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Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More Church

Vigil Mass - Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

Daily Mass - Monday - Saturday: 9:00AM

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

St. Veronica Chapel

Vigil Mass - Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses

8:30AM

11:00AM



APRIL 28, 2024 - THE THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

From the Desk of Fr. Unsworth

Some thoughts on violence in our culture

During the past few years, we have all been shocked and frightened by the sad and violent events in our schools, colleges and on our streets. We see violence at rallies for presidential candidates and the rising number of shootings and stabbings in Providence this year which can give us a sense that we are not safe. The violence we see in countries of the Middle East and the violence brought against Christians by Islamic Forces have shown us violence so horrible and the only word for it is “genocide”. Today we realize that the world is full of psychotic, troubled people who have come to see that their greatest power can be found in violence and that no one can really be safe in a society where violence is celebrated in video games and on TV and where guns can be purchased by almost anyone.

Some young people find it difficult to deal with conflict in their lives. Some have been given a very bad example by adults and they try to model the behavior of others who have a strong influence over them. Some feel they have been “rejected” by their peers because they are different and, because of their own low self-esteem, try to “even the score” with those who put them down. Everyone is influenced by the “culture of death” in which we live. This means that we are given a steady diet of violence in the news and in our entertainment media. All this can give some young adults a distorted view of reality. They do not learn how to form healthy, life-giving relationships. Often, they turn to violence as a solution to their problems.

No one can guarantee you a safe school, or a safe world, but we can all help to eliminate violence and improve the quality of life for everyone. Here are some suggestions the Church offers to those who seek to remove violence from their lives.

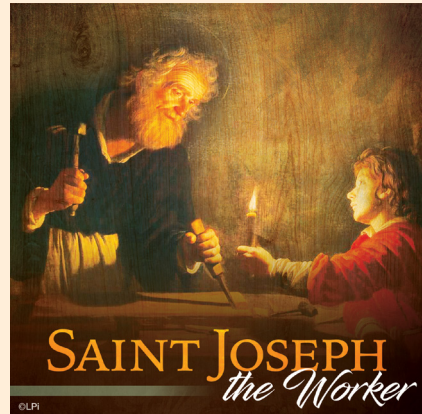
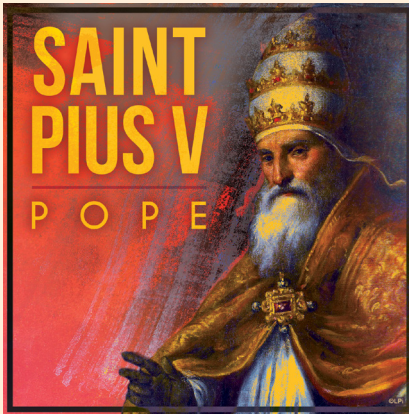
1. An explosive, destructive force is one description of violence. It can be a word, an action that injures life, dignity or reputation. Be careful not to harm others with your words or actions by laughing at someone because they are different or calling someone a name because they are not like you.
2. Never gossip about others. We do violence to others by hurting their reputation and good name.
3. Play fair. Don't cheat in sports, at work or in life. In this way we respect others and ourselves.

By using violence some might think they are gaining respect, friends, or a reputation as someone to be feared. The reality is that they are losing things far more valuable like their humanness, their self-control and their ability to make the world a more peaceful place. We can never bring back those innocent lives that have been lost and our world already has more violence than it needs. Let us try to make the 21st Century the “Age of Peace” and join God who is the King of Peace. Your prayer each day should be “*Lord, show me how to be mindful of the dignity you have given to me and to all people. Help me to be a friend to the world this day.*”

Fr. Unsworth

**Observances for the week of
April 28, 2024**

- Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter
- Monday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday: St. Pius V, Pope
- Wednesday: St. Joseph the Worker
- Thursday: The National Day of Prayer



Vivian Grace Lynch baptized in Christ. Pictured with her parents, Andrew and Michaela (and big sister Maeve) and Godparents, Philip Lynch and Kristen Mahoney. Vivian is Margherite Garrahy's 5th great grandchild, congratulations!



SPRING FLING DANCE

The Knights hosted their annual Spring Fling Dance with our friends at Perspectives. With guests and volunteers, there were over 160 in attendance. A great time was had by all!





Last weekend the Knights of Columbus held their annual Men's retreat at Enders Island in Mystic, CT with Msgr. Halloran.



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MASS *intentions*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 27th

4 PM – for the soul of Carol Silven

5 PM – for the soul of Catherine Ranaldi

SUNDAY, APRIL 28th

8:30 AM – Special Intentions ~ Delaney &
Kirwan Families (Living)

10 AM – 9th Anniversary ~ Marie Blanche Holmberg

11 AM – 4th Anniversary ~ Helen Leger

MONDAY, APRIL 29th

9 AM – for the soul of Al Leger

TUESDAY, APRIL 30th

9 AM – for the souls of Lisa & Jack Madden

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1st

9 AM – for the soul of Pat Maciel

THURSDAY, MAY 2nd

9 AM – 10th Anniversary ~ Geraldine Schenck

FRIDAY, MAY 3rd

9 AM – for the soul of William McNaughton

SATURDAY, MAY 4th

9 AM – for the soul of Helen Petit

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, MAY 4th

4 PM – for the souls of Mario & Angelina Rosati

5 PM – Special Intentions ~ Confirmation Candidates

SUNDAY, MAY 5th

8:30 AM – for the soul of Nita Natale

10 AM – for the soul of Mary Pat Bamford

11 AM – 22nd Anniversary ~ Paul Dignan

~ Kindly Note ~

On Saturday May 4th,
St. Thomas More will be celebrating the
Sacrament of Confirmation
during the 5:00 PM Mass.

Please keep in your prayers the students
who will be confirmed on
Saturday, May 4th
and who will be receiving their
First Holy Communion on
Saturday, May 11th.

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Happenings around the parish

Recent Restroom Renovations

Upgrades were made at St. Thomas More to both the Ladies Room (top) and Mens Room (bottom).



Religious Education

Sunday, April 28th

Last Class for Grades 1 - 4
at 10:05-10:55 AM | St. Veronica Chapel

1st & 2nd-Year Confirmation Retreat
at St. Thomas More

Monday, April 29th

Last Class for Grades 1 - 4
at 4:10-5:00 PM | St. Thomas More

Wednesday, May 1st

Last Class for Grades 5 - 8
at 5:45-6:45 PM | St. Veronica Chapel

PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. JOSE

September 22 -October 8, 2024

Please join Fr. Jose Parathanal on a pilgrimage to the magnificent cultural and spiritual sites of incredible India! The tour begins in the ancient cities of Delhi (Sacred Heart Cathedral), Agra (Taj Mahal), Jaipur (Pink City), Kolkata (Mother Teresa) and Goa (St. Francis Xavier). The itinerary also includes the beautiful scenic state of Kerala in South India, where the famous shrines of St. Thomas the Apostle, the tombs of St. Kuriakose Chavara, St. Alphonsa and many other saints are located. For more details, contact Bernie Corpuz at 323-547-6618 or email at bcorp1114@gmail.com.



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OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

To: All Priests and Deacons

From: Deacon Noel Edsall and Deacon Bud Remillard, Office of the Permanent Diaconate, Diocese of Providence

Date: April 12, 2024

RE: **Information Sessions for men interested in the Permanent Diaconate**

Dear Father/Deacon,

Bishop Richard G. Henning has authorized the recruitment and formation of a new class of Permanent Deacons for the Diocese of Providence.

We need your help getting the word out. Please share this announcement in your parish bulletin, from the pulpit, on the web, on social media, and more, over the coming weeks. This will help invite interested men to the upcoming May/June Informational Sessions around our diocese.

The following may be helpful in this effort:

Informational Webpages and Resources to Share

Promotional resources to share in the Parish *(in English and en español)*

Including brief announcements, squares for web and social, and flyers
dioceseofprovidence.org/new-deacon-class-for-the-parish

Register for an Information Session *(in English and en español)*

dioceseofprovidence.org/information-sessions-permanent-diaconate-program

Deacon Formation Program (in English)

dioceseofprovidence.org/deacon-formation-program

Programa de Formación al Diaconado (en español)

dioceseofprovidence.org/programa-de-formacion-al-diaconado

Interested men are invited to attend an Information Session

They can do so by registering at dioceseofprovidence.org/information-sessions-permanent-diaconate-program to complete and submit a registration for a particular session. This will help us ensure that we have sufficient materials for each Information Session. If a man is married, his wife is cordially invited and encouraged to attend the presentation

About the Information Sessions

- Each session will begin with a brief prayer and introduction
- There will be a PowerPoint presentation covering:
 - the history and service of the diaconate in the Diocese
 - a description of the Program of Formation
 - a description of the Application Process
- There will be time for questions and answers
- Printed materials and an application will be provided at each session.

Attendance at a session will not obligate anyone. The process will begin when a man returns his completed application and required documentation to the Office of Deacons. We would like all applications by August 15, 2024 so we may begin scheduling interviews in September.

Thank you for promoting this new formation program for the permanent diaconate.

Sincerely in Christ the Servant,

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