



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

Phone: 899-4632
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Parish Website: www.stthomasvt.com

Religious Education: 899-4770
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Parish Staff

Rev. Richard CalapanAdministrator
Rev. Mr. Peter Brooks..... Deacon
Theresa Gingras..... Secretary
Laura Lynch WellsRel. Ed. Coordinator
Patrice Rogers - 399-6226.....Music Ministry

St. Thomas Cemeteries

Range Rd., Irish Settlement Rd., Pleasant Valley Rd.
Nate Sullivan899-4732
Tim Clark 735-7341

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

January 1 SAT	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 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	The Epiphany of the Lord 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 - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
THU	NO Mass
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass for the intentions of Fr. Gary Zerr requested by Dorie Schlatter
January 8 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Benjamin Parisi requested by Tom and Susie May 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
January 9 SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Johanna Gandini requested by Donald Gandini 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> January 8 & 9	<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	D Dufresne	NONE
8:00 AM SUNDAY	NONE	L Wells	NONE

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 this 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.

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend we take up our collection for the St. Thomas Fuel and Heat fund. Thank you for your generosity to this fund.

Please Consider Online Giving

Visit our website to sign up and begin contribution automatically to your parish. 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. Questions? Call Teri at 802-899-4632.

Stewardship - December 25 & 26, 2021

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,730.77
Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$380 On-Line Giving)\$ 3,055.00
Second Collection - Capitol Improvements:\$ 1,791.00
Christmas Collection:\$ 1,150.00

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 CHURCH BELL

*When the sun from the brow of the mountain
Our valley with splendor fills,
The silvery tone of the church bell is heard o'er the
distant hills,
Blended with notes of songbirds
And the ripple of sparkling rills.*

*When the day has reached its noontide
We hear it peal forth once more,
Telling the same old story
It has told so oft before,
And it seems to never tire
Telling it o'er and o'er.*

*Again, when the day is ended
And the sun sinks down in the west,
When the evening dewes are falling
And the birds have gone to rest,
It tells the archangel message
First given to Mary blest.*

*To waken the hearts of the faithful
It rings on the Sabbath day,
It rings for the youth and maiden
Attired in bridal array,
And with tones that are slow and solemn
Rings for the soul passed away.*

*Thine is a sacred mission,
Loved bell that we all hold dear,
Over the hills and mountains
May your voice ring far and near,
From the little church in the valley
Through many a coming year.*

By Laura Leddy of Underhill Center. Sept. 28, 1903



PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	1/2	NO Religious Ed
Tuesday	1/4	5:30 PM - Confessions 7:00 PM - Parish Council
Thursday	1/6	9:30 AM—Social Concerns Group
Saturday	1/1	Second Collection—Fuel & Heat 9:00 AM - Confirmation class 3:15 PM - Confessions
Sunday	1/9	10:00 AM - Religious Ed



Religious Education 2021-2022:

Religious Ed classes resume next Sunday, January 9th at 10:00 AM in the church hall.

Confirmation Class will resume next Saturday, January 8th at 9:00 AM the parish hall.

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.

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.

Notice from the Diocese

As an act of charity towards our fellow parishioners, Bishop Coyne is asking that masks be worn at all Masses. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this request.

Year End Statements

Year End donation statements will be available to anyone who gave donations in 2021 and wishes to receive a statement. In the interest of saving postage, we will not be mailing a copy to everyone this year. If you would like a statement, please call Teri at 802-899-4632 or email office@stthomasvt.com.

January 26th 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 Teri at 802-899-4632 to register by January 21st. This month's meal includes: : Chicken cordon bleu with white sauce, yams, green beans, roll, fruit cup, & milk.

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

If you would like to dedicate the tabernacle vigil candle in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please call the parish office at 802-899-4632. The suggested donation is \$10 for a one-week period.

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.

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.

"Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him... Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world."

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"*

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 Bob Bates, Elizabeth Dolen, and all deceased members of St. Thomas & St. Mary's Parishes.

Readings For the Week



January 3

1 Jn 3:22-4:6

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

January 4

Memorial of Saint Elizabeth
Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 4:7-10

Mk 6:34-44

January 5

Memorial of Saint John
Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 4:11-18

Mk 6:45-52

January 6

1 Jn 4:19-5:4

Lk 4:14-22

January 7

1 Jn 5:5-13

Lk 5:12-16

January 8

1 Jn 5:14-21

Jn 3:22-30

January 9

**The Baptism of
the Lord**

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

Acts 10:34-38

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



<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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<p>Pierre Donzé Inc.</p> <p>Plaster Trowel Coatings Construction Services</p>  <p>P.O. Box 264 Cambridge, VT 05444 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>