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SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

July 2nd - Sept 3rd

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

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DAILY MASS - 9:00 AM - MON.- SAT.

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY - 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

SATURDAY - 4:00-4:45 PM

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WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 4:00 PM

SUNDAY - 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

& 8:00 PM Last Call

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AUGUST 20, 2023 - THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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The Feast of the Assumption

We just celebrated the Feast of the Assumption this past week. This Feast is of great importance to us in a way that needs to lead to refecton, prayer and hope. Mary was given the prevenient grace in being asked to be the Mother of Jesus Christ. She said yes, and conceived the only Son of God. The tradition of Mary's body being assumed into heaven at her death makes sense in that she has gone before us, experiencing the fullness of eternal life that is promised to us who believe.

The Feast is cause for a pause. Do you believe the last line of the creed that we pray each Sunday, "I believe in the resurrection of the body"? This is one of the real reasons that Catholics honor the body with Christian burial and are not able to scatter the body whenever possible. I have seen a change in how people view the body and how we treat the body after death. It seems that many say they believe the soul lives forever.

I have at times heard people ruminate that our dead relatives are doing things that would require a body in heaven. Things like cooking, golfing, etc. Whenever I hear this I know that they innocently have not reflected on the resurrection of the body on the Last Day, nor do they fully understand the significance of the hope we find in the Assumption of Mary.

God created us soul and body. At our baptism we became a temple of the Holy Spirit. It only makes sense that God in His infinite goodness would raise us up as He did His Son on Easter morning.

Think of the centrality of the bodily resurrection of Jesus and the first hand accounts of people recognizing Him in his glorified bodily wounds. Why Easter? Why the Assumption? Because God desires this for us too.

Lets reflect on heaven and who and what it is and isn't, as the summer closes and the Assumption bids us to go forward in faith, body and soul.

Fr. Taillon



Sunday, August 27th

St. Veronica Chapel

11:00 AM - Sunday Mass

12:00 PM - Parking lot blessing and celebration

- **pig roast** ● **hot dogs** ● **hamburgers** ●
- **ice cream** ● **bubbles** ●
- **live country music** ●

Thank you to all who have already bought your tickets.
The proceeds from this raffle keeps this a free event, provides the prize money,
and will support our parish outreach and ministries.

It's not too late to purchase your raffle tickets. Please return to
the parish office or drop them into a collection basket.

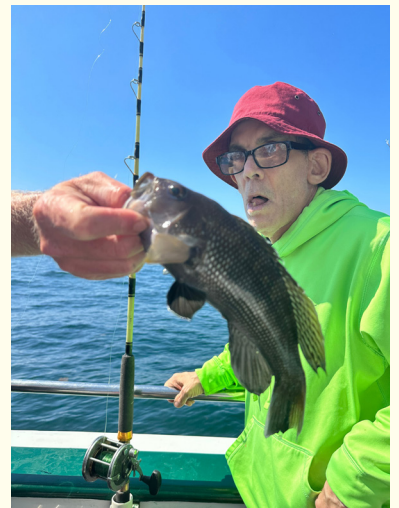
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Fishing, BBQ & Knights

The Knights recently hosted their friends from Perspectives for the annual fishing trip and BBQ.

A special thanks to both the Lions and Elks Club's for their financial assistance in making our fishing excursion a reality. Now in our 12th year, we had a great turnout, a ton of fish were caught, and there were many smiling faces throughout the day.

See more pictures at popepiusxii.org/gallery.





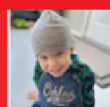
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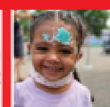
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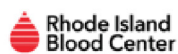
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Your blood drive had **32** presenting donors,

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MASS *intentions*

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19th (Vigil)

4 PM – for the soul of James F. Mohan

5 PM – for the soul of Henry Del Monico

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20th

7:30 AM – for the soul of Thomas Reilly

8 AM – for the soul of Rose Di Giacomo

9 AM – 6th Anniversary ~ John Saugy

10 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ William Shields

11 AM – for the soul of Mary Lou Oatis

8 PM – for the soul of Vincenza Masiello

MONDAY, AUGUST 21st

9 AM – for the soul of Jim McCormick

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22nd

9 AM – for the soul of Walter Pristawa

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23rd

9 AM – for the soul of Lou Hopkins

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24th

9 AM – for the soul of Sheridan Darey

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25th

9 AM – for the souls Charles & Ann McMahon
and their daughter, Catherine McMahon

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26th

9 AM – for the soul of Geraldine Egan

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26th (Vigil)

4 PM – 68th Wedding Anniversary ~

Albert & Nellie Christopher

5 PM – for the soul of Fr. Joseph Henry

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27th

7:30 AM – for the soul of Stacy Sherder

8 AM – 50th Anniversary ~ Charles Short

9 AM – for the souls of James & Mary Cunningham

10 AM – 20th Anniversary ~ Michael Bova

11 AM – for the soul of Frank Lachut

8 PM – for the soul of Janet Poirier

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Mother of Hope Camp

From our parish mailbag:

Dear Fr. Taillon,

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I write on behalf of the campers and staff of Mother of Hope Camp to say thank you for your generous donation of \$220 to our annual campership fund. Your donation and prayerful support helped us in bringing needy children a fun-filled and safe Catholic camp experience. We could not have done this without your help!

Michelle Ficocelli,
Mother of Hope Camp Director

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

**Topic: The Letters of the Apostolic Fathers
with Maryann Knag
Tuesday - 9:40-11:10AM**

August 22

Read the Letter of St. Ignatius to St. Polycarp
and the Letter of St. Polycarp to the Philipppians

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86828247646?pwd=OEF4aVhhRHZXMmE4WnJNan-FLdGw3QT09>

**Meeting ID: 868 2824 7646
Passcode: 499737**

August 22 & 29

(The class will also be offered remotely on Zoom)

Happenings around the parish

Fr Joe celebrated Syro Malabar Liturgy and hosted the Indian community for Mass and dinner last Sunday at St Thomas More.



Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

The Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment is hosting the annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration to honor couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2023.

The celebration will be held on Sunday, **OCTOBER 22, 2023, 1:00 p.m.**, Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence. It will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Richard G. Henning will be the main celebrant and homilist.

Registration forms, available in the parish office, must be received by September 15th.

Diocese of Providence
[dioceseofprovidence.org](https://www.dioceseofprovidence.org)

Saint Thomas More Lazarus Bereavement Support Group



Anyone is welcome to join, we will meet monthly on the last Wednesday of each month

August 30-December 27, 2023

Dennis Dillon will be the facilitator, and the group will cover the following topics:

- ~ Opening our Hearts
- ~ Encountering Loss
- ~ Common Experience in Our Grief
- ~ Recognizing shared experiences and emotions among participants
- ~ Seeking to Understand
- ~ Relating to the Outside World
- ~ Our Relationships with God, Ourselves, and Our Grief with Balanced Living
- ~ "God is Love" - A Spiritual Encounter

For more info contact Dennis Dillon at
dennisdillon1@gmail.com

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY



Summer Bible details

Tuesday Mornings—9:40-11:10AM

Beginning Tuesday July 11 (*The class will also be offered remotely on Zoom*)

Seven Meeting Dates: July 11, 18, 25; August 8, 15, 22 & 29

(No Bible August 1 due to Vacation Bible School)

Topic: By popular demand—The Letters of the Apostolic Fathers

St. Clement of Rome, St. Ignatius of Antioch and St. Polycarp of Smyrna. These are three bishop martyrs who lived in the generation after the apostles. Through their letters, they give us our first peak into the formation of the earliest Church in the context of the Roman Empire of the late first and early to mid second centuries. They are heroic, fighting off heresy from within the early Church as well as persecution from without. Today our own Catholic faith and morality are challenged by our secular culture and ever emerging ideologies. Come read with us and be encouraged and inspired. This faith has survived two thousand years!

These readings are not in the Bible. Here are two options:

1) They can be downloaded and printed for free at www.earlychristianwritings.com.

Scroll down in the first column and find “1 Clement” (1 letter), “Ignatius of Antioch” (seven letters) and “Polycarp to the Philippians” (1 letter) and print them;

OR

Purchase online an anthology of Early Christian Writings. I use “Early Christian Fathers” by Westminster John Knox Press, ed. C.R. Richardson. There are several editions.

For questions or more information, contact Maryann Knag, 203.213.4809 or mmknag@aol.com

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**- The Letters of the Apostolic Fathers -
St. Clement of Rome, St. Ignatius of Antioch and St. Polycarp of Smyrna**

Schedule of Meetings and Readings:

July 11 — Introduction: Early Christian Writings & the Apostolic Fathers; Persecution in the Roman Empire;
- The Stories of the three Fathers; Finding Rome, Antioch, Smyrna, Corinth, Ephesus, Magnesia, Thrace, Philadelphia and Philippi on the Map.
- Begin reading the First Letter of St. Clement

July 18 — Read the First Letter of St. Clement to the Corinthians, Paragraphs 1-30

July 25 — Read First Clement, Paragraphs 31-65

August 1 — **No Meeting** (*Vacation Bible School in the Parish Hall*)

August 8 — Read three Letters of St. Ignatius of Antioch to the Ephesians, the Magnesians and the Trallians

August 15 — Read three Letters of St. Ignatius of Antioch to the Romans, the Philadelphians and the Smyrnaeans

August 22 — Read the Letter of St. Ignatius to St. Polycarp and the Letter of St. Polycarp to the Philippians

August 29 — Catch-up & Excerpts from the Apologia of St. Justin Martyr to the Emperor Antoninus Pius on the Christian Liturgy

NB: These letters are not in the Bible. They can be found at www.earlychristianwritings.com and downloaded for free or by purchasing online “Early Christian Fathers”, ed. Cyril C. Richardson, Westminster John Knox Press, 2006, or several other collections of the Early Christian Fathers.

The series is lead by Maryann Knag MAT MAR, a trained Catholic Bible scholar, who has been leading Bible studies since 2004. For more information, contact Maryann at 203.213.4809 or mmknag@aol.com

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For those wishing to join us remotely, below is the Zoom Link.

Maryann Knag is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: St. Thomas More Narragansett RI Tuesday 9:40 AM Bible Study

Time: Jul 11, 2023 - 09:40 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Tue, 7 occurrence(s)

Jul 11, 2023 09:40 AM

Jul 18, 2023 09:40 AM

Jul 25, 2023 09:40 AM

Aug 1, 2023 - NO Meeting this week

Aug 8, 2023 09:40 AM

Aug 15, 2023 09:40 AM

Aug 22, 2023 09:40 AM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZldeGqqjwsHtLCpN-r0ggQOKkY4CNbe9Oa/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGupjkiGNCSth2BRpwAGojoWerwiGZdgrdxvw_LTjIDZQTHB8lJC-ZcPtrV](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZldeGqqjwsHtLCpN-r0ggQOKkY4CNbe9Oa/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGupjkiGNCSth2BRpwAGojoWerwiGZdgrdxvw_LTjIDZQTHB8lJC-ZcPtrV)

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Looking forward to seeing you all very soon and reading the letters of these very early saintly heroes !

In Christ,
Maryann Knag

Thank you to the many new families who have signed up for Faith Direct to support our ministries. Your support allows us to continue to serve the spiritual and corporeal needs of our parish and wider community. And, thank you to our many virtual parishoners who continue to support us, we appreciate your support too!



St. Thomas More Parish counts on your prayers and support and we truly appreciate your continued generosity during this difficult time.

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