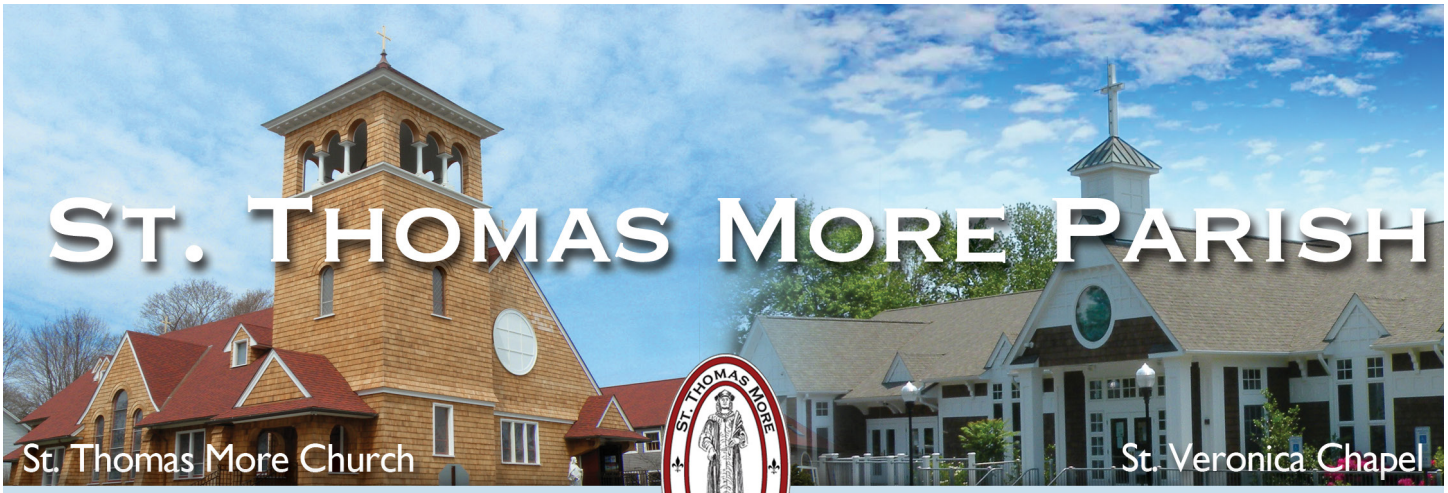

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This and That….

We are grateful to God that we weathered Tropical Storm Henri and made it through. As I write this column on Monday PM the power has just come back to St. Thomas More Church and rectory a few hours ago. We salute the first responders and workers from National Grid that made this possible. I also want to thank the various ministries that still showed up last weekend to lector, sing and serve. I know many of you didn't come to stay safe, and that is understood. Losing electricity made me think of the many things that we rely on, and some we never really see and take for granted. Food, A/C, heat, lights, social media, etc. We can think of it like faith. We don't see it and take it for granted, but it really powers our daily life with Christ and each other. I also was drawn to reflect on life in Haiti and Afghanistan. We are so blessed to live in America.

I attended a Town Council meeting where members of our Fire Department were honored along with members of the Narragansett Lifeguards for helping to save a runners life during the Blessing of the Fleet. As I spoke to this young husband and father of two, I was struck by the providence of God making this night of gratitude possible.

We are gearing up for our new year of religious education and RCIA (convert class). Please register soon so we can plan for space and supplies soon.

We are also planning for our October 1st fundraiser at the Dunes Club for our Dominican Rebublic mission trip in February 2022. Please put this event on your calendars.

Our parish continues to host many weddings and baptisms as the pandemic gates have opened. I am impressed by the many millenials and young adults who want to keep Christ at the center of their lives and commitments. I try to include some pictures in the bulletin to share the graces.

The Knights of Columbus have been very active recently. They had an amazingly successful blood drive and a successful outing for disabled adults. They also had a golf outing that raised a record $9,000.00 for our seminarians! I am so grateful and on your behalf, thank them for their invaluable ministry and charity.

If you feel drawn to a ministry or want to help others in our parish or community, give us a call at the rectory so we can help you serve Christ and others.

Blessings of summer's end!

Fr. Taillon

ROSARY FOR LIFE

Join Us in Praying the Rosary

~ We will be praying the Glorious, Joyful & Sorrowful Mysteries ~

Sunday, August 29th | 6-7 PM

At the entrance of Narragansett Town Beach

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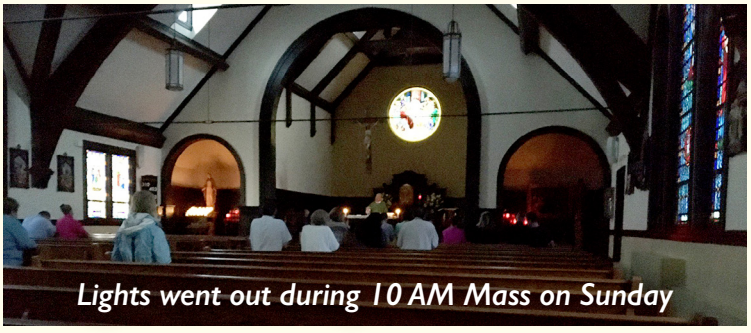
A Night to Honor Mary: September 8th

Join Bishop Thomas J. Tobin to inaugurate the Diocese of Providence's 150th anniversary celebration at "A Night to Honor Mary" on September 8 at 6 p.m. in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul. The Bishop will lead the diocese in this Marian devotion through prayer, readings from Sacred Scripture, the Holy Rosary, and a litany and procession. A small reception will follow.

Beginning September 8, 2021, the Diocese of Providence will celebrate the sesquicentennial of its foundation through a series of events running through June 2022. For more information on this event and other anniversary events, visit dioceseofprovidence.org/150 or at our parish office.



Lights went out during 10 AM Mass on Sunday

Sean Murray & Sarah DiSarro married in Christ!

MASS *intentions*

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28TH (Vigil)

4:00 PM – for the soul of Helen Leger

5:00 PM – for the soul of Flynn Sullivan

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29th

8:00 AM – for the soul of Stephen Lynch, Sr.

9:00 AM – 20th Anniversary ~ Cathie Hare

10:00 AM – for the soul of Patrick Mannix

11:00 AM – for the soul of Frank Lachut

8:00 PM – for the souls of Paul & Theresa Keefe

MONDAY, AUGUST 30th

9 AM – for the soul of G. Edward Martin

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31st

9 AM – for the soul of Robert Griffin

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st

9 AM – for the deceased members of the Goodwin Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd

9 AM – for the soul of Stephen Lynch, Sr.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd

9 AM – for the soul of Patrick Mannix

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th

9 AM – 6th Anniversary ~ Kathy McDavitt

Rest In Peace

Catherine Kearney

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There is a second collection this weekend to help the people of Haiti in the wake of the earthquake and floods. Donations will provide much needed assistance to our Haitian brothers and sisters. Your financial support and prayers will make such a difference. Thank you! Donations to the "Haiti Special Collection" may be made via Faith Direct, drop in the parish office, or in collection baskets.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION is NOW OPEN

Registration for the 2021-22 program for students in 1st through 10th grade is now open. Registering early is especially important to ensure your child(ren) has a spot and will also help us to better prepare for September. ***Please note: We require that you register your child(ren) each year.*** Registration forms are available on our website and in the parish office. Please complete the form and mail it in or drop it off at the office.

Kathy Lilla will be at St. Veronica Chapel before and after all Masses on **Labor Day** weekend with a **broad assortment of Catholic books, films, and CDs for children as well as adults.** Please take advantage of this opportunity to grow in the knowledge and understanding of our Faith.

Summer Bible Program

Tuesday, August 31st

Place: St. Thomas More Parish Hall

Time: 9:45-11:15 AM

Last week!

August Sessions: Wonders in the Old Testament and the New Testament: reading texts.

Leader: Maryann McCaffrey Knag, MAT MAR. Maryann is a trained Catholic Bible scholar who teaches under the Magisterium.

Please join us for prayer, readings & discussion.

This program will be offered in person as well as on Zoom. ***Please see the online version of our bulletin to access your zoom link and meeting ID.***

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

Silver Rose

Prayer Service For Respect Of Life

National pilgrimage stop, on the way to Our Lady of Guadalupe

St. Thomas More Church
7 PM Friday September 10th

Join Fr. Jose Parathanal
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happenings around the parish

Gospel Reflections Group

All are welcome to join our informal discussion group which meets on Mondays from 10-11:30 AM in the parish hall. Over coffee & refreshments, we read and reflect on the Gospels of the coming week and share our personal insights of those readings.

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 to join.

Pennies for the Poor

The small donation boxes on the church walls labeled "Pennies for the Poor" goes to the Diocesan Dire Emergency Fund in South County, which helps with rental assistance, utilities and prescriptions. Thank you for your help.

Prayer Chain Ministry

If you know someone who would like extra prayers, please call Jean at 783-3403 to express your request. Volunteers are needed and welcome to join this important ministry.

Pray the Rosary

The rosary is prayed Monday - Saturday after the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas More. All are welcome.

Relevant Radio " Morning Air" Show

Join Fr. Taillon at 550 AM every Wednesday at 8:00 AM or listen on relevantradio.com.

Rosary Repairs

Drop broken beads in the box in the foyer using the envelope provided. Include your name and contact info. You will be contacted within a few weeks when your repair is complete.

St. Vincent dePaul clothing bins

Accepts clothing and shoes. Bins located at the back of the St. Thomas More parking lot.

Weekly Food Collection

Many families in our area struggle with food and welcome your donations in the baskets located by all entrances. Vegetables, pasta, soup, spaghetti sauce, whole grain cereal, healthy snacks.

Save the Date
Octoberfest FUN-Raiser
Friday, October 1st
6:00 PM
The Dunes Club

Ministry Matters

Funeral Mercy Meals/ Hospitality Committee

In order to assist those in time of bereavement, we offer the use of our parish halls for a reception following a funeral. This committee sets up the rooms, provides food and cleanup. Volunteers are needed to cook or assist in any way for these meals and occasional other parish events that may arise. If interested in helping, please contact Deb Rowley at 401-474-6505.

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URGENT DONATIONS NEEDED

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST
29
2021

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.
James 1:21b

GOD'S LAWS

Today's readings provide some interesting parallels and contrasts. The first reading is an account of Moses who, having delivered the Law to the Israelites, admonishes them to "observe them [its statutes] carefully." The author of the Letter of James likewise instructs fellow Christians to "welcome the word" they have received, that they may become "doers of the words and not hearers only." The psalmist praises "whoever walks blamelessly and does justice" by listing a few examples of what is required for that—descriptions that apply equally to both Jewish and Christian traditions. On the other hand, when the scribes and Pharisees point out that the disciples have not properly washed their hands before eating (which is, as Mark explains, the usual Jewish practice) Jesus scolds them sharply for being too focused on human rules—even ritual ones—instead of God's laws.

MOSAIC LAW: WHAT GOD WANTS OF THE PEOPLE

Moses gives the Israelites their Law, which provided the structure for daily life. As recorded in the Bible, over half of the Law is about rituals for worship and sacrifice. A related concept is the concept of a person's ritual purity (or cleanliness), which is required for participation in both social and religious activities, since persons become unclean by physical contact with other unclean persons, animals, or objects. Other ways a person becomes unclean include the presence of skin lesions, bleeding, or a bodily discharge. Unclean persons are required to purify themselves to be again considered clean. Despite the Law's complexity, observant Jews considered it a privilege, not a burden, to observe its precepts, and they continue to do so today.

ON THE OTHER HAND . . .

The scribes and Pharisees are focusing on the disciples' failure to properly wash their hands prior to eating. But nowhere in the biblical texts of the Law are there regulations regarding the washing of hands before or after meals. These regulations, as described by Mark, are merely practices like those that arise in all societies; if they continue long enough, they can seem like sacred duties, sanctified as "the traditions of their elders."

This distinction is the source of the tension in these three readings. Moses and James both tell their people that they are recipients of a divine gift that requires special care, while Jesus is practically livid when the scribes and Pharisees react harshly to the disciples' failure to wash their hands according to Jewish practices.

Such a distinction between divine law and human practices is valuable for our own lives. When we hear of another's misdeeds, we should evaluate the seriousness of the offense before forming our own impression. Is this truly a serious moral matter? Or something less weighty? Carefully discerning the seriousness of such matters might reveal that things are not as grave as they first appear. Such care is an exercise in Christian charity, one way of acting on the word we have received as members of the Body of Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–8
Psalm 15:2–3, 3–4, 4–5
James 1:17–18; 21b–22, 27
Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

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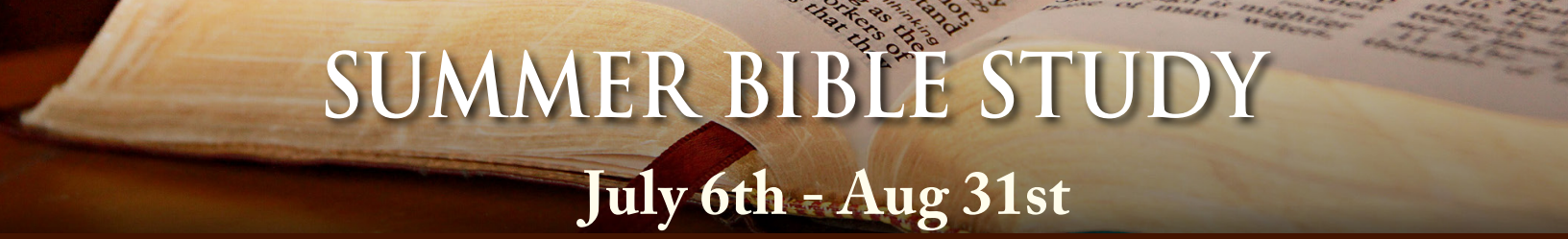

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

July 6th - Aug 31st

Two Topics: Period of the Monarchy in Ancient Israel & Women in the Bible
Tuesday mornings - 9:45-11:15- St. Thomas More parish hall

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NEW ZOOM LINKS
USE FOR AUGUST 24 & 31ST

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STOP TAXPAYER ABORTION

Contact Congress!

OVERVIEW

What:

Powerful Members of Congress are trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.

How:

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years, *saving 2.4 million babies*. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that *both* Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century.

What happens without these protections?

Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

How to stop taxpayer-funded abortion:

A *massive* number of people contacting their Members of Congress

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TAKE ACTION!

Call your Members of Congress using the information provided below. Tell them to save innocent lives by protecting the Hyde Amendment.

WHAT TO SAY

- I'm a constituent of Representative / Senator _____.
- Regardless of where one stands on abortion, there's been a long-standing, bipartisan agreement that taxpayers shouldn't have to pay for it.
- I urge Representative / Senator _____ to protect the Hyde Amendment and to oppose any bill, including appropriations bills, that expand taxpayer-funding of abortion.

OUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

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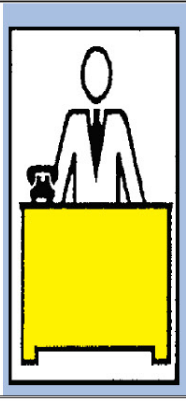

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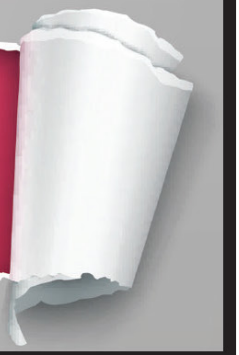

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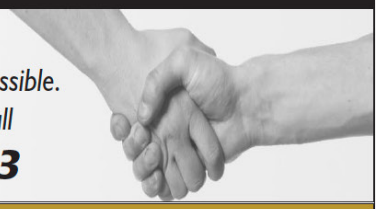

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