



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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Theresa Gingras..... Secretary
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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 22 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
January 23 SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Sandra Lynch 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 spiritual and physical health and 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 health and wellbeing of Joseph Tijan requested by the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus
January 29 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Ross Perri requested by Tony and Tammy Perri 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption
January 30 SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Jean Scherr requested by the members of the Music Ministry 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>January 29 & 30</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
8:00 AM SUNDAY	NONE	L Wells	NONE

Latin America

This week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers, all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gift makes a difference, visit uscgb.org/latin-america.

Christ Our Hope Matching Gift

The Diocese of Burlington has notified parishes that an anonymous donor has made a \$5,000 matching gift for the first donations of \$500 or more made on online on January 31, to the Christ Our Hope campaign. The parish will receive a hundred percent of the \$500 match towards their Christ Our Hope goals. Each parish can receive up to two matches. To make an online gift please visit: christourhopevt.org/donate

Stewardship - January 15 & 16, 2022

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,730.77
Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$387 On-Line Giving).....\$ 2,714.00
Second Collection - Catholic Education:.....\$ 209.00

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.

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Memorial January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas (1224-1274) was canonized by Pope John XXII in 1323. Pope Pius V in 1567 conferred on Thomas the title of Doctor of the Church (a title conferred on a member of the Church for great learning and saintliness), and Leo XIII in 1880 declared him the patron of all Catholic universities, academies, colleges, and schools.

As a philosopher, the great contribution of Aquinas was his use of the works of Aristotle to build up a rational and ordered system of Christian doctrine, his method of exposition and proof being scientific and lucid. To him faith and reason could never be contradictory, for they both came from the one source of all truth, God. His most important books were the Summa Theologica and the Summa Contra Gentiles, which were written between 1265 and 1272. Together they form the fullest and most exact explanation of Catholic dogma yet given to the world. Over the Summa Theologica he labored for five years but left it unfinished. Almost at once it was recognized as the greatest intellectual achievement of the period. Three centuries later, at the momentous Council of Trent, this work was one of the three authoritative sources of Catholic faith laid down before the assembly, the other two being the Bible and papal decisions on Church law. No theologian except St. Augustine has had so much influence on the Western Church as the "Angelic Doctor."

His work was not only confined to the fields of dogma, apologetics, and philosophy. When Pope Urban IV decided to institute the Feast of Corpus Christi, he asked Thomas to compose a liturgical office and Mass for the day.

Thomas' confidence in reason is an integral part of the Catholic intellectual tradition, but it needs reaffirming today in the face of widespread and doctrinaire doubt about our ability to answer the fundamental questions: Who am I? Where have I come from and where am I going? Why is there evil? What is there after this life?"

When faith and reason become separated there are the terrible consequence of the culture of death replacing the culture of life. Philosophy that complements theology must serve the proclamation of the Gospel in language that can be understood by modern people, or this century will bring a new era a barbarism.

Pope St. John Paul II wrote, "Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart the desire to know the truth — in a word, to know himself — so that by knowing and loving God, men and women can come to the fullness of the truth about themselves"

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	1/23	10:00 AM - Religious Ed
Tuesday	1/25	5:30 PM - Confessions
Wednesday	1/26	11:00 AM - Age Well Grab & Go—pic up 11-12
Thursday	1/27	9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group
Saturday	1/29	9:00 AM - Confirmation class 3:15 PM - Confessions
Sunday	1/30	10:00 AM - Religious Ed



Religious Education 2021-2022:

All Religious Ed classes resume this weekend. The opening will begin at 10:00 AM in the church nave.

*** **Important notice:** The Jesus Retreat for grade 2, First Reconciliation, has been postponed to Saturday, March 12, 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon. All students must be accompanied by a parent or other adult.

St. Thomas Cemetery Updates

Over the last several months the Finance Committee has been working with the Cemetery Committee to better understand the costs to run and manage the Cemetery Operations. The Cemetery Committee did a great job in analyzing costs and assessing how our existing cemetery plot fees do not align with current costs as our cemetery plot fees have not changed in over 10 years. In addition, about a dozen area cemeteries were called to verify pricing and it was found that St. Thomas was significantly below all the area cemeteries. To better align our costs the Cemetery Committee proposed price increases and it is important to note that even with these price increases we are still below area cemeteries. The price increase recommendations were made to the Finance Council and on December 7th 2021 the Parish Council approved the new cemetery plot price increases noted below. The new pricing will take effect March 1st, 2022. Any purchases prior to March 1st will utilize the old pricing. If anyone needs more information or would like to purchase a plot please call Nate Sullivan (899-4732) or call

Cemetery Item	Description	Pricing Prior to 3/1/2022	Pricing Effective 3/1/2022	
			Parishioner Cost	Non-Parishioner Cost
Burial plot	4'x8' or 4'x10' - Fits (1) casket or (2) cremations	\$ 500	\$ 700	\$ 900
Burial plot - cremation garden	Small plot located in the cremation garden	\$ 250	\$ 350	\$ 450
Corner Markers	Includes (4 markers) for each plot	\$ 150	\$ 220	\$ 220
Crematoria vaults	If St. Thomas provides	\$ 300	\$ 350	\$ 350
Grave opening/closing	Cost to dig the grave for cremation sites dug by St. Thomas. Casket burials are arranged through the funeral homes.	\$ 350	\$ 400	\$ 400

the St. Thomas Business Office at (899-4632).

Cemetery Assistant Position

We are looking to fill our cemetery assistant position here at St. Thomas. This is a volunteer position, however there is compensation for some required duties. Ideally, this person would be available to take infrequent phone calls with cemetery questions, as well as to assist with digging, burials (some Saturdays), cremation vault and cornerstone placements, and general assistance to the Cemetaryan. Please call the office (802-899-4632) with any questions or see Nate Sullivan (802-899-9959).

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.

January 26th Grab and Go Meal

Our January Age Well Grab and Go meal, free to those 60 and over, will be held on Wednesday, January 26th, with pickup 11-12pm. If would like a meal, please call Teri at 802-899-4632 to register. This month's meal includes: Chicken cordon bleu with white sauce, yams, green beans, roll, fruit cup, & milk.

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 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.

Rally for Life Mass & March – January 22, 2022

Respect Life Mass at St. Augustine's Catholic Church beginning at 9:30am at 16 Barre Street Montpelier; 10:45am - March to the State House steps for photo. Participants are to gather outside and behind City Hall at 10:45am for the March to the Capitol. Pro-life signs will be provided by Vermont Right to Life; Noon – There is a hot buffet luncheon at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in the Governor's Ballroom ~ \$20 per person, sponsored by VRTL. After lunch, a presentation will be given by VRTL. Reservations for the luncheon and workshop are a MUST as seating is limited to 200 participants. Reduced prices are available for young adults. Reserve your seat now by calling VRLC at 802-229-4885.

French Canadian Dinner

The K of C 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, 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.

Readings For the Week



January 24

Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10

Mk 3:22-30

January 25

Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

Acts 22:3-16

Mk 16:15-18

January 26

Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8

Mk 4:1-20

January 27

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29

Mk 4:21-25

January 28

Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17

Mk 4:26-34

January 29

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17

Mk 4:35-41

January 30

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

Ps 71:1-2,3-4, 5-6, 15-17

1 Cor 12:31—13:13

Lk 4:21-30

9 DAYS FOR LIFE

JANUARY 19 - 27, 2022

9DAYSFORLIFE.COM

PRAY TO
PROTECT
HUMAN LIFE!

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, Jen DiNardo, David Claghorn, Ed Keeler, Sr. Elaine Lattanzi, Fred Kreps, Kathryn Clark, Joann Bibb, Tonia Barbin, 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, Peggy Lynch, Alex Wintersteen, Dorothy Reny, Evangeline McSoley, Maureen Mayes, Marietta Brush, John Lehouiller, Joseph Tijan and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

DECEASED: For all who have died, especially Alicia Alesandrini, Bob Bates, Bob Boyd, Robert Legrand, Dan Novembrino, Joyce Brush, 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>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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