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SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

53 Rockland Street

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

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 5:00 PM

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

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

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 18, 2024 - TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 Message of the 8th Commandment “Respecting the truth.”

In the world of morality, sometimes what is not said is more important than what is said. The 8th Commandment, “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor”, includes the sins of lying, deception, hypocrisy, and slander. But the heart of the Commandment isn’t about forbidding certain acts – it is about being a person of integrity who respects and lives the truth.

As human beings we are naturally motivated to tell the truth, and we have to be motivated to tell a lie. Some lie to cover up a wrongdoing, some lie to avoid punishment, others lie to make themselves appear to be more important. Well-meaning people sometimes lie to avoid confronting someone else with an unpleasant truth. No matter what the motivation, to tell a lie is still a sin.

The 8th Commandment requires us to always respect the reputation of others. Spreading a negative rumor about someone never serves any good purpose. Though a bit of gossip may be true, when we pass on that information without a reason, we injure someone’s reputation and we call that a sin of detraction, because it detracts from that person’s good name. If you pass on or create a rumor or story that is not true, you are “bearing false witness against your neighbor”, an even more serious sin which is called calumny, or slander.

Today we are all called to respect another person’s confidentiality. Counselors, therapists, priests and doctors must not reveal what you tell them in confidence, except in unusual cases when keeping the secret might cause serious harm to you or someone else. Private information that could lead to prejudice against a person is confidential, unless a serious reason exists to tell it. It is, however, morally correct to reveal confidential information when a person is in danger of causing serious harm to him or herself or someone else, as in the case of a possible suicide. The only place where a person’s secrets are completely safe is in the Sacrament of Penance, where a priest can never tell anyone what he has heard, even in the most serious circumstances.

Finally, it is also important that our society tell the truth in advertising, in news reporting in the press and in politics. We all have to make daily choices about truthfulness. When you are a person of integrity, telling the truth is your strength – a good habit that will serve you well. Jesus said, “If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know that truth, and the truth will make you free.” (John 8:31)

SACRISTANS NEEDED



Behind the scenes, there is a great deal of work to do each weekend to open the church, set the air conditioning and the lights. Set up the altar, put out the bulletins, and manage the collections so that they are securely handled and placed in a safe. Then, when everyone leaves, someone has to put everything away, turn out the lights, and lock up. It isn't easy, and over the years, we have been fortunate to have had several young students do all of this for us. Now they are older and need to move on, and we cannot find anyone who wants to take on this responsibility every weekend. We need some help to do all of this. We could use two persons at St. Thomas More and two more at St. Veronica Chapel to cover our needs. If you know of a young man or woman interested in helping while making a stipend, please call the office at 789-7682 and let us know. Thank you.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Question:

I've heard that gratitude is a fruit of the Holy Spirit. What does that mean?

Answer:

In St. Paul's letter to the Galatians, he talks about the "fruits of the Holy Spirit." He is referencing an idea that Jesus talks about frequently in the Gospels. "By their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:16). He uses the example of a plant. If the plant is healthy, it will bear good fruit. If the plant is unhealthy, it will bear rotten fruit or none at all. Jesus echoes this idea at the Last Supper, when he says that if we remain close to him we will "bear much fruit" (John 15:8). If we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, we will bear the fruits of the Spirit!

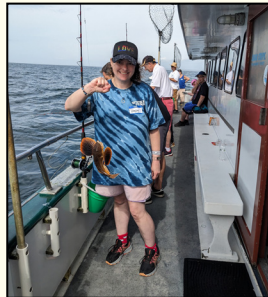
Technically, gratitude is not one of the fruits St. Paul lists. "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23). But doesn't that sound like the response of a grateful heart? When we're grateful, we experience a sense of joy and peace that makes it easier to love. We can be kind, patient, generous, and gentle with others rather than possessive or competitive. When we're grateful, we don't need to grasp at what we don't have. We practice self-control. Gratitude helps us to be faithful, knowing God will always be with us. Sounds like good fruit to me!

Congratulations!



Married in Christ!
Deacon Clossick and Fr. Unsworth blessed the marriage of Joe and Hailey Nortarantonio in the Church on August 11th. Joe is Deacon Clossick's nephew.

The Knights of Columbus recently enjoyed an afternoon of fun and fishing with our friends at Perspectives.



Congratulations Knights of Columbus 2024 International Community Program Award Winner

Pope Pius XII Council 5295 - Narragansett, Rhode Island

Our very own Knights of Columbus recently received the 2024 International Community Program Award for their mission work at Jacob's Ladder in Jamaica. Past Grand Knight Cliff Tyler and his wife Patricia were invited to Quebec, Canada to receive the award on behalf of the council.



Jacob's Ladder, Men on a Mission

Council 5295 established a partnership with Jacob's Ladder, an orphanage in Jamaica, to help care for children and adults with developmental and physical disabilities. Council members take annual mission trips to the facility, helping with construction and repair projects, participating in spiritual activities, such as Mass and daily prayer, and organizing recreational activities for residents.

They organized the shipment of seven 40-foot shipping containers to the facility, containing adult diapers, clothing and other goods, valued at over \$200,000. The council has also helped to replace the roof, paint the facility, and provide plumbing services. Additionally, with support from other donors, they provided water heaters, washing machines, golf carts for transportation around the grounds, and an aquaponics system to the facility. Overall, the value of support from the council is nearly \$500,000, and their service to the facility's residents continues today, with planning for new projects already underway.



One such project is fundraising for 30 additional solar hot water systems for Jacob's Ladder. They've already funded 6 systems that were installed earlier this year. For additional information, visit www.popepiusxii.org. Their next trip to Jacob's Ladder is scheduled for November, 2024.



**2024-25 Knights of Columbus
Installation of Officers
from their ceremony on August 12th**



MASS

intentions

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17th

- 4 PM – 4th Anniversary ~ William O'Connell
- 5 PM – 37th Anniversary ~ Henry Del Monico

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18th

- 7:30 AM – for the soul of Joan Cannon
- 8:30 AM – 7th Anniversary ~ John Saugy
- 10 AM – 12th Anniversary ~ Eugene Santos
- 11 AM – 2nd Anniversary ~ William Shields
- 8 PM – for the deceased members of the
Delaney & Kirwin Families

MONDAY, AUGUST 19th

- 9 AM – for the souls of Elizabeth & Margaret Eldredge

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20th

- 9 AM – 15th Anniversary ~ Vincent Masiello

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21st

- 9 AM – for the soul of Jim McCormick

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22nd

- 9 AM – for the soul Louanne Brunenmeister

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23rd

- 9 AM – for the soul of Lou Hopkins

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24th

- 9 AM – for the soul of Sheridan Darcy

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24th

- 4 PM – for the souls of Albert & Nellie Christopher
- 5 PM – 7th Anniversary ~ John Saugy

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25th

- 7:30 AM – for the soul of James Andrew Walsh, Jr.
- 8:30 AM – for the soul of Geraldine Egan
- 10 AM – for the soul of Barbara Ann Donaldson
- 11 AM – for the soul of Mary Lou Oatis
- 8 PM – for the soul of Theodore "Ted" Casasanta



ROSARY

Join us in Praying the
Joyful, Sorrowful & Glorious Mysteries
of the Rosary

Sunday, August 18th from 6-7 PM
near the entrance of Narragansett Town Beach

All are welcome to join a
Wine Tasting event

**to benefit the Kitchen of Hope on
Friday, August 23, from 5:30- 8:00PM**
at Deepwell Manor, 571 Main St. in Wakefield.
Proceeds will help the kitchen of hope continue
to build a community of volunteers and donors
who participate in weekly dinner delivery and
in-house dining ministries. KitchenofHope.net
\$125 per person, wines, cigar bar, music,
light fare. Cocktail casual. Valet parking.

Summer Bible

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

The Apostolic Fathers: Part II

- bring a bible!

August 20th:

The First Apology of Justin Martyr to Emperors
Antoninus Pius and Hadrian (ca. 156 CE)
<https://www.earlychristianwritings.com/>

August 27th:

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

Join via Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81639721805?pwd=DAJsfvqjISFLrlyjsBBZXNykwYYkbs.l>

Meeting ID: 816 3972 1805 / Passcode: 396973

Meeting dates: August 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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| ✓ Natural Peanut Butter | ✓ Brown Rice |
| ✓ Low Sugar Jelly | ✓ Canned Fruit in 100% Juice |
| ✓ Baked/Black/Kidney Beans | ✓ Whole grain wheat flour |
| ✓ Whole Grain Cereal/Crackers/Pasta & Jarred Pasta Sauce | |

Collection baskets are located at the entrance of both churches.

Everyday Stewardship

We can easily feel obligated to attend a party, wedding, or other event that we find ourselves invited to as a guest. If we want to go, then we get dressed up and rush off with anticipation of fun and good times with friends. If we dread going, we get ourselves together slowly and arrive late, hoping that the event will not be so long and we can then get on with the rest of our day. The difference in our feelings may have to do with many aspects: the host, the attendees, the reason for celebration, or even the venue. Either way, the invitation has been given to us because someone feels that our presence would make a positive difference. Our response is entirely our own. We decide how we will answer the invitation.

Every Sunday, every day in fact, you and I have received an invitation to a banquet more celebratory and grander than any wedding or birthday party. The host is actually Jesus Christ himself, and he has prepared a feast that promises to satisfy. He has prepared for this event by giving all he has to give. No host has ever been more gracious. His hope is that you will be happy to attend for your presence does make a tremendous difference. Would he invite you if attending made no difference at all? Will you RSVP with a sense of joy and anticipation? If this is just another invite that obligates you and you approach the event with indifference, the host wonders if you really comprehend what he went through to make this meal possible. He also wonders if you really understand what is truly being celebrated.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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*"My only emotion is gratitude, literally, for my life.
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JACK NICHOLSON



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Summer Bible - July 9 - August 27, 2024

Maryann Knag at 203.213.4809 or mmknag@aol.com

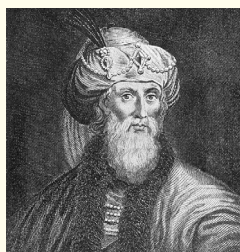
The Bible Group will meet in the Parish Hall on Tuesday mornings from 9:40-11:10 following the 9AM Mass, beginning July 9th. Please bring a bible.

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.



St. Justyn Martyr



*Flavius Josephus,
the Jewish historian*

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

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)

Links to the readings can be found at www.earlychristianwritings.com.

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

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

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