

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH

St. Thomas More Church

53 ROCKLAND STREET, NARRAGANSETT, RI 02882-3620



St. Veronica Chapel

1035 BOSTON NECK ROAD, NARRAGANSETT, RI 02882

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

July 2nd - Sept 3rd

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

53 Rockland Street

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

OR BY APPOINTMENT

ST. VERONICA CHAPEL

1035 Boston Neck Rd.

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 27, 2023 - THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Honoring our Past...Consecrating our Future

It has been quite some time since our Capital Campaign was launched in 2017. I recall that we chose this name since it invited us to give thanks to God for how our parish began in such a humble and little way back in 1884 in a chapel where the courtyard is today on Rockland Street. Once affiliated with St. Francis in Wakefield, we were now to be our own parish.

In 1994 Bishop Harkin gave permission to build the larger church we enjoy today. On Sunday July 19, 1908 the Bishop celebrated the first Mass at 6:20 AM. In 1960, St. Mary Star of the Sea would leave St. Thomas More and break off also to be her own.

There was a cinder block chapel on land on Boston Neck Road that was owned by the Diocese of Providence. It was given to the Diocese by J. Howard Mcgrath, the US Attorney General. Under the leadership of Msgr. Halloran, the land was given to our parish and the chapel was built. The formal dedication of the new church was in 2000. The additional hall and classrooms were dedicated in 2003.

This particular capital campaign, Honoring our Past...Consecrating our Future, saw the complete renovation of the St. Thomas More parish hall and the addition of a new kitchen on Rockland Sreet. The last phase of this campaign is the enhancement of the parking lot at St. Veronica. While still not complete, we thought it would be good to pause and celebrate all the history of our parish and to pray for all those that have gone before us in their faith lives who have entrusted these days to us. We look forward to the day we can receive all of our worshippers and countless visitors in a safe and pleasant atmosphere. The heavy landscaping will take place in September, and then the second layer of asphalt and final lines will be painted.

A word of thanks to all the donors who made all this possible as well as the architects, engineers and workers who have done outstanding work over the last several years.

Let us remember that we are consecrating our future which is to say we entrust it to Jesus Christ. The most important thing in our churches are the altars of sacrifice and our tabernacles, as well as you! God has blessed our parish with growth and vibrancy. Let us celebrate today all that God has done for us, and promises to do.

Let's honor our past and consecrate our future.

Fr. Taillon

Join us this weekend!



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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 •

Congratulations!



Married in Christ!
Alyssa and Doug Caliri with Fr. Taillon.



Married in Christ!
Stephanie and Walter Manning with Fr. Taillon.



Knights 11th Annual Golf Outing

The Knights of Columbus recently hosted its 11th Annual Golf Tournament to another sell-out field of golfers at the Richmond Country Club. This year, the Knights are excited to be able to provide \$12,000 in seminarian scholarships. Over the course of the 11 years of the tournament, they have provided \$76,500 in scholarships. Thank you to all of the golfers, supporters and volunteers for making this year a huge success.





MASS *intentions*

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 28th

9 AM – for the soul of Denise Salas

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29th

9 AM – for the soul of G. Edward Martin

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30th

9 AM – for the souls of Catherine Hare & Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31st

9 AM – for the soul of Frank Lachut

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Chris Collins

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd

9 AM – Special Intention ~ for the members of the
Delaney & Kirwan families (Living)

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd (Vigil)

4 PM – 2nd Anniversary ~ Doris Holmberg

5 PM – for the soul of Patricia F. O'Hara

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd

7:30 AM – for the soul of Mary Birmingham

8 AM – for the souls of Carl Mueller & Margery Mueller

9 AM – for the soul of Pricilla Bonica

10 AM – 2nd Anniversary ~ Doris Holmberg

11 AM – for the deceased members of the

Delaney & Kirwan Families

8 PM – for the soul of Nicholas Narishkin

Last "Last Call" Mass This Sunday at 8 PM

St. Veronica Chapel

**This is the final week of summer
Bible Study.**

Thank you to all who have attended!

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

August 29

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

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 868 2824 7646

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September 8, 2023

6PM at St. Thomas More Church

Join Deacon Clossick as we celebrate Our
Blessed Mother's birthday.

Exposition of the Eucharist with
benediction Litanies and Holy Rosary.

Cake in the parish hall immediately
following.



Our Lady's Guild
St. Thomas More Parish



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Happenings around the parish



Married in Christ! On August 12th, Nathan Servello and Rebecca Tillinghast were married at St. Thomas More by Fr. Murphy.

Monsignor Clarke School has open positions!

Do you like working with children? Would you like to work in an energetic environment that supports our Catholic values? Monsignor Clarke School has both full time and part time positions available.

Check out <https://www.schoolspring.com/jobs> for more information and our most current openings.

Final Announcement 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)

The poem below is a requested excerpt from a talk by our June Mission speaker Br. Gaither.

Maria Shriver
- Just Who Will You Be?

Will you be a person
Who's running on greed?
Or will you be the one giving
To people in need?

Will you just collect awards
To put on your shelves
Or will you help people
Who can't help themselves?

'Cause when I feel lousy
Or lost or I'm nervous
I feel better about me
When I am of service.

Think of using your brains
And your talent and youth
To solve difficult problems
To find out the truth

To make this crazy world
A far better place
To make some improvements
For our human race.

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 from 6-7 PM
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

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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The Babies Have Needs!

Please help us re-stock our shelves with the following:

- New clothes for newborn to 6 month, for boys and girls.
- Toiletries for babies: lotion, wash, diaper cream
- New or gently used clothes for boys, sizes 9M - 2T
- Diapers, sizes 5 & 6

Collaborate with parishioners, family and friends and then call Colleen at 401-421-0820 or email colleen@motheroflifecenter to arrange for our grateful reception of your contributions and our admiration for your goodness!

Thank you for your continual donations to the Center.
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***With perpetual gratitude, in Christ Jesus,
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