



St. Thomas Church

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Office Hours:
M-TH 9:30 AM - 4:00 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

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
MON	NO Mass at St. Mary
TUES	NO Mass
WED	NO Mass at St. Mary
THU	NO Mass
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass for the spiritual and physical health and well-being of Rene and Barbara Desany
January 15 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Armand Nadeau on the 6th anniversary of his death requested by Theresa Nadeau 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
January 16 SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Stephan Kellner requested by Brian and Patrice Rogers 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

Fr. Richard is away

Ordinary Time

The Christmas Season is over, and it can feel like a letdown. We have all these great celebrations of the liturgical year of Advent and Christmas but then it's just plain old Ordinary Time until Lent and Easter. But Ordinary Time isn't ordinary. It's a liturgical season, and just like any other season in the liturgical calendar, this season celebrates a very specific time in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ. The 33 (or 34) weeks of Ordinary Time contain Jesus' earthly ministry and some of the major events of the Gospels we have come to know and love; the miracles, the parables, the Calling of the Twelve, the Sermon on the Mount, the Bread of Life Discourse. We get all that and more during this season. Truly, there is much to celebrate.

The term 'ordinary' in typically refers to something being plain, unimpressive, or unexciting. But that doesn't reflect the true meaning of the season. 'Ordinary,' in this context, comes from the Latin term *ordinalis*, meaning 'numbered' or 'ruled'. Ordinary Time has two parts, but it remains one season. The first part begins at the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and runs until Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday (when Lent begins). The second part begins the Monday after Pentecost and runs until the First Sunday of Advent. This part is typically about twice the length of the first. Ordinary Time typically contains about 33 or 34 weeks, depending on how other Catholic feast days fall. Each of these weeks is denoted by the passing of time: The First Sunday in Ordinary Time; The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time; The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; etc. The liturgical color for Ordinary Time is green. This is to represent the time of growth and expansion of the Church following the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Green is a very natural color and is often a symbol for growth and new life. According to the USCCB, "The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time... take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. This is living the life of Christ. Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ." Think about that last phrase for a moment, "Caught up in Christ." Getting caught up in Christ, Ordinary Time would be anything but ordinary. But the true power of the season is only unlocked if you live it!

Ministry Schedule January 15 & 16

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Lectors

Altar Servers

4:00 PM SATURDAY	NONE	L Berard	NONE
8:00 AM SUNDAY	NONE	M Girouard	NONE

Special Collection for Typhoon Relief

Thank you to all who donated to the special collection for the Typhoon Rai victims in the Philippines. Father was able to send an additional \$1,129 to help his community. Envelopes are available in the pews if you would still like to make a donation.

Second Collection

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

Next Week's Second Collection

Gifts to the Catholic Education Collection support lifelong faith formation programs throughout the Diocese of Burlington. Faith Formation goes beyond the classroom to nurture and encompass people of all ages. It's truly a lifelong endeavor. Half of every dollar raised stays at the parish level to support its educational and faith formation programs. The other half is granted throughout the diocese to fund programs like leadership training, coursework for pastoral ministers, retreat programs, workshops, conferences and tuition assistance. Thank you for supporting these exciting opportunities!

Stewardship - January 1 & 2, 2022

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,730.77
Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$1,133 On-Line Giving) ... \$ 3,848.00
Special Collection - Typhoon Relief: \$ 1,129.00
Holy Day - Solemnity of Mary: \$ 115.00

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.

Try this:

1. Examine your habits. If you want your life to change, the first place to look is your habits. A great new habit to start is reading the daily Gospel.
2. Gratitude. Joy always finds its root in gratitude. Try starting each day by thanking God.
3. Use your imagination to reflect on the daily life of Jesus. Imagine Jesus doing the simple things. Make yourself a bystander to the Gospel stories in your imagination.

Let this new year be a time of spiritual growth and not it be a letdown as it may have been in the past.

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	1/9	10:00 AM - Religious Ed
Tuesday	1/11	NO Confessions 7:30 PM - Knights of Columbus Meeting
Thursday	1/13	9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group 6:30 PM - Food Shelf Setup at GSLC
Saturday	1/15	Second Collection - Catholic Education 9:30 AM - Food Shelf Distribution at GSLC NO Confirmation class 3:15 PM - Confessions
Sunday	1/16	NO Religious Ed



Religious Education 2021-2022:

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

Confirmation Class will resume next Saturday, January 15th at 9:00 AM the parish hall.

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.

French Canadian Dinner

The K of C of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary and IHM 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, Mashed Potatoes and Green Beans. Meals can be picked up at OLHR Parish Hall in Richmond from 5-6:30PM. To order visit: <https://tinyurl.com/KnightsMeatPieDinner2022> or contact Paul Niekrewicz at (802) 316-8791. \$12 per meal.

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.

Christmas Card sales and stocking

St. Thomas parishioners donated 348 personal care items from the Christmas stocking at the entrance to the church, to the EJU Food Shelf. Thank you! We also raised \$165.25 selling Christmas cards, which will be donated to the parish hall bathroom renovation fund. Thank you to all who participated!

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.

12/30/21 - 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.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Week of January 9-15

*In loving memory of
Armand Nadeau*

Requested by Theresa Nadeau

Challenges to Grow Your Marriage

Weekly challenges for married couples to spend time together. Weekly challenges can be found by visiting: <https://www.vermontcatholic.org/ministries-programs/marriage-family/marriage-enrichment/>

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.

9 Days for Life

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life, Wednesday, January 19 – Thursday, January 27. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!



"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life" (respectlife.org/culture-of-life)

Readings For the Week



January 10

1 Sm 1:1-8
Mk 1:14-20

January 11

1 Sm 1:9-20
Mk 1:21-28

January 12

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20
Mk 1:29-39

January 13

1 Sm 4:1-11
Mk 1:40-45

January 14

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a
Mk 2:1-12

January 15

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1
Mk 2:13-17

January 16

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5
Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10
1 Cor 12:4-11
Jn 2:1-11



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.

<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> <p>PO Box 97 Jericho, VT 05465</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oil furnace & boiler specialist • Install, service and clean • Oil Tank Installations • Plumbing repairs and water heaters <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>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 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>