



#### Parish Staff

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#### St. Thomas Cemeteries

Range Rd., Irish Settlement Rd., Pleasant Valley Rd.  
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 Tim Clark .....735-7341

Please call the parish office if you are a new parishioner and would like to register.

# 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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### 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 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

**MON** NO Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

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

**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 Roy Keith requested by Patricia Keith

**January 1**  
**SAT** 4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Jacqueline McDermott requested by Laura Lynch Wells  
 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

**January 2**  
**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



*Donations for Christmas  
 Flowers have been made in  
 memory of the following:*

<i>Alice Locke</i>	<i>Maurice and Mary Fustace</i>
<i>Rob Blais</i>	<i>William and Ruth Claghorn</i>
<i>Cam Blais</i>	<i>The Lehouiller Family</i>
<i>Joyce Harrison</i>	<i>The Lavigne Family</i>
<i>Floyd Scott Sr.</i>	<i>The Mathews Family</i>
<i>The Boutiere Family</i>	<i>The Fugere Family</i>
<i>The Nadeau Family</i>	<i>Zelma Vigneau and Family</i>
<i>The Tyler Family</i>	<i>Patricia Meagher</i>
<i>Raymond Nadeau</i>	<i>Francis and Elizabeth Dolen</i>
<i>The Sykes Family</i>	<i>Chuck &amp; Theresa Child</i>
<i>Elizabeth Fitzgerald</i>	<i>Julianne Child Devold</i>
<i>Elizabeth Honeycutt</i>	<i>James Gingras</i>
<i>Johanna Gandini</i>	<i>David &amp; Joseph Gingras</i>
<i>The Carlin &amp; Lavigne Families</i>	<i>The Wrigley Family</i>
<i>Albert and Judith Bernasconi</i>	<i>Celine Leblanc</i>
<i>Roy Keith</i>	<i>The Breault Family</i>
<i>Deceased members of the Schaeffler and Collins Families</i>	<i>Irv and Ann Weirich</i>
	<i>Pat and Al May</i>

*We would like to thank all those who gave a donation to our  
 Christmas Memorial Flower Fund.*

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>January 1 &amp; 2</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
8:00 AM SUNDAY	NONE	M Ledwith	NONE

### Second Collection—Capitol Improvements

There will be a second collection this weekend to benefit our Capitol Improvement's Fund (formerly Vision 2020). The ongoing renovations for our beautiful church continue in the Parish Hall restroom area this winter. Any donations this weekend will be used for this project and other renovation projects planned for the future.

### Christmas Decorations



A big thank you everyone involved in decorating the inside of the church for the celebration of the birth of the Christ child. Again this year, we thank Ed Dombroski for donating the beautiful Christmas tree that is on the altar and Diane Pollak for organizing and implementing the festive decorations.

### Stewardship - December 18 & 19, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal: .....\$ 2,730.77  
 Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$403 On-Line Giving) .....\$ 1,156.00

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

### Special Collection for Typhoon Relief

Many parishioners have expressed their concern over the family of Fr. Calapan in the Philippines after Typhoon Rai last week caused major devastation. As a result, we will be taking up a collection next weekend for Father to send to his family and community in the storm ravaged area. All donations will go through St. Thomas so please make any checks out to St. Thomas Parish

### PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	12/26	NO Religious Ed
Tuesday	12/29	5:30 PM - Confessions
Thursday	12/30	NO Social Concerns Group
Saturday	1/1	NO Confirmation class 3:15 PM - Confessions
Sunday	1/2	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](mailto: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.

### Mass Intentions

Please call the office if you would like to schedule a Mass intention for 2022. Intentions are available for Saturday and Sunday Masses as well as Tuesday evenings and Friday mornings. Some Holy Days may also be available. Masses may be scheduled one year in advance, and there is a suggested donation of \$10 per intention. You can schedule Mass intentions through December, 2022 by stopping in or calling the parish office at 899-4632.

### On-Line Giving Option

St. Thomas is pleased to offer parishioners the option of on-line giving through eCatholic Giving. This option is for the convenience of parishioners, especially those who are unable to regularly attend weekend Mass at St. Thomas. There is a link on St. Thomas's web site home page for those who are interested in participating: [www.stthomasvt.com/donate](http://www.stthomasvt.com/donate)

### 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.

### 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

### 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.

### French Canadian Dinner

The Knights of Columbus of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary and Immaculate Heart of Mary parishes will be preparing a French Canadian Dinner for Take-out on Saturday February 5th. The menu consists of Tourtiere (Meat) Pie (1/4 pie), Pea Soup (8 ounces) Mashed Potatoes and Green Beans. Meals can be picked up at OLHR Parish Hall in Richmond from 5PM to 6:30PM. To place an order go to <https://tinyurl.com/KnightsMeatPieDinner2022> or contact Paul Niekrewicz at (802) 316-8791. \$12 per meal.

### 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 [tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org)

"Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, 'in every situation, Joseph declared his own 'fiat' (PC 3). His 'yes' to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph's devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
2021 Respect Life Reflection

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, Joseph Tijan and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

**DECEASED:** For all who have died, especially Elizabeth Dolen, and all deceased members of St. Thomas & St. Mary's Parishes.

## **Readings For the Week**



### December 27

Feast of Saint John, Apostle  
and evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4

Jn 20:1a and 2-8

### December 28

Feast of the Holy Innocents,  
martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2

Mt 2:13-18

### December 29

1 Jn 2:3-11

Lk 2:22-35

### December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17

Lk 2:36-40

### December 31

1 Jn 2:18-21

Jn 1:1-18

### January 1

**Solemnity of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary,  
the Mother of God**

Nm 6:22-27

Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

### January 2

**The Epiphany  
of the Lord**

Is 60:1-6

Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

<p><b>Natural Family Planning</b></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><b>Sharon Trani MSN; APRN</b> Nurse Practitioner - NFP teacher 802-326-2015 strani@vermontcatholic.org</p>	<p><b>Repentant Reconciled Renewed</b></p>	 <p><b>St. Thomas Church Knights of Columbus Council No. 7810</b> 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><b>PHIL POTVIN 27 MOOSE RUN</b> 899-3305 UNDERHILL</p>	<p><b>CORNERSTONE CONSTRUCTION, INC.</b> P.O. Box 178 Underhill Ctr., VT 05490</p>  <p>RESIDENTIAL &amp; COMMERCIAL BUILDING &amp; REMODELING</p> <p><b>Bill MacDonough</b></p> <p>Phone: 802-343-9605 CornerstoneConstructionVT.com</p>		<p><b>For prayers answered</b></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><b>PRAY FOR VOCATIONS</b></p> 	<p><b>REED'S QUALITY HEATING</b></p> <p>(802) 899-4362 Personalized Efficient Service</p>  <p>John Reed Licensed Service Technicians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oil furnace &amp; boiler specialist</li> <li>• Install, service and clean</li> <li>• Oil Tank Installations</li> <li>• Plumbing repairs and water heaters</li> </ul> <p>PO Box 97 Jericho, VT 05465</p> <p>www.reedandbenoitqualityheating.com</p>		<p><b>For prayers answered</b></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><b>Elegant Wood Floors</b></p> <p><b>Robbe "Kibby" Pierce</b> 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><b>RCIA = Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</b></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><b>Adult Confirmation</b></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 <b>Bruce Barry</b></p> <p>Sales: (802) 881-0511 Service: (802) 863-4343 Fax: (802) 660-4393 <b>David Warren</b></p>	<p>In loving memory of Millicent Dixon</p>  <p>Benefactor of the St. Thomas Cemeteries</p>	<p><b>Confirming Their Faith</b></p> 	<p><b>RCIA = Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</b></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><b>Adult Confirmation</b></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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