



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

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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

December 18

SAT 1:45 PM - Advent Penance Service
4:00 PM - Mass for the health and wellbeing of Irene Currie requested by John and Genie O'Neil
6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

December 19 **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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 repose of the soul of Bernard Kellner requested by the Kellner Family
WED 8:00 AM - Holy Day Mass at St. Mary's for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
THU NO Mass
FRI **Christmas Eve**
4:00 PM - Vigil of Christmas Mass for the repose of the soul of Armand Nadeau requested by Theresa and family
7:00 PM - Vigil of Christmas Mass at St. Mary
12:00 AM - Midnight Mass at St. Mary

December 25 **The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

SAT 9:00 AM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Marcel and Greg Lehouiller requested by the Lehouiller family
11:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
NO 4:00 PM or 6:30 PM Masses

December 26

SUN 8:05 AM - Rosary
8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Harry and Tess Ledwith requested by Sean and Mary Ann Ledwith
10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>December 24, 25 & 26</u>	<u>Extraordinary</u> <u>Ministers of</u> <u>Holy Communion</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Altar</u> <u>Servers</u>
4:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE	Deacon Peter	A Leasure	NONE
9:00 AM CHRISTMAS	L Wells	M Girouard	NONE
8:30 AM SUNDAY 12/26	NONE	L Wells	NONE

Decorating For Christmas—HELP!



We are in need of many elves to help with decorating the church for Christmas this year. We will be putting up the tree and hanging wreaths and garland after Mass on Sunday, December 19th. Please stay after Mass and we will assign you a task. Many hands make light work so we hope to see you there!

Offertory Envelopes for 2022

The new boxed offertory envelopes for 2022 are available at the front entrance of the church. Please take yours home with you today. If you do not have envelopes, but would like to, please call the office (899-4632) and a box will be assigned to you. Thank you.

Stewardship - December 11 & 12, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,730.77
Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$808 On-Line Giving)\$ 3,048.00
Second Collection - Religious Retirement Fund:\$ 237.00
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.

The Last Eight Days of Advent

During the last eight days of Advent, it is useful to reflect on the different titles given to the Lord who is to come. The titles are Old Testament titles, here conferred on Jesus, showing he is the promised Messiah.

Wisdom

St. Paul tells us that God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. He is saying that it is hard to imagine the Wisdom of God, who knows all things, because God has created all things. This title of God reminds us especially of the Book of Wisdom in the Old Testament - a beautiful hymn in which wisdom is personified, and is active in the world.

Adonai (LORD)

A name for the Most High God, whose true name could not be uttered, and of whom it was said that no-one could gaze on the face of God and live. Adonai is the Lord of armies, who will march out to save the people in battle.

Stock of Jesse

Jesse was the father of King David, and Jesus is a descendant of David. From David comes the association of Jesus as royal, of David's line. Jesus inherits the throne of David, re-defining his role as King of the Jews.

Key of David

Jesus is not simply a ruler descended from David, but a liberator, a redeemer. This name echoes the mission of Jesus to bind and to loose, a mission Jesus passes on to his disciples.

Rising Sun

The sun is a sign of God's creation, God's endurance, and a sign of God's glory. God's glory outshines the sun, and will endure after the sun and moon have failed. Psalm 84 describes God as the sun: "For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly." (Psalm 84:11 NRSV)

King

God is the king above all kings, and the prophet Samuel is reluctant to anoint a king for the Israelites as this will seem like a rejection of God's rule. Pilate asks Jesus if he is a king; Jesus answers indirectly, because his kingship does not accord with the expectations of the Romans, the Jewish authorities, or even his followers.

Emmanuel

The prophecy of Isaiah foretells a sign to be given by God: a virgin will conceive and give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel: a name which means God is with us. Jesus is the word made flesh, God in the midst of the people.

Join Us Christmas Eve

Please join us on Christmas Eve for a pre-Mass Christmas Concert presented by our choir. Feel free to join in and sing along to some well known Christmas songs and hymns. The Concert begins at 3:30 PM on Christmas Eve, December 24th.

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	12/19	NO Religious Ed
Tuesday	12/21	7:00 PM - Finance Council Meeting
Thursday	12/23	NO Social Concerns Group
Saturday	12/25	NO Confirmation class NO Confessions
Sunday	12/26	NO Religious Ed

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.

World Marriage Day 2022

Milestone Marriage Anniversaries will be celebrated on February 6, 2022, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington, with Bishop Coyne. Catholic married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (e.g. 5, 10, 15, 20...55, etc) in 2022, who wish to be recognized at this Mass should contact Nicole Hamilton at (802)658-6110, ext. 1131 or nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org, by Friday, January 28, 2022. Couples can also request certificates signed by Bishop Coyne (which will be mailed) if not planning on attending the Mass.

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!

FORMED

St. Thomas Parish has joined many other parishes in our area by signing up for the Catholic online service FORMED from St. Augustine Institute. FORMED provides the very best Catholic content from more than 60 organizations to help parishes, families, and individuals explore their faith from anywhere. Supporting thousands of movies, children's programs, ebooks, audio, parish programs, and studies direct to your browser, mobile, or connected device. Visit <https://formed.org/> and select "Sign up as a parishioner". Find St Thomas by parish name, address, or zip code. Enter your email—and you're in! No password is needed.

Christmas Flower Donations

If you would like to make a donation to our Christmas Flower Fund in memory of a loved one, please use the envelope in your boxed offertory envelopes or one from the pew, and place it in the collection basket.



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.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Week of December 19:

*In loving memory of
All Deceased Children of
Parishioners of St. Thomas and
St. Mary's Parishes*
requested by the family of
Marcel and Greg Lehouiller



Job Opening at SFXS

Saint Francis Xavier School in Winooski is hiring. We are looking for After School Childcare Providers. Hours are 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. and the pay is \$15.00 per hour. Responsibilities include supervising free play on the playground and in the school building, implementing activities, providing some homework support for grades 2nd-5th students, and communicating with parents as needed and with the program director on a daily basis. Openings are available on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Candidates may apply for the number of days that best suit their schedule. If interested please email Principal Craig Hill at chill@sfxvt.org or <http://event/prop-5-webinar/>

Job Opening at Rice

Rice Memorial High School is seeking a custodian/maintenance person. Duties include cleaning, as well as light mechanical maintenance and general building upkeep. Hours are flexible, and benefits are available with full-time employment. Hourly rate is subject to experience level. Applicants must be able to lift up to 70 pounds and complete a background check. Applications should be submitted to Jeff Maher, Associate Principal at maher@rmhsvt.org.

Natural Family Planning

NFP Outreach Program for Catholic couples married in the Church (one spouse must be Catholic); couples married civilly or are cohabitating but have a date to marry in the Church can participate as well. This is a free virtual NFP class sponsored by the St. Augustine Foundation. For more information please contact Terri McCormack tmcormack@vermontcatholic.org

Readings For the Week



December 20

Is 7:10-14
Lk 1:26-38

December 21

Sg 2:8-14
Lk 1:39-45

December 22

1 Sm 1:24-28
Lk 1:46-56

December 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
Lk 1:57-66

December 24

Is 62:1-5
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Mt 1:1-25

December 25

**The Nativity of
the Lord - Christmas**
Is 52:7-10
Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18

December 26

**Feast of the Holy
Family of Jesus, Mary
and Joseph**
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Col 3:12-21
Lk 2:41-52

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, Marietta Brush, 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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