory. When the small flask of pure oil that could only last one day lasted eight days it proved that there was a miracle that happened there. The little flask of oil shed light on the big military campaign. "Not by the army, not by power, but through My Spirit, says God" (Zechariah 4:6). Chanukah is about the little light that sheds a great light. The miracle of the oil signified that Chanukah was a victory of the spirit of the Jewish people, a victory that granted them the right to observe the Torah. That is why its memory and the people who observe it have endured.

To learn more read in your Bibles, 1&2 Maccabees.



Join Us in Adoration to End Abortion

St. Thomas Parish will be joining Catholics across the country in Eucharistic adoration as the Supreme Court hears the landmark pro-life case, Dobbs vs Jackson Women's Health. 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. For more information, visit <https://catholicvote.org/dobbs>

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	11/28	NO Religious Ed classes
Tuesday	11/30	5:30-6:30 PM - Special Adoration to End Abortion
Thursday	12/2	9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group
Saturday	12/4	9:00 AM - Confirmation class 3:15 PM - Confessions
Sunday	12/5	10:00 AM - Religious Ed Grades K-5

Religious Education 2021-2022:



There are no religious education classes for this weekend. Confirmation class resumes on December 4. All other religious education classes resume on December 5.

Christmas Food and Fruit Baskets

We have begun 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.

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 online at www.vermontcatholic.org/adventappeal.

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"

Christ Our Hope - Matching Grant

80% (instead of 60%) of new gifts/pledges made to the diocese Christ Our Hope Campaign in December will go back to the parishes to support their efforts and 20% will be split evenly between faith formation and emergency aid. In addition, the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation has allocated a \$25,000 matching grant to the campaign. On December 6, the Foundation will match the first online gifts received of \$1,000 or more with a \$1,000 grant directly to the parish, no split. There will be only one match per parish. To make an online gift visit: <https://www.christourhopevt.org/donate>

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.

December 29th Grab and Go Meal

Our December Age Well Grab and Go meal, free to those 60 and over, will be held on Wednesday, December 29th, with pickup 11-12pm. If you would like a meal, please call Donna at 802-434-3155 to register by December 23rd. This month's meal includes: Beef stroganoff with onions, mushrooms and sour cream over rotini pasta; broccoli florets, three-bean blend, dinner roll, apple pie with cream, & milk.

We need a couple of volunteers to help with the December distribution. Please call the parish office at 899-4632 if you have 2 hours free on the 29th.

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.

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!

eMissal

The USCCB-approved Breaking Bread 2022 eMissal is now available for Android and iOS smartphones and tablets. You can download the app for instant access to songs, readings and the Order of Mass. Now with daily readings, the eMissal app is simple and easy to use, and it's a wonderful resource for preparing for Mass, active participation in the liturgy and for personal devotion. \$4.99 for 1 year. Look for the icon above in the app store.



Thank you St. Jude
for favors granted. JC

Readings For the Week



November 29

Is 2:1-5
Mt 8:5-11

November 30

Feast of Saint Andrew,
Apostle
Rom 10:9-18
Mt 4:18-22

December 1

Is 25:6-10a
Mt 15:29-37

December 2

Is 26:1-6
Mt 7:21, 24-27

December 3

Memorial of Saint Francis
Xavier, Priest
Is 29:17-24
Mt 9:27-31

December 4

Is 30:19-21, 23-26
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

December 5

Second Sunday
of Advent

Bar 5:1-9
Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
Lk 3:4, 6

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 Margery Garcia, Benjamin Parisi, Annmarie Dubois, 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> <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> 
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