

# 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 Calapan .....Administrator  
Rev. Mr. Peter Brooks..... Deacon  
Theresa Gingras..... Secretary  
Laura Lynch Wells .....Rel. Ed. Coordinator  
Patrice Rogers - 399-6226.....Music Ministry

## St. Thomas Cemeteries

Range Rd., Irish Settlement Rd., Pleasant Valley Rd.  
Nate Sullivan .....899-4732  
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

<b>March 12 SAT</b>	<b>4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Dolen requested by the Girouard family</b> <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption</i>
<b>March 13 SUN</b>	<b>8:05 AM - Rosary</b> <b>8:30 AM- Mass for the Parishioners of St. Thomas and St. Mary's Parishes</b> <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption</i>
<b>MON</b>	<i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption</i>
<b>TUES</b>	<b>6:30 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Mary Grzybowski requested by Tom and Susie May</b>
<b>WED</b>	<i>8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption</i>
<b>THU</b>	<b>NO Mass</b>
<b>FRI</b>	<b>8:00 AM - Mass for the health and wellbeing of Meghan Diana requested by Andy and Mary Bibb</b>
<b>March 19 SAT</b>	<b>4:00 PM - Mass for the health and wellbeing of John Lehouiller requested by the Girouard family</b> <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption</i>
<b>March 20 SUN</b>	<b>8:05 AM - Rosary</b> <b>8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Sandra Lynch requested by Ken and Donna Schaeffler</b> <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption</i>

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>March 19 &amp; 20</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	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](http://www.stthomasvt.com/liturgy-member-schedule)

### Capitol Improvement

Next weekend we take up our Capitol Improvement Collection. These monies are spent specifically on upgrade and improvement projects rather than normal church maintenance. Our restroom renovation is slated to begin March 21st and should be completed within about 3 weeks.

### Universal Synod

"Pope Francis has announced a universal Synod inviting all Catholics across the globe to discern together how to better listen and communicate with each other to bolster our communion in Christ Jesus. Similar to our recent diocesan synod, all Catholics in Vermont [are] invited to participate in parish listening sessions, diocesan listening sessions and digital surveys." — Bishop Christopher Coyne. Please visit the St. Thomas website [stthomasvt.com](http://stthomasvt.com) to fill out the digital survey.

### Stewardship - March 5 & 6, 2022

Weekly Budgeted Goal: .....\$ 2,730.77  
Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$1,228 On-Line Giving)....\$ 3,334.00  
Second Collection - Black/Indian Mission: .....\$ 280.00

Please give online at [www.stthomasvt.com/donate](http://www.stthomasvt.com/donate) or mail your contributions directly to the parish at PO Box 3, Underhill, VT 05490. Thank you for your generosity.

## Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary – March 19

The seven joys and the seven sorrows of St. Joseph, based on various events in the Bible, as recorded in the 19th-century devotional book "The Glories of the Catholic Church"

### The Seven Joys

1. The angel sent from heaven to console Joseph in these words: 'Joseph, Son of David, fear not to take Mary thy wife, for what is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.' (Mt.1: 20)
2. The tidings of great joy brought by an angel to the shepherds, that a Savior was born in the city of David, while a multitude of the heavenly army was praising God, and saying, 'Glory be to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will.' (Lk 2: 10, 13, 14)
3. Giving the child the name of Jesus, 'which was called by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.' (Lk 2: 21)
4. When he saw the wise men from the east come to pay their homage to the new-born King, 'and falling down they adored Him, and opening their treasures they offered Him gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh.' (Mt 2: 1,2,11)
5. When he heard in the temple from the lips of holy Simeon, that the child was to be 'the resurrection of many in Israel.' (Lk 2: 34)
6. In the land of Egypt, when he heard from the angel that 'they were dead that sought the life of the child, and that he might return with safety into the land of Israel.' (Mt 2 20)
7. The finding of Christ in the temple, disputing in the midst of the doctors, after sorrowing for Him three days. (Lk 2: 46)

### The Seven Sorrows

1. Finding that his honored Lady and amiable spouse had conceived, and at the idea of being obliged by the law to forsake her. (Mt 1: 18, 19)
2. Not being able to find lodging in the city of Bethlehem for the King and Queen of heaven, and at seeing Jesus lying shivering on a little straw in a manger, between two animals—His only shelter from the cold, there being no room for Him in the inn. (Lk 2: 7)
3. Seeing the divine infant suffer and shed so much of His precious blood in the painful ceremony of His circumcision, when he was but eight days old. (Lk 2: 21)
4. Hearing, on the day of the purification, the prophecy of holy Simeon, that the child should be an object of contradiction and persecution, and that a sword of sorrow should pierce Mary's heart. (Lk 2:34-35)
5. His flight into Egypt with the child and His Mother, in the darkness of the night, and in the depth of winter, to escape the persecution raised by Herod against the adorable infant. (Mt 2: 13)
6. On his return from Egypt, hearing that Archelaus, crueler still, reigned in Judea on the throne of Herod his father, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in sleep retired into Galilee. (Mt 2: 22)
7. In the celebrated pilgrimage to Jerusalem, not finding the child Jesus, his only solace, among his acquaintance, he sought Him three days, sorrowing for His loss. (Luke 1: 45, 46, 48)

## PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	3/13	10:00 AM - Religious Ed
Tuesday	3/15	<b>4:30 - 6 PM Corned Beef Dinner takeout</b> 12:00 - Lenten Scripture Series "Jesus Suffered" 5:30 PM - Confessions 7:00 PM - Finance Council Meeting
Thursday	3/17	9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group 6:30 PM - Food Shelf Setup at GSLC
Friday	3/18	7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's followed by Confessions
Saturday	3/19	9:00 AM - Confirmation 9:30 AM - Food Shelf Distribution at GSLC 3:15 PM - Confessions
Sunday	3/20	<b>**Second Collection - Capitol Improvement**</b> 10:00 AM - Religious Ed

### Snacks and Scripture

The 4 session Lenten scripture series at St. Thomas continues this Tuesday, March 15 at 12:00 noon. Please call 802-899-4770 or [rel.ed@stthomasvt.com](mailto:rel.ed@stthomasvt.com)

### Corned Beef and Cabbage Take-Out

The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus are serving a Corned Beef and Cabbage take out dinner this Sunday, March 13th. Pick up time is 4:30-5:30 PM in the parish hall. Tickets are \$15 for this traditional Irish dinner, and will consist of Corned Beef and Cabbage, boiled potatoes, carrots and dessert. Please purchase your tickets after Mass.

### Finance Update:

As we have all been experiencing the cost of fuel oil has gone up dramatically. When we did the 2021-2022 budget we increased the fuel oil budget by 15%. We receive fuel deliveries regularly and during the heating season we receive fuel oil every couple of weeks. For our most recent bill the price per gallon has increased to over \$4/gallon and we expect the increases will continue. Based on our current forecast for the remainder of the fiscal year we are expecting that we will exceed last year's cost by 60% which far exceeds our budget plan. We continue to manage costs to work through this challenging time to help offset the increased oil expense but wanted to make the Parishioners aware. Please prayerfully consider adding to your offertory contributions over the coming weeks and months. Every little bit helps and we appreciate your generosity and support.

### Vision 2020 Update:

We are finally going to start the handicap bathroom renovation beginning the week of March 21st, 2022. There have been many challenges working through COVID impacts, contractors schedules and supply chain challenges, however, we are finally ready to go. The original project costs did increase by about 18% overall. We identified some heating issues which made the ladies room very cold, and these issues will be corrected during the renovation. Both restrooms will be closed for 2-3 weeks but we will make the rectory bathrooms assessable during Mass times. The renovation will change the current men's room into a fully ADA accessible restroom and the ladies room will be redone with new walls, toilets, ceiling, lights, sinks and mirrors. The hallway in front of the restrooms will also be redone with sheetrock walls, new ceiling and lighting to make it a much brighter space. New heating will also be installed that will have zones to properly manage the heating for each of the renovated areas. This was another key Vision 2020 project that we were planning to do, and we are pleased that we are finally able to get it started. We will keep you posted on how the project is progressing.

### 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.

### MADNESS IN THE CONSTITUTION:

A Closer Look at Vermont's Proposed Constitutional Amendment, Article 22. St. John Vianney Parish, in S. Burlington, will host an important informational session on April 2nd at 9:30, sponsored by their K of C. Learn about the so-called "Reproductive Liberty Amendment" Article 22, which will enshrine abortion on demand as a so-called right to "an individual's reproductive autonomy" into VT's constitution. It is crucial for all Vermonters to find out how this change will affect families, parents, and conscience rights in our state if voted-in in November. Hear from our knowledgeable panel: Sharon Toborg, Policy Analyst from Vermont Right to Life; Deacon Peter Gummere, Bioethicist for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington; Annisa Lamberton, Spokesperson for Vermonters for Good Government; Carol Kauffman, Member of Vermont Family Alliance. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Valerie Parzyck at [vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:vparzyck@vermontcatholic.org). St. Thomas will be having a similar event in May. Stay tuned for details.

### Rental Needed


Parishioner Donna Kunkel is returning this summer for the period around June-October. Her primary residence for the last 43 years was in Jericho. She desires to rent in a quiet area on the main floor, a small house, condo, or mother in-law apartment furnished with the basics with a separate entrance; or to house sit in Jericho, Essex, Essex Jct., Underhill or a nearby area. She doesn't smoke, drink or have pets. References are available. If you, or friends, know of a rental, please contact Donna's email: [Donnakunkel54@gmail.com](mailto:Donnakunkel54@gmail.com)

**St. Joseph  
Adoption Novena**

*Praying For All Who Travel  
Upon the Path of Adoption*

March 10-18

[usccb.org/adoption-novena](https://usccb.org/adoption-novena)



## **Readings For the Week**



### March 14

Dn 9:4b-10  
Lk 6:36-38

### March 15

Is 1:10, 16-20  
Mt 23:1-12

### March 16

Jer 18:18-20  
Mt 20:17-28

### March 17

Jer 17:5-10  
Lk 16:19-31

### March 18

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a,  
17b-28a  
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

### March 19

Solemnity of Saint Joseph,  
husband of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary  
2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a,  
16  
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

### March 13

#### **Second Sunday of Lent**

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18  
Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14  
Phil 3:17 - 4:1  
Lk 9:28b-36

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, Meghan Diana and all those preparing for or recovering from surgery.

**DECEASED:** For all who have died, especially Ann Bigay, and all deceased members of St. Thomas & St. Mary's Parishes.

<p><b>Natural Family Planning</b></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><b>Sharon Trani MSN; APRN</b> Nurse Practitioner - NFP teacher 802-326-2015 strani@vermontcatholic.org</p>	<p><b>Repentant Reconciled Renewed</b></p>	 <p><b>St. Thomas Church Knights of Columbus Council No. 7810</b> 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><b>PHIL POTVIN 27 MOOSE RUN</b> 899-3305 UNDERHILL</p>	<p><b>CORNERSTONE CONSTRUCTION, INC.</b> P.O. Box 178 Underhill Ctr., VT 05490</p>  <p>RESIDENTIAL &amp; COMMERCIAL BUILDING &amp; REMODELING</p> <p><b>Bill MacDonough</b></p> <p>Phone: 802-343-9605 CornerstoneConstructionVT.com</p>		<p><b>For prayers answered</b></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><b>PRAY FOR VOCATIONS</b></p> 	<p><b>REED'S QUALITY HEATING</b></p> <p>(802) 899-4362 Personalized Efficient Service</p>  <p>John Reed Licensed Service Technicians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oil furnace &amp; boiler specialist</li> <li>Install, service and clean</li> <li>Oil Tank Installations</li> <li>Plumbing repairs and water heaters</li> </ul> <p>PO Box 97 Jericho, VT 05465</p> <p>www.reedandbenoitqualityheating.com</p>		<p><b>For prayers answered</b></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><b>Elegant Wood Floors</b></p> <p><b>Robbe "Kibby" Pierce</b> 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><b>RCIA = Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</b></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><b>Adult Confirmation</b></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 <b>Bruce Barry</b></p> <p>Sales: (802) 881-0511 Service: (802) 863-4343 Fax: (802) 660-4393 <b>David Warren</b></p>	<p>In loving memory of Millicent Dixon</p>  <p>Benefactor of the St. Thomas Cemeteries</p>	<p><b>Confirming Their Faith</b></p> 	<p><b>RCIA = Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</b></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><b>Adult Confirmation</b></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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