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

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SATURDAY - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY - 7:30 AM (Quiet) & 10:00 AM

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SATURDAY - 4:00-4:45 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT

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WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 4:00 PM

SUNDAY - 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

8:00 PM (ends Sept. 1)

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AUGUST 4, 2024 - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A Word From Fr. Unsworth

Since I am only the temporary Administrator of the Parish, and the Parish news is not as extensive as it is during the rest of the year, I thought I would offer a series of little articles during the Summer months about the 10 Commandments. Each Commandment tells us something about the importance of our relationship with God and our moral responsibility towards one another. I hope you find this short series helpful.



Fr. Jack

The 6th Commandment "Thou shall not commit adultery."

Most of the time, when we refer to the word "sex" we think of our body, even though sexual acts also involve our mind, our emotions, and even our spirituality. The trouble is, many people try to take sex out of the larger picture, making the gift much less than it was intended by God to be. It would be like taking a fine painting and using it for scrap paper. It destroys the beauty and purpose of the masterpiece. Adding to the problem is that the gift of human sexuality has become a marketing tool to sell products (jeans, perfume, shoes, cars, etc.). The media tells us that sex is "no big deal". But the reality is that they want only what is in their own best interest, not ours. The moral teachings of the Church are seen today as 'out of step" or "too old fashioned". However, unlike the media, the Church has only our best interest in mind because it teaches that we are all made in the image and likeness of God.

The Church teaches that God created sex for three purposes: To create new life, to express loving union between a man and a woman, and to bring us joy and fulfillment. If sex is only about pleasure, then we are acting only out of instinct, which is what animals do. Here are some issues the 6th Commandment is concerned with:

Marriage: The Sacrament of Marriage is a covenant, not merely a contract (as in the case of a civil marriage). In marriage the expression of sexual love must always be open to the possibility of creating new life. This is why marriage can only be between a man and a woman. While it is possible for two people of the same sex to love each other, their sexual expression of that love is by nature, incapable of creating life and therefore, they are called to a life of chastity just like any of us who remain unmarried. This does not mean that they do not have a place in the community of the Church or that they are not held in love and dignity by God.

Birth Control, In Vitro Fertilization, etc.: The 6th Commandment forbids any violation of the dignity of marriage. Having sexual relations with someone other than your spouse, is obviously wrong. It involves the breaking of the sacred promise to be faithful. Cheating on a spouse jeopardizes the marriage, the family, and the rest of society. Cohabitation is always wrong because the couple live together as if they were married, without the complete commitment of a sacramental marriage.

Pornography: The internet has made this evil more accessible to the young and old alike. Pornography is dangerous because it violates human dignity. It takes the gift of sexuality and makes it an object to be exploited and abused. Pornography can become addictive, leading to serious disrespect and even violence, especially toward women.

There are many other issues associated with the 6th Commandment: rape, sexual abuse, dating, sexism, sexual identity, purity and virginity, celibacy, modesty, just to name a few. As followers of Christ, we are all called to realize that human sexuality, as created by God, is understood to be one of the greatest gifts that God has given to us. Not only does it help to make each of us uniquely different individuals, it also insures the survival of the human race. In so doing, it also serves to bind a couple together in love and understanding. Misused, sexuality can cause much pain and suffering. Learning to properly respond as a sexual person is particularly difficult in society today. Perseverance, prayer, and Christian values can help a couple who are in love, to grow in maturity, love and trust.



SACRISTANS NEEDED

Behind the scenes, there is a great deal of work to do each weekend to open the church. We need to turn on the air conditioning and lights, set up the altar, put out the bulletins, manage the collections so they are securely handled and placed in a safe. After Mass, somebody must take everything away, turn off the lights and lock up.

We have been fortunate over the years to have had several great young students do this job for us. But now they are older and need to move on, and we are in need someone to take on this responsibly every weekend. If you know of a young man or woman who might be interested in helping, while making a stipend, please call the office and let us know. Thank you.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Diocese of Providence cordially invites you and your spouse to celebrate your 25th, 40th, 50th or Over 50 years Wedding Anniversary Celebration Sunday, September 22, 2024 at 1:00PM Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence, RI.

The 2024 Wedding Anniversary Celebration includes: Mass, renewal of wedding vows, a personalized certificate and a reception for you and your guests. Bishop Richard G. Henning will be the main celebrant and homilist.

Reservations are required, by August 15th. Forms are available in the parish office.



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How to be Happy and Healthy

Last Thursday Fr. Joe Mappilamattel gave a well attended talk on on Aging Gracefully. Afterwards they all celebrated Fr. Joe's 70th birthday.





















Permanent Diaconate Class being called, applications due Thu., August 15

Jesus says: "Whoever serves me, must follow me, and my servant will be with me wherever I am" (John 12:24-26). The Permanent Diaconate is a calling to be a servant of Christ and His church. The Diocese of Providence is currently recruiting a new Permanent Diaconate class, for more information as well as how to apply please visit https://dioceseofprovidence.org/deacon-formation-program and/or contact Deacon Bud Remillard, diocesan coordinator of Deacon Formation at 401-278-4604 or LRemillard@dpvd.org.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Food That Perishes

It's so easy to do the right thing because we want to tick all the right boxes. We want

live by the law. We want to accomplish the work of God.

Or, at least, we say that we do.

But Jesus tells us that in order to accomplish the work of God, we have to believe in the one he sent. And to believe in Christ is to be filled with the spirit of truth — to do what is right because it is right, not because we want to be filled with good feelings.

What is the difference between doing what is right because you want to be a good Christian, and doing what is right because you believe in Christ?

It's the difference between eating manna and the Eucharist. One fills your stomach and keeps you alive, and nothing more. The other satisfies a hunger you might not have even known you had, or if you did know, you called it by another name — sadness, unfulfillment, fear. One achieves a corporeal goal, and that's the end of it. The other accomplishes something invisibly, secretly, silently, and though there is physical evidence of its work all around us, you have to be shrewd to recognize it.

It's the difference between making a social media post condemning sin and enveloping a sinner (the one at our dinner table, the one on the street, the one staring back at us in the mirror) with love and concern. It's the difference between simply going to Mass and living the Gospel. It's the difference between speaking to God and saying a prayer. It's the difference between telling someone they're wrong and telling them about the truth.

There's nothing wrong doing what is right because we long for heaven, and there's nothing wrong with eating manna if you're starving. But that alone isn't enough. We must also long for the bread of heaven, the bread that gives life to the world.

Jesus said to them, I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." — John 6:35

Confession

Question:

If God knows everything we do, why do we need to go to Confession?

Answer:

Another term for the Sacrament of Confession is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We go to this sacrament not only to confess our sins, but to be reconciled with God. Of course, this begs the question, "If I can pray to God on my own, why can't I be reconciled to God on my own?" In the seven sacraments, we recognize the importance of community. Sacraments like baptism or matrimony happen in the context of the wider church to remind us of the communal impact of our lives. We are not alone in our walk of faith!

We don't need to confess our sins in front of the whole community – thank God! But going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a tangible reminder that our sins affect not only ourselves and our relationship with God, but others as well. Jesus gave his Apostles authority to forgive sins in his name. Through this sacrament, we are really, truly forgiven by God Himself. We receive an outpouring of grace and strength to sin no more and our relationship with Christ and his Body, the Church, are restored.

MASS intentions

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3rd

4 PM – 37th Anniversary ~

Anthony D. Boscia, II & Stephen Ricci

5 PM – for the souls of Joan & Viola DiCola

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4th

7:30 AM – 12th Anniversary ~ Mickey Dillon

8:30 AM – for the soul of Timothy McCarthy

10 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Rose DiGiacomo

11 AM – for the soul of Margaret B. Churchville

8 PM – Special Intention ~ Carol Brown (Living)

MONDAY, AUGUST 5th

9 AM – for the souls of Marion & Brian Gillcrist

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6th

9 AM – for the soul of Patricia Cassidy

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7th

9 AM – for the soul of Bernard McSally

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8th

9 AM – for the soul of Debbie Hazebrook

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9th

9 AM – for the soul of Walter J.Brown

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10th

9 AM – for the soul of Frances Hennessey

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10th

4 PM – for the soul of Patricia A. Carvalho

5 PM – for the souls of Patricia O'Hara

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11th

7:30 AM – Special Intention ~ Mary Murphy (Living)

8:30 AM – 4th Anniversary ~ James McGovern

10 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Brenda B. Bolster

11 AM – 60th Wedding Anniversary ~

Robert & Janice Smith (Living)

8 PM – for the soul of Alfonso Norato

Second Collection

The second collection this weekend is for the Holy Father's Peters Pence.



SILENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Thursday, August 8th

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

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Summer Bible

Tuesdays from 9:40AM - 11:10AM St.Thomas More Parish Hall

The Apostolic Fathers: Part II

- bring a bible!

August 6:

Fragments from Bishop Papias of Heliopolis (110-140 CE)

Aug. 13:

The Two Earliest Apologies: Quadratus and Aristides of Athens (120-130 CE)

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Meeting dates: August 6, 13, 20, & 27
For more information contact Maryann Knag 203-313-4809 or mmknag@aol.com

Happenings around the parish

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 10AM on the second Wednesday of each month in the parish hall.
- On Mondays after the 9AM Mass, with coffee & refreshments, they meet as an informal gospel reflections group to discuss, read and reflect on the Gospels of the coming week and to share personal insights of those readings.
- 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/

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.

WEEKLY PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Current Needs

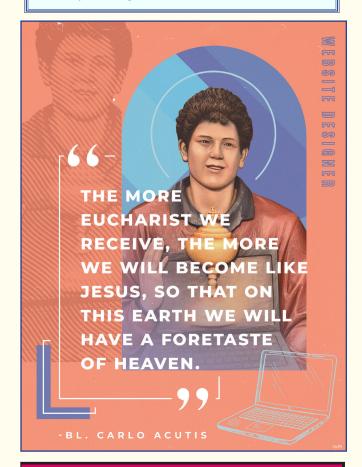
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PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. JOSE

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 bcorp 1114@gmail.com.





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<u>Information Sessions for Men</u> Interested in the Permanent Diaconate

The diocese of Providence is hosting several Information Sessions for all men interested in becoming a permanent deacon. To choose a session go to dioceseofprovidence.org/information-sessioons-permanent-diaconate-program to complete and submit a registration for a particular session. This will help us ensure that we have sufficient materisal for each Information Session. If a man is married, his wife is cordially invited and encouraged to attend the presentation.

About the Info sessions

Each session will begin with a brief prayer and introcuction. There will be a powerpoint presentation covering:

- the history and service of the diaconate
- 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 in order to begin scheduling interviews in September.

Summer Bible - July 9 - August 27, 2024

Maryann Knag at 203.213.4809 or mmknag@aol.com
The Bible Group will meet in the Parish Hall on Tuesday mornings from 9:40-11:10 following the 9AM Mass, beginning July 9th. Please bring a bible.

Meeting dates are July 9, 16. 23, & 30; August 6, 13, 20, & 27

Maryann Knag will present the Apostolic Fathers—Part II. Last summer, we took up the letters of two of the disciples of St. John, son of Zebedee Ignatius of Antioch and Polycarp of Smyrna, as well as the accounts of their martyrdoms. This reading was so stirring that many requested more study of the documents of the Early Church. There was also great interest in reading Acts of the Apostles, which we will take up next summer.

This full page listing can be found in our web version of the bulletin all summer.





Flavius Josephus, the Jewish historian

The Apostolic Fathers: Part II

July 9th:

The Didache: An early Christian handbook for converts (50-120 CE)

July 16th:

The Didache Cont'd. Excerpts from Flavius Josephus (93-100 CE). Letter of Pliny the Younger to Emperor Trajan and Trajan's Response (111-112 CE)

July 23rd:

Pseudepigraphy and Excerpts from the Epistle of Barnabas (80-120 CE)

July 30th:

Excerpts from the Shepherd of Hermas, a literary witness to a type of Jewish Christianity (100-160 CE)

Aug. 6:

Fragments from Bishop Papias of Heliopolis (110-140 CE)

Aug. 13:

The Two Earliest Apologies: Quadratus and Aristides of Athens (120-130 CE)

August 20th:

The First Apology of Justin Martyr to Emperors Antoninus Pius and Hadrian (ca. 156 CE)

Aug. 27th:

Excerpts from Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyon, who knew Polycarp of Smyrna (175-185 CE)

Topic: Summer Bible at St. Thomas More Narragansett Digital Access via Zoom. Here are the codes.

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