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St. Thomas More Church

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St. Veronica Chapel

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Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More Church

Vigil Mass - Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 10:00 AM

Daily Mass - Monday - Saturday: 9:00 AM

Confession - Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM

St. Veronica Chapel

Vigil Mass - Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses

8:30 AM

11:00 AM



FEBRUARY 9, 2025 - THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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This and That....

It has been a cold winter here in Rhode Island! We have had our challenges as a parish as the compressor for the heating system in the parish hall at St. Thomas More gave way. The system is finally fixed after a few weeks of using portable heaters and waiting for parts. Because the cost to repair the system is so high, we can file a claim with our insurance company after paying a hefty deductible. Other aging parts of the heating systems at both churches have also been replaced, and our insurance company recently informed us that the roof needs to be replaced at St. Veronica Chapel. It never ends, stay tuned!

During the winter months, both churches' parking lots and sidewalks can be challenging when the ground is cold and frosty and even when light rain occurs. Our sacristans do their best to put ice salt down, which helps, but there will always be challenges. Please be careful and lend a hand if you see a mobility-challenged person.

Please inform us if you know someone who cannot attend Mass due to surgery or any other reason. We have a team of Eucharistic Ministers who visit the homebound to give the Eucharist to anyone who would like Jesus. Individuals in South County Hospital receive the Eucharist daily if they self-identify as a Catholic. We are grateful for this.

It is good to be home among familiar people and our churches. Thank you for your warm "welcome home." I encourage you to join me in continued prayer for vocations to our diocese and the Archdiocese for Military Services.

I wish to thank our devoted and talented staff for all their efforts this last year to keep the St. Thomas More ship afloat and at an incredible speed amidst the waves of life. Thank them when you see them; we are indeed blessed! Last week, our staff spent some time at St. Mary's Church in Pawtucket for prayer and planning.

There is no word at all on who our next bishop will be. Please also keep this as prayer intention.

Fr. Taillon

Heavenly Father,

We come before You with gratitude for the many blessings
You have poured upon the Diocese of Providence.

As we await the appointment of a new bishop, we entrust
this process to Your loving care and guidance.

Send Your Holy Spirit to those involved in discerning and
selecting our new shepherd. May they be filled with wisdom,
insight, and fidelity to Your will. Bless the one You have chosen
to lead us, that he may be a man of deep prayer, strong faith,
and courageous love, devoted to serving You and the people
of this diocese. Prepare his heart to embrace this mission
with humility and joy and grant him the grace
to guide us in truth and unity.

May he be a faithful teacher, a compassionate pastor,
and a courageous witness to the Gospel,
drawing us closer to You in all that we do.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church,
and our patron saints, St. Thomas More and St. Veronica.

May they guide and protect our diocese as we
await this important moment.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SAVE THE DATES FOR TWO UPCOMING LENTEN ACTIVITES



Parish Lenten Mission

March 9 & 10

Fr. Alex Wyvill

St. Bartholomew Church, Bethesda, Maryland

*“Drawing Them Near:
Walking with Those who Struggle with Faith”*

ST. JOSEPH’S DAY

Pasta Dinner

LUNCH or DINNER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

DETAILS TO FOLLOW



Rhode Island
Blood Center

February 26th

2:00 to 7:00 PM

Blood Drive



St. Thomas More Parish Hall

To schedule: www.popepiusxii.org/blood-drive



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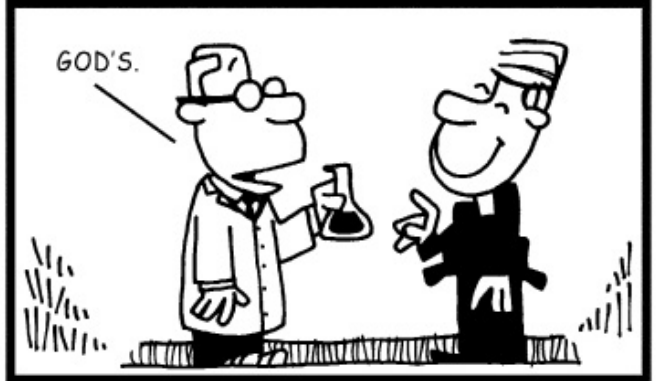
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The Knights of Columbus held their annual bowling event last Sunday with their friends from Perspectives. Over 75 people were attendance and a great time was had by all. This annual event has been going on for over a decade and is always well attended.

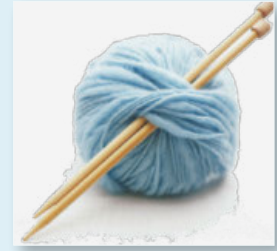


5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





THE ST. THOMAS MORE Knitting Ministry



Calling all knitters and crocheters!

For over 20 years, members of St. Thomas More's knitting ministry have been handcrafting beautiful items that they generously share with others at local nursing homes, hospitals, homeless shelters, Providence churches, and pro-life centers, just to name a few.

The ministry meets monthly on the second Wednesday at 1:00 PM in St. Thomas More parish hall and is open to all, whether you're a beginner or experienced.

2025 dates are as follows:

February 12th	July and August – No meeting
March 12th	September 10th
April 16th	October 8th
May 14th	November 12th
June 11th	December 3rd *

* December 3rd is "Collection Day," when the ministry members bring in all the items they've made throughout the year. In 2024, the members knitted and/or crocheted over 600 items between hats, scarves, mittens, prayer shawls, lap blankets, baby blankets, etc. The recipients appreciate the ministry's generosity, as noted in the letter below.

Please call Lynn Bamford with questions at 789-7682 or email stmbamford@gmail.com.
All are welcome!



Mother of Life Center
A Place of Hope, Healing & Love

December 27, 2024

Reverend Przemysław E. Lepak
The Knitting Ministry
St. Thomas More Church
53 Rockland Street
Narragansett, RI 02882

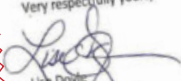
Dear Father Lepak and Members of the Knitting Ministry,

Thank you very much for your generous donation of beautifully handknit blankets to the Mother of Life Center. We are blessed with such kind and selfless donors!

With your partnership in our work, you are sustaining a group of people who are struggling to support their little ones. Your generosity brings hope to those who are facing challenging times. We are incredibly grateful for your generous response to mothers and their precious babies.

We will pray for you and your intentions in our chapel. May Our Lord reward you abundantly for your charity.

Very respectfully yours,


Lisa Doyle
Executive Director



The ministry also makes baptismal blankets that are gifted to each baby baptized at St. Thomas More.

MASS *intentions*

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8th

4 PM – for the soul of Thomas Crossett & for the parishioners of St. Thomas More

5 PM – 10th Anniversary ~ Mary Grace Sullivan

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9th

8:30 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ John Chatwin

10 AM – for the soul of David L. Caswell

11 AM – for the soul of Thomas Mulhearn

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10th

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Linda A. Ruscito

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11th

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Anna DeLuca

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12th

9 AM – for the soul of Suzanne Murray

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13th

9 AM – for the soul of Jane Fair

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14th

9 AM – for the soul of Patricia Normandin

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15th

9 AM – for the soul of Peggy Borek

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15th

4 PM – for the soul of Rita Travis

5 PM – for the deceased members of the Del Monico & Russo Families

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16th

8:30 AM – 6th month Anniversary ~ William Donohue

10 AM – for the soul of Thomas Mulhearn

11 AM – for the parishioners of St. Thomas More

Second Collection

The second collection this weekend is for Tuition Assistance.

Knights of Columbus

Monthly Council Meeting

Monday, February 10th - 7PM

St. Thomas More Parish Hall

New candidates, please contact Bernie Casey at berniecaseyjr@gmail.com.



Our Lady's Guild Meeting
Wednesday, February 12th
following the 9:00 AM Mass

All are welcome to join at St. Thomas More Parish Hall

"God wishes to establish in the world, devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If people do what I tell you, many souls will be saved and there will be peace."

For more info contact Diane at 401-996-3876
<https://stn-ourladysguild.weebly.com/>

Knitting Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, February 12th - 1:00 PM

St. Thomas More Parish Hall

All are welcome!

For more info, call the parish office at 789-7682.



SILENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, February 13th

St. Thomas More Church from 6:30 - 7:30 PM
with Exposition and Benediction
of the Blessed Sacrament

Happenings around the parish

Come Join Us
to pray the

ROSARY

at the

BEACH

Sunday February 9th
1—1:45 pm
Narragansett Town Beach
(seawall entrance)



* Free parking in the town beach lot * Rain or shine
* Bring chairs, blankets * Extra rosaries provided

Weekly Food Collection - organized by the Knights

Many families in our area struggle with food and welcome your donations in the baskets located by all entrances. Ideas include: peanut butter & jelly, beans, vegetables, rice, pasta, soup, spaghetti sauce, whole grain cereal, and healthy snacks. Thank you for your generosity!

Men's Bible Study

Our parish has a very active group of men who meet each Saturday morning in the parish hall at 7:30 AM to discuss the Sunday scripture readings. This is very informal and all are invited and welcome to join.

Our Lady's Guild

Our Lady's Guild has meetings at 9:30AM on the second Wednesday of each month in the parish hall. On Mondays after the 9AM Mass they meet as an informal group to discuss, read and reflect on the gospels of the coming week and to share personal insights of those readings, with coffee & refreshments.

The rosary is prayed Monday - Saturday at 8:30AM at St. Thomas More before the 9AM Mass.



All are welcome to join these activities. To learn more about Our Lady's Guild, call Diane at 996-3876 or visit <https://stm-ourladysguild.weebly.com/>

Religious Education

Sunday, February 9th

Grades 1 -4 at 10:00-10:50 AM
St. Veronica Chapel
Confirmation Prep ~ No Class

Wednesday, February 12th

Grades 5-8 at 5:45-6:45 PM
St. Veronica Chapel

Join the Choir at St. Thomas More Church

Looking for New Members

Rehearsals: Mondays at 7

Email: maronisings@gmail.com for more information

Join us in singing traditional and contemporary hymns under the direction of Marissa Maroni. Through her extensive training in voice, our members get to work on vocal technique while learning new repertoire that is sung at Mass each week.



Prayer Chain Ministry

If you know someone who would like or needs extra prayers, we are happy to help. Call Jean at 783-3403 to express your request. New volunteers are always welcome to join this necessary and important ministry.

Remember the Poor

The small donation boxes on the church walls labeled "Remember the Poor" goes to the Mother Teresa Fund, which helps with local rental assistance, utilities, food and prescriptions. Thank you for your generosity.

Rosary Repairs

Drop your broken beads in envelope provided in the box in the foyer at St. Thomas More with your name and contact info. You will be contacted when complete.

St. Vincent dePaul clothing bins

Weekly pick up of clothing & shoes. Bins located at the back of the St. Thomas More parking lot, inside the fence.

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