



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

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| 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 |
| MON | 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption |
| TUES | 6:30 PM - Mass for the intentions of Tom and Susie May requested by Rene & 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 JoAnn Konczal requested by the Konczal family |
| February 5 | |
| SAT | 4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Raymond Nadeau Sr. requested by Gail Nadeau and family 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption |
| February 6 | |
| SUN | 8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Albert Bernasconi requested by Brian and Patrice Rogers 10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption |

| <u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>February 5 & 6</u> | <u>Extraordinary</u> <u>Ministers of</u> <u>Holy Communion</u> | <u>Lectors</u> | <u>Altar</u> <u>Servers</u> |
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| 4:00 PM SATURDAY | NONE | D Dufresne | NONE |
| 8:30 AM SUNDAY | NONE | M Girouard | NONE |

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

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.

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 weekdays and holy days. Masses may be scheduled one year in advance, and there is a suggested donation of \$10 per intention. You can schedule Mass by stopping in or calling the parish office at 899-4632.

Stewardship - January 22 & 23, 2022

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,730.77
Regular Collection: ...(incl. \$553 On-Line Giving).....\$ 2,091.00
Second Collection - Latin America:.....\$ 270.00

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 Solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord Jesus, February 2
The Church has set aside Feb. 2 in observance of the Presentation of the Lord, the day in which Joseph and Mary presented Jesus to the priests and elders in the Temple. For years this feast, which in the United States is only formally celebrated when it falls on a Sunday, marked the end of the Christmas season. In olden days, the Presentation was often referred to as "Candlemas" and was celebrated by a candle-lit procession into the church, signifying Christ as the "light of nations." Known originally as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a relatively ancient celebration. We know that the Church at Jerusalem was observing the feast as early as the first half of the fourth century, and likely earlier. According to Jewish law, the firstborn male child belonged to God, and the parents had to "buy him back" on the 40th day after his birth, by offering a sacrifice of "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons" (Luke 2:24) in the temple, thus the "presentation" of the child. On that same day, the mother would be ritually purified, thus the "purification." Mary and Joseph faithfully kept the law of the Lord (Lev. 12: 2-8). In his Gospel, Luke (2:22-39) recounts the story. When Christ was presented in the temple, "there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel." When Mary and Joseph brought Christ to the temple, Simeon embraced the Child and prayed the Cantic of Simeon: Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel (Luke 2:29-32). Because of the words of the cantic, "a light for revelation to the Gentiles," by the 11th century, the custom had developed in the West of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation. The candles were then lit, and a procession took place through the darkened church while the Cantic of Simeon was sung. Because of this, the feast also became known as Candlemas. While the procession and blessing of the candles is not often performed in the United States today, Candlemas is still an important feast in many European countries. The day after the Presentation, February 3 is the Feast of St. Blaise. The intercession of St. Blaise is invoked against choking, as well as any other ailments of the throat. The Catholic traditional practice for the day is the blessing of the throats with candles that were blessed at Candlemas. After Mass, a priest or lay minister, using two of the newly blessed candles from Candlemas, tied together in the middle to form a cross, blesses the faithful, one by one, saying: "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." (Father will not be blessing throats this year due to concerns over Covid)

PARISH EVENTS

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| Sunday | 1/30 | 10:00 AM - Religious Ed |
| Tuesday | 2/1 | 5:30 PM - Confessions 7:00 PM - Parish Council Meeting |
| Thursday | 2/3 | 9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group |
| Saturday | 2/5 | 9:00 AM - Confirmation class 3:15 PM - Confessions |
| Sunday | 2/6 | 10:00 AM - Religious Ed |



Religious Education 2021-2022:

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

Snacks and Scripture

Plan ahead to join us for a Lenten Scripture Series, “Jesus Christ Suffered,” led by Laura Wells. This will be at St. Thomas on the 4 Tuesdays in March (8, 15, 22, 29) at 12 noon. Look for further details to come.

Pork Loin Take-out Dinner

The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus are cooking a Pork Loin take out dinner on Sunday, February 13th with pick-up from 4:30 - 5:30 PM at St. Thomas Church in Underhill Center. The dinner will be \$15 and consist of Pork loin, mashed potatoes, green beans, stuffing, gravy, apple sauce, and desert. We ask that you reserve your tickets by calling the church office at 802-899-4632, or purchase them at Snowflake Chocolates in Jericho or Wells Corner Market in Underhill Center. Thanks for your support!!



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 Cemeterian. Please call the office (802-899-4632) with any questions or see Nate Sullivan (802-899-9959).

Information Sessions at CKS

Christ the King School in Burlington, a Catholic school serving learners of all faiths from 3 years old through 8th grade, will host virtual information sessions via Zoom. Pre-school, pre-k, and Kindergarten families will be on Wednesday, February 2nd at 1:00 and for 1st-8th grade transfer students on February 3rd at 1:00. Join us to meet our school leadership, and discover what makes CKS such a special place, all from the comfort of your home or office! Registration is required. RSVP by contacting admissions@cksvt.org, calling 862-6696 or register at <http://www.cksvt.org/open-house>. Find us online at <http://www.cksvt.org> or on Facebook, twitter, and Instagram by searching for CKSVT.

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 30

*In loving memory of
Raymond Nadeau Sr.*

Requested by Gail Nadeau and family

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.

“Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God’s gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us. ‘Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age’ (Matthew 28:20).”

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Respect Life Reflection: Be Not Afraid (respectlife.org/be-not-afraid)



Readings For the Week



January 31

Memorial of
Saint John Bosco,
2 Sm 15:13-14, 30;
16:5-13
Mk 5:1-20

February 1

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-
25a, 30-19:3
Mk 5:21-43

February 2

Feast of the Presentation
of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4
Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10
Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40

February 3

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12
Mk 6:7-13

February 4

Sir 47:2-11
Mk 6:14-29

February 5

Memorial of Saint Agatha,
Virgin and Martyr
1 Kgs 3:4-13
Mk 6:30-34

February 6

**The Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8
Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8
1 Cor 15:1-11
Lk 5:1-11

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, 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.

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| <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>  |
|  <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> |