



St. Thomas Church

6 Green Street
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Underhill Center, VT 05490

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

Pastor Office Hours:
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Parish Staff

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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

March 19 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the health and wellbeing of John Lehouiller requested by the Girouard family <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption</i>
March 20 SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Sandra Lynch requested by Ken and Donna Schaeffler <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption</i>
MON	<i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption</i>
TUES	6:30 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Mary Bassett requested by Jeanne Atkinson
WED	<i>8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption</i>
THU	NO Mass
FRI	8:00 AM - Mass for the health and wellbeing of John Lehouiller requested by the Knights of Columbus
March 26 SAT	4:00 PM - Mass for the Parishioners of St. Thomas and St. Mary's Parishes <i>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption</i>
March 27 SUN	8:05 AM - Rosary 8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Nick Corea requested by Gerard and Sue Adams <i>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption</i>

<u>Ministry Schedule</u> <u>March 26 & 27</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
8:30 AM SUNDAY	M Girouard	M Ledwith	NONE

Visit the ministry page on our website for full schedule -
www.stthomasvt.com/liturgy-member-schedule

Capitol Improvement

This 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. Thank you for your generosity!

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next week our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's Love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief

Stewardship - March 12 & 13, 2022

Weekly Budgeted Goal:\$ 2,730.77
Regular Collection: ...(incl. \$417 On-Line Giving).....\$ 1,372.00

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 Annunciation of the Lord, March 25

The feast of the Annunciation of the Lord on March 25 is a unique feast, set in the middle of Lent. It is a feast that does not celebrate a day connected to Jesus' death or resurrection, but to his birth. In this way, it is more of a "Christmas feast" than an Easter one.

To help you understand this unique celebration, here are 4 fast facts about the Annunciation.

1. The Gospels do not mention the date of Jesus' incarnation or his birth. As a result, early Christians had to fix specific days on the calendar for these celebrations, considering both oral and written traditions. After careful considerations and much debate, the early Church eventually fixed the feast of the Annunciation on March 25 because it was believed it was the day Jesus died, and that a person died on the day they were conceived. The date of the Nativity or Christmas, December 25, nine months later, was determined from the date of the Annunciation, not the other way around.

2. The word "annunciation" comes from how the Church names the feast day in Latin (Annuntiationem Beatae Mariae Virginis). The word annuntiationem has at its root the Latin word annuntiare, meaning "to announce." This word is referring to the "announcement" of the Lord's incarnation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, as narrated in the Gospel of Luke.

3. In Nazareth today, there is a basilica built over a grotto where it is believed Mary grew up and was visited by the Archangel Gabriel. Today's Nazareth basilica is the largest church in the Middle East. Testifying to the ancient and enduring belief that this was the site of Mary's house and Annunciation are the remnants of four earlier churches within it: a 3rd-century synagogal basilica, a 5th-century Byzantine basilica, a crusader church from the 12th century, and another one built by the Franciscans in the 18th century. This last one was expanded into the current basilica, consecrated as recently as 1969.

4. In some Latin translations of Nehemiah 8:6 the original "amen, amen" is rendered as fiat, fiat. This is an interesting translation, as the Blessed Mother's "yes" at the Annunciation is known in Latin as her fiat. This Latin word is translated into English as "let it be done" and summarizes Mary's humble obedience to the Word of God. In this context the word "Amen" not only affirms what was spoken but is pledge of allegiance to God in humble submission.

The early Christians adopted the word "amen" in a liturgical context, assigning it to the congregation where they would say "Amen" during the divine service, assenting to what was spoken or prayed, as their "yes". Since then, it has continued to be a central part of Christian prayer and is a single word with a great depth of spiritual meaning.

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday	3/20	**Second Collection - Capitol Improvement** 10:00 AM - Religious Ed
Tuesday	3/22	12:00 - Lenten Scripture Series "Jesus Suffered" 5:30 PM - Confessions
Thursday	3/24	9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group
Friday	3/25	7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas followed by Confessions
Saturday	3/26	9:00 AM - Confirmation 3:15 PM - Confessions
Sunday	3/20	**Second Collection - Catholic Relief Services** 10:00 AM - Religious Ed

Thank-You for the Support of the Ukrainians

The Knights of Columbus Council 7810 would like to thank the community who supported our Annual Corned Beef Dinner. We raised \$ 2000 which will be sent to the Knights of Columbus Relief effort in Ukraine. 100% of the \$2000 will go to provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing and communications. On a side note, the Knights would like to offer their sincere apologies to the last couple of people who arrived and we had run out of corned beef. This was unacceptable, we will work to make sure we have enough in future dinners for people who pre bought tickets.

Spring Cleaning?

The annual St. Thomas Yard Sale is moving from August to June! The yard sale dates are 6/24, 6/25 and 6/26, so please gather your clean, serviceable, and quality treasures for the sale. Starting after Easter, we'll be having specific Donation Days on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Please watch the bulletin for specific dates and times. Thanks in advance for your donations!

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.



SANCTUARY CANDLE

Week of March 20

*In loving memory of
Connie Hanover*

Requested by Jim Hanover

March 30 Grab and Go Meal

Our March Age Well Grab and Go meal, no cost to those 60 and over, will be held on Wednesday, March 30th, with pickup 11-12pm. If you would like a meal, please contact Teri by March 28th at 802-899-4632 or office@stthomasvt.com to register. This month's meal includes: Turkey burger with vegetable gravy, mashed potatoes, brussel sprouts, diner roll, peach & craisin' crisp, & milk

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 to fill out the digital survey.

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

"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ" (*The Gospel of Life* 84).

Readings For the Week



March 21

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab
Lk 4:24-30

March 22

Dn 3:25, 34-43
Mt 18:21-35

March 23

Dt 4:1, 5-9
Mt 5:17-19

March 24

Jer 7:23-28
Lk 11:14-23

March 25

Solemnity of the
Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14; 8:10
Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11
Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

March 26

Hos 6:1-6
Lk 18:9-14

March 27

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
2 Cor 5:17-21
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



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