



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
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 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

February 12

SAT 4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Benjamin Parisi requested by Matt Parisi
6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

February 13

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

MON 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

TUES 6:30 PM - Mass for the repose of the souls of Francis and Elizabeth Dolen requested by Steve and Eileen Haupt

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 19

SAT 4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Dolen requested by the St. Thomas Knights of Columbus
6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

February 20

SUN 8:05 AM - Rosary
8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Sandra Lynch requested by the ladies of the Social Concerns Committee
10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption

Ministry Schedule February 19 & 20

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Lectors

Altar Servers

4:00 PM SATURDAY

NONE

L Berard

NONE

8:30 AM SUNDAY

L Wells

M Girouard

NONE

Visit the ministry page on our website for full schedule -
www.stthomasvt.com/liturgy-member-schedule
Please contact the office if you would like to begin serving as
a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, or Altar Server

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend we take up a second collection for the benefit of our church maintenance fund. Many projects have been completed in and around the church, and this fund helps to maintain those upgrades and enables us to react to any maintenance emergencies that may come up. Thank you for your generosity to this fund.

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.

Stewardship - February 5 & 6, 2022

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,730.77
Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$1,170 On-Line Giving)....\$ 5,846.00

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.

10 Pointers for Prayer

Finding time for prayer can seem impossible. Here are ten pointers to help you do just that.

1. Pray as you can, not as you can't. God calls most Christians to an active life in the world, with family, work, and community responsibilities. Such a call, while holy, does not usually allow for long periods of prayer and reflection. Lay people can become discouraged when they try to pray like a priest or nun. Be realistic about what's possible.

2. Take ten or twenty. If a half hour for prayer isn't possible, how about ten minutes, or twenty? Choose a good time of day and stick with it. Designate a special site for prayer so that spot become holy. Spouses can help by minding children during respective quiet times.

3. Pray as a family. Build upon rituals such as grace before meals. In addition to the usual "Bless us, O Lord..." encourage family members to offer thanks for the blessings of the day, as well as prayers for those in need. Couples can deepen their spiritual relationship by taking a few minutes, perhaps before bedtime, to commend to God the joys and sorrows of the day.

4. Decorate your domestic church. We can create an atmosphere for prayer in our home- the domestic church- by displaying a crucifix, icons, the Bible, and other holy objects. Take the children to a religious goods store and let them choose a picture or statue for their rooms.

5. Short prayers count, too. When you're stopped at a long light or put on hold, consider it as God's invitation to turn your heart and mind to him, if only for a few seconds.

6. Find God at work. Try to cultivate a few simple habits. For example, offer the day to God as you turn on your computer, or pray for the person you're about to call or wait upon.

7. Jump start your prayer life. Sooner or later almost everyone experiences dryness in prayer. God seems far away, and prayer becomes a burden. Praying with Scripture, perhaps the daily Mass readings, can help us focus. So, too, can an inspirational book, especially one of the spiritual classics. A good choice is St. Francis de Sales' Introduction to the Devout Life, written specifically for lay people who are striving for holiness.

8. Ask your Mother for help. The Blessed Virgin Mary, our spiritual mother, understands our needs and offers profound comfort. The rosary is ideal for the family since children can be taught the simple prayers at an early age. Check out instructions on how to pray the rosary.

9. Read a good story. Children and adults alike enjoy an inspiring story, and few stories are more compelling than those of the saints. Whether it's the little way of Therese of Lisieux or the heroism of Maximilian Kolbe, their stories offer something for everyone. Consider the particular virtue that a saint demonstrates and pray for help to emulate it. Perhaps it's the humility of St. Francis of Assisi, the patience of St. Monica, or the courageous witness of St. Thomas More.

10. Walk with a spiritual friend. Who better to share thoughts and questions with than a spiritual friend? A friend can help us to work through the concerns that inevitably arise in prayer. Good friends will hold each other accountable for their prayer life, making sure that prayer has not been neglected in the busyness of life. For married couples a spouse is often this spiritual friend, but God will also put wise and holy people in our path when we need them. They can be the answer to prayer.

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	2/13	10:00 AM - Religious Ed (No K&1 class)
		4:30 - 5:30 pm - Pork Loin Take Out Dinner
Tuesday	2/15	5:30 PM - Confessions
		7:00 PM - Finance Council Meeting
Thursday	2/17	9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group
Saturday	2/19	** second collection - Church Maintenance **
		11:15 - Confirmation Pilgrimage at St. Josephs
		3:15 PM - Confessions
Sunday	2/20	NO Religious Ed



Religious Education 2021-2022:

Religious Ed Opening: There will be no opening in the nave of the church before religious ed classes this Sunday. Grades 2 to 5 will go directly to their classes this Sunday at 10 AM.

Grades K+1: No class today. Mrs. Wells is out of town.

Confirmation Pilgrimage to St. Joseph Cathedral is February 19. Students meet at the church at 10AM.

Religious Ed Spring Break: February 20 and February 27. Classes resume the weekend of March 5+6.

Snacks and Scripture

The 4 session Lenten scripture series at St. Thomas begins Tuesday, March 8 at 12:00 noon. Please register at 802-899-4770 or rel.ed@stthomasvt.com

High School Confirmation

Are you a teen who has not yet made Confirmation but would like to receive the sacrament. Contact Laura Wells at St. Thomas Parish 802-899-4770 or rel.ed@stthomasvt.com

Adult Confirmation

St. Thomas Parish is offering a seven-session course for adults who have been baptized but were never confirmed as young people beginning March 9 at 5:00 PM. For more information on this program, contact Laura Wells 802-899-4770 or rel.ed@stthomasvt.com



Pork Loin Take-out Dinner

The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus are cooking a Pork Loin take out dinner **this 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).

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.

February 23 Grab and Go Meal

Our February Age Well Grab and Go meal, free to those 60 and over, will be held on Wednesday, February 23rd, with pickup 11-12pm. If you would like a meal, please contact Teri at 802-899-4632 or office@stthomasvt.com to register. This month's meal includes: : Oven fried chicken breast, red mashed potatoes, capri vegetables, dinner roll, pumpkin pudding and milk.

Diocesan Women's Retreat

An invitation for women who were not able to attend the one given November, 2021. The Heart of Prayer: Our living relationship with God - Saturday, April 2, 8:30am-2:15pm Our Lady of Angels, Randolph, Vermont. Key Note: Sister Barbara Cline, Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Limited number of attendees, deadline registration March 11 with \$30 payment. There will be a waitlist in event of cancellations made prior to retreat. Contact Nicole Hamilton at nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org or (802) 658-6110, Ext. 1131

Birthright

In order to optimize their ability to assist pregnant mothers, Birthright has created a new tool—an Amazon Wishlist! Now, if anyone wishes to make a donation of a specific item, they can go online and pick out a gift to give... from diapers, to bottles to sheets in an assortment of colors and styles! Often, items are placed on the list for which families have a specific need. So you know you will be helping someone with their exact wish for their new baby. Find the list here at: <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2EJG02HDE2PLZ> or link to it through Birthright's Facebook page. Don't forget to order through Amazon Smile and choose Champlain Valley Birthright Burlington when you place an order! Thank you so much for your generosity to these growing families.

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together."

USCCB, Married Love and the Gift of Life

Readings For the Week



February 14

Memorial of Sts Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

Jas 1:1-11

Mk 8:11-13

February 15

Jas 1:12-18

Mk 8:14-21

February 16

Jas 1:19-27

Mk 8:22-26

February 17

Jas 2:1-9

Mk 8:27-33

February 18

Jas 2:14-24, 26

Mk 8:34-9:1

February 19

Jas 3:1-10

Mk 9:2-13

February 20

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

1 Cor 15:45-49

Lk 6:17, 20-26

Lk 6:27-38



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 Ann Bigay, Bob Boyd, Robert Legrand, Dan Novembrino, Joyce Brush, Alicia Alesandrini, 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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<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>