



# St. Thomas Church

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Underhill Center, VT 05490

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

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| <b>April 2<br/>SAT</b>  | 4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Benjamin Parisi requested by Bob and Martha Pollak<br>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption                     |
| <b>April 3<br/>SUN</b>  | 8:05 AM - Rosary<br>8:30 AM- Mass for the repose of the soul of Ross Perri requested by Ed and Louise Mathews<br>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption      |
| <b>MON</b>              | 6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption  |
| <b>TUES</b>             | 6:30 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Bernard Kellner requested by the Kellner family  |
| <b>WED</b>              | 8:00 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption  |
| <b>THU</b>              | NO Mass   |
| <b>FRI</b>              | 8:00 AM - Mass for the health and well being of Patrick and Kathy Flynn requested by Rene and Barbara Desany  |
| <b>April 9<br/>SAT</b>  | 4:00 PM - Mass for the repose of the soul of Celine Leblanc requested by Paul & Lucy Bathalon<br>6:30 PM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption                       |
| <b>April 10<br/>SUN</b> | <b>Palm Sunday</b><br>8:05 AM - Rosary<br>8:30 AM- Mass for the Parishioners of St. Thomas and St. Mary's Parishes<br>10:30 AM - Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption |

| <u>Ministry Schedule</u><br><u>April 9 &amp; 10</u><br><u>Palm Sunday</u> | <u>Extraordinary</u><br><u>Ministers of</u><br><u>Holy Communion</u> | <u>Lectors</u>                   | <u>Altar</u><br><u>Servers</u> |
|---|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 4:00 PM SATURDAY  | S May  | L Berard<br>D Dufresne           | NONE                           |
| 8:30 AM SUNDAY  | S Adams  | L Wells<br>Leasure<br>M Girouard | NONE                           |

### Special Collection for Ukraine

St. Thomas Parish, in conjunction with the Diocese of Burlington and Catholic Relief Services, will be taking up a collection next weekend, April 9/10 to help with the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. Your generosity is appreciated.

### Thank you from Fr. Calapan

"Appreciating your thoughtfulness and generosity following the Super Typhoon that hit my place in the Philippines last December 17th. The total donation from both parishes amounted to \$ 5,299.00 and was sent to my diocese, family, relatives and friends. Your help and prayers let the victims feel God's love and presence. May all of you be blessed abundantly. Thanking you, Fr. Richard "

### Friday, April 8th Fish Dinner—Take out

St. Thomas Parish is excited to announce that we will be serving a baked fish take out dinner on the last Friday of Lent, **April 8th**. Pick up time is 4:30-5:30 PM in the parish hall. Adult meal - \$15: Baked Fresh Haddock with Lemon Butter Dill Glaze, Wild Mushroom & Herb Rice Pilaf, Buttered Green Beans, Coleslaw, Roll & desert. Kids meal—\$8: Crispy Battered Fillets, Tater Tots, Buttered Green Beans, Coleslaw, Roll & desert. Please call ahead to reserve tickets (802-899-4632), or purchase after weekend Masses. Tickets may also be purchased at Wells Corner Market in Underhill Center, or Snowflake Chocolates in Jericho.

## Stewardship - March 26 & 27, 2022

Weekly Budgeted Goal: .....\$ 2,730.77  
Regular Collection: ... (incl. \$440 On-Line Giving).....\$ 1,839.00  
Second Collection - Catholic Relief Fund .....\$ 363.00

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.

## Palm Sunday

Next Sunday is called both "Palm Sunday" or "Passion Sunday." It commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem when the crowd had palm branches. Also, the narrative of the Passion is read on this Sunday. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday. The commemoration of the entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem is celebrated with a solemn procession, in which the congregation, in song and gesture, imitate the Hebrew children who went to meet the Lord singing, "Hosanna." The palms are blessed so that they can be carried in the procession. They should be taken home to serve as a reminder of the victory of Christ which is celebrated in the procession and as a witness to faith in Jesus Christ, the messianic king, and in his Paschal Victory.

At his triumphal entry to Jerusalem, Jesus claimed the right of a king. Jesus' power is built upon God's peace, the only power that could redeem us from our sins. The reaction of the crowd showed that they recognized him as their messianic king. Their spreading out of garments came from the tradition of Israelite kingship. It was a gesture of enthronement in the tradition of David, and it pointed to the Messianic hope that grew out of the Davidic tradition. The pilgrims who came to Jerusalem with Jesus were caught up in the disciples' enthusiasm. They now spread their garments on the street along which Jesus passed. They pluck branches from the trees and cried out verses from Psalm 118, words of blessing from Israel's pilgrim liturgy, which on their lips become a Messianic proclamation: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!" Originally "hosanna" was an urgent plea, meaning something like: Come to our aid! The priests would repeat it in a monotone on the seventh day of the Feast of Tabernacles. But as the Feast of Tabernacles gradually changed from a feast of petition into one of praise, so too the cry for help turned more and more into a shout of jubilation. By the time of Jesus, the word also had Messianic overtones. In the Hosanna acclamation, we find an expression of the complex emotions of the pilgrims accompanying Jesus and of his disciples: joyful praise of God at the processional entry, hope that the hour of the Messiah had arrived, and at the same time a prayer that the Davidic kingship and hence God's kingship over Israel would be reestablished.

But was the crowd that cheered Jesus' arrival the same one that demanded his crucifixion just a few days later? Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI argues that it was not: "All three Synoptic Gospels, as well as Saint John, make it very clear that the scene of Messianic homage to Jesus was played out on his entry into the city and that those taking part were not the inhabitants of Jerusalem, but the crowds who accompanied Jesus and entered the Holy City with him. This point is made most clearly in Matthew's account through the passage immediately following the Hosanna to Jesus, Son of David: "When he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying: Who is this? And the crowds said: This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee" (Mt 21:10-11). . . People had heard of the prophet from Nazareth, but he did not appear to have any importance for Jerusalem, and the people there did not know him. The crowd that paid homage to Jesus at the gateway to the city was not the same crowd that later demanded his crucifixion."

The passion narrative occupies a special place in the liturgy. It is sung or read in the traditional way by three persons who take the parts of Christ, the narrator, and the people. The passion is proclaimed by deacons or priests, or by lay readers. The part of Christ is reserved to the priest.

*Next weekend when we read the "Passion," the congregation has its role too. Beginning on page 52 of the Breaking Bread hymnals in the pews, the congregation responds reading aloud all parts bolded "C" for crowd.*

## PARISH EVENTS

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| Sunday   | 4/3 | 10:00 AM - Religious Ed  |
| Tuesday  | 4/5 | 5:30 PM - Confessions<br>7:00 PM - Parish Council  |
| Thursday | 4/7 | 9:30 AM - Social Concerns Group  |
| Friday   | 4/8 | 4:30 - 5:30 Fish Dinner Takeout<br>7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas followed by Confessions |
| Saturday | 4/9 | ** Second Collection - Ukraine ****<br>9:00 AM - Confirmation Class<br>3:15 PM - Confessions             |



### Religious Education 2021-2022:

**Palm Sunday Presentations:** Palm Sunday is quickly approaching and the children of the religious education classes are preparing to make presentations to their families and other children.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** Following the Palm Sunday Presentations, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. Youth from the Confirmation class will be hiding the eggs.

**Sacraments:** Children in grade 2&3 will receive their First Holy Communion on May 7 here at St. Thomas and our youth in grades 6&7 will receive their Confirmation on April 28 at St. Joseph Cathedral in Burlington. Please keep them all in your prayers.

### Easter Flowers:



If you would like to make a donation to our Easter Flower Fund in memory of a deceased loved one, please use the envelopes found in the pews and drop in the offertory basket. These flowers will adorn the sanctuary throughout the Easter Season.

### 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!

### 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.

### 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.

### Meatless Soup Friday

Soup take-out at St. Pius X. Enjoy a bowl of homemade soup, corn muffins, and dessert for \$6.00. Soup choices are Veggie Chowder, Minestrone or Cream of Broccoli. To help us plan, reservations are required - deadline Wed. April 6th. To make yours, call Laurie at 802-878-0525 or e-mail Georgie at [sgtatro@comcast.net](mailto:sgtatro@comcast.net). Pick up is between 4-6 on Friday the 8th. Proceeds from this meal will be donated to Catholic Charities for Ukraine.

Make faith formation a lifelong effort  
Faith formation should not end at Confirmation

### April 27 Grab and Go Meal

Our March Age Well Grab and Go meal, no cost to those 60 and over, will be held on Wednesday, April 22nd, with pickup 11-12pm. If you would like a meal, please contact Teri by March 28th at 802-899-4632 or [office@stthomasvt.com](mailto:office@stthomasvt.com) to register. This month's meal includes: Roast turkey with gravy, mashed potatoes, sliced carrots with parsley, dinner roll, pumpkin pie with cream, & milk.

### CTK School Cabaret and Online Auction

The annual Christ the King Cabaret and Auction will take place online this year on April 8, 9, and 10. Visit <https://cabaret.cksvt.org/> to check out our talented students and bid on some great items! All proceeds directly benefit the children, programs, and mission of Christ the King School! If you have questions or would like to donate a gift certificate or item please email [jhughes@cksvt.org](mailto:jhughes@cksvt.org)

### Retrouvaille

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming New England program beginning with a weekend on May 6-8, 2022 visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 800-470-2230 or email us at [3023r@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:3023r@helpourmarriage.org).

*"Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen." A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*

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 Donald Gandini Jr., and all deceased members of St. Thomas & St. Mary's Parishes.

## Readings For the Week



### April 4

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62  
Jn 8:12-20

### April 5

Nm 21:4-9  
Jn 8:21-30

### April 6

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95  
Jn 8:31-42

### April 7

Gn 17:3-9  
Jn 8:51-59

### April 8

Jer 20:10-13  
Jn 10:31-42

### April 9

Ez 37:21-28  
Jn 11:45-56

### April 10

**Palm Sunday of the  
Lord's Passion**

Lk 19:28-40  
Is 50:4-7  
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24  
Phil 2:6-11  
Lk 22:14—23:56

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| <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><br/>Nurse Practitioner - NFP teacher<br/>802-326-2015<br/>strani@vermontcatholic.org</p> | <p><b>Repentant<br/>Reconciled<br/>Renewed</b></p>  |  <p><b>St. Thomas Church<br/>Knights of Columbus</b><br/>Council No. 7810<br/>G.K.: Steve Haupt<br/>Chancellor: Ed Matthews<br/>Recorder: Andrew Rowe<br/>Treasurer: Mark Girouard<br/>Warden: Bob Kennedy<br/>Advocate: Craig Benson<br/>Meets 2nd Tuesday each month</p> |  <p>Catholic Family Confectioners<br/>Established 1986</p> <p>81 A VT Rte 15<br/>PO Box 303, Jericho, VT 05465<br/>802-899-3373<br/>SnowflakeChocolate.com<br/>The Pollak Family</p>   |
|  <p><b>PHIL POTVIN 27 MOOSE RUN</b><br/>899-3305 UNDERHILL</p>   | <p><b>CORNERSTONE CONSTRUCTION, INC.</b><br/>P.O. Box 178 Underhill Ctr., VT 05490</p>  <p>RESIDENTIAL &amp; COMMERCIAL<br/>BUILDING &amp; REMODELING</p> <p><b>Bill MacDonough</b></p> <p>Phone: 802-343-9605<br/>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<br/>VOCATIONS</b></p>   | <p><b>REED'S QUALITY HEATING</b></p> <p>(802) 899-4362<br/>Personalized Efficient Service</p>  <p>John Reed<br/>Licensed Service Technicians</p> <p>PO Box 97<br/>Jericho, VT 05465</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>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><br/>owner<br/>802-522-3710<br/>WWW.ElegantWoodFloors.com</p> <p>61 Lazy Brook Lane Jeffersonville, Vermont 05464<br/>DESIGN - INSTALLATION - SANDING - FINISHING</p>                            | <p>Do you have friends and family members who no longer practice our Catholic Faith?<br/>Why not invite them to "come home".<br/>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<br/>So. Burlington, VT 05403<br/>BarrysAutomotiveVT.com<br/><b>Bruce Barry</b></p> <p>Sales: (802) 881-0511<br/>Service: (802) 863-4343<br/>Fax: (802) 660-4393<br/><b>David Warren</b></p>  | <p>In loving memory of<br/>Millicent Dixon</p>  <p>Benefactor of the<br/>St. Thomas Cemeteries</p>   | <p><b>Confirming<br/>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>    |
|  <p><b>God<br/>Bless<br/>America</b></p>   |  <p><b>Dave Chenette Realtor/Broker</b><br/>Business 802-264-1991 · Fax 802-318-4662<br/>e-mail: Dave@DaveChenette.com<br/>website: www.DaveChenette.com</p>   |  <p>Heating Oil • Propane • Service</p> <p>P.O. Box 253 • Richmond, VT 05477<br/>tel 800-427-9276 • fax 802-434-3518 • info@pattersonfuels.com</p>   |    |
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