The Second Sunday of VENT DECEMBER 10, 2023 | STTHOMASMORERI.ORG | PARISH OFFICE 401.789.7682



In the spirit of Advent ...

Thank you to all who made the Safar Family from Jerusalem feel so welcomed and at home. They were touched by the amount of people at our liturgies and deeply encouraged by those that came to the Holy Hour. If you were unable to attend I would encourage you to go online to Watch Live/Archived, and choose St. Veronica -Special Events to listen to Fabien's testimony of their experiences at the onset of the war. They have returned to the Holy Land amidst so much strife and violence. Let us pray for their protection and for peace.

Hopefully you can attend the Christmas Pageant on December 17th! A true Christmas experience.

Thanks to Msgr. Clarke School for putting on their outdoor nativity experience this weekend. It is uplifting to see a Catholic school witness to the unique and grace filled first coming of Christ.

Please note that Christmas falls on a Monday this year which means one needs to attend Mass twice during the three days, it can be a bit confusing. And, extra thanks in advance to our clergy and musicians who work so hard and sacrifice so much when this schedule happens!

Fr. Taillon







Please join us for the
Children's Christmas Pageant
following the 10 AM Mass at St. Thomas More

Sunday, December 17th

Santa will visit & refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after the pageant.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24th

4:00 PM Vigil - St. Veronica Chapel - 3:15 PM Music Prelude 5:00 PM Vigil - St. Thomas More - 4:30 PM Music Prelude

$Solemn\ Candlelight\ Midnight\ Mass$

12:00 Midnight - St. Thomas More - 11:30 PM Music Prelude

Monday, December 25th - Christmas Day

9:00 AM - St. Veronica Chapel 10:00 AM - St. Thomas More

Monday, January 1st - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:00 AM - St. Thomas More

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

A voice cries out:

In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!

Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!

(Is 40:3)

Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)

Second Reading:

We await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (1 Pt 1:13)

Gospel:

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Mk 16:4)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Christ is making a journey into each of our hearts this Advent. Clear away whatever blocks his way. Make straight the path. Invite him in.

Observances for the week of December 10, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Damasus I, Pope

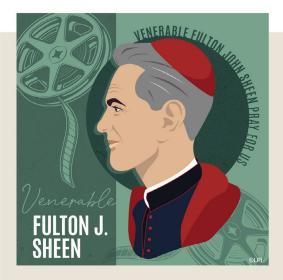
Tuesday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor

of the Church

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent



Saint of the week

Venerable Bishop Fulton John Sheen was a prominent American Catholic bishop, theologian, and media personality. Considered one of the first televangelists, his charisma and defense of the faith made him a household name for American Catholic families.

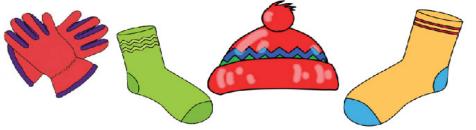
Prayer

Heavenly Father, source of all holiness, You raise up within the Church in every age men and women who serve with heroic love and dedication. You have blessed Your Church through the life and ministry of Your faithful servant, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen. He has written and spoken well of Your Divine Son, Jesus Christ, and was a true instrument of the Holy Spirit in touching the hearts of countless people.

If it be according to Your will, for the honor and glory of the Most Holy Trinity and for the salvation of souls, we ask You to move the Church to proclaim him a saint. We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

(Prayer Source: https://celebratesheen.com/prayers-2/)

Hat, Glove and Sock Drive





Adult & Children Sizes needed

(New items preferred)

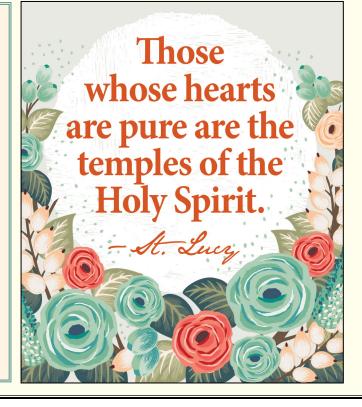
Saturday December 16th Sunday December 17th

Collections at all masses at both St. Thomas More Church and St. Veronica Chapel Donations to benefit several local charities.

Fr. Jose Pilgrimage to India September 23 - 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. For more details, contact Bernie Corpuz at 323-547-6618 or email at bcorp1114@gmail.com.

Fr. Jose Joseph Parathanal, (C.M.I.), Pastor/ Administrator of the Shrine of St. Therese, Our Lady of Good Help Church and St. Patrick Church in Harrisville, RI.



MASS intentions

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th (Vigil)

4 PM – for the deceased members of the McLaughlin family

5 PM – for the souls of George and Carol J. Matousek SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10th

8 AM – 10th Anniversary ~ Anne Del Monico

9 AM – for the soul of Antoinette Cafone

10 AM – 10th Anniversary ~ Matthew Gagne

11 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Lilo Federici

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11th

9 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Agnes Bisset TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12th

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~

Harrison Charles Goodwin

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13th

9 AM – for the soul of Violet Hopkins THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14th

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Gus Andolfo FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15th

9 AM – 21st Anniversary ~ Lena Ruscito SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16th

9 AM – for the soul of Ann Marciano Courtemanche

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16th (Vigil)

4 PM – for the soul of Kathleen Charron

5 PM – for the soul of Antoinette Cafone

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th

8 AM – for the soul of Charles Rielly

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Marillyn Zatorsky

10~AM - 4th Anniversary ~ Cathleen Naughton

11 AM – Anniversary Remembrance ~ Deacon Raymond Riccio

Eucharistic Books

The Knights of Columbus will be giving out free Eucharist books to all parishioners on December 9th & 10th.

Knights of ColumbusMonthly Membership Meeting

Monday, December 11th- 7PM St.Thomas More Parish Hall





PRAY THE ROSARY

Please join St. Thomas More Parish in praying the Joyful, Sorrowful & Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary on Sunday, December 10th from 1:00-2:00 PM, near the entrance of Narragansett Town Beach.





SILENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, December 14th

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

Happenings around the parish

Baby Bottle Boomerang

Baby Bottle Boomerang THANK YOU from Rhode Island Right to Life

A heartfelt thank you to St. Thomas More Parish, Fr. Taillon, and all the generous parishioners, who raised \$4,654.91 in our recent Baby Bottle Boomerang. Your generosity helps us contiue providing pregnancy tests and ultrasounds throughout Rhode Island in our Ancora Women's Mobile Care Center, and keeps the doors open at our Maternity Hope Chest to serve mothers who have courageously chosen LIFE but need a helping hand caring for their precious little ones, whether it be diapers and wipes, clothing and blankets, bassinets and strollers, and many other must have items. May the Good Lord bless you many times over for your generosity. If you haven't yet been able to return your baby bottle, you may still send a contribution in the mail and save the bottle for next year.

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.

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.

St. Vincent dePaul clothing bins

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

Religious Education

Sunday, December 10th

There are no classes for Grades 1 - 4 Christmas Break 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation at 6:00-7:15 PM St. Veronica Chapel

Monday, December 11th

There are no classes for Grades 1 - 4 Christmas Break

Wednesday, December 13th

There are no classes for Grades 5 - 8 Christmas Break

WEEKLY PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Current Needs

- √ Natural Peanut Butter
- √ Brown Rice
- √ Low Sugar Jelly
- √ Canned Fruit in 100% Juice
- √ Baked/Black/Kiðney Beans 🗸 Whole grain wheat flour
- Whole Grain Cereal/Crackers/Pasta & Jarred Pasta Sauce

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Drive thru Live Nativity Saturday December 9th, 6-8 PM

This year, Monsignor Clarke School has decided to take a pause on the Christmas Bazaar and try something new. In keeping with our school's Catholic identity, we are striving to create a special event that involves the community, helps raise funds for our school, promotes service to others and most importantly, keeps Christ in Christmas.

Click here to sign up for a time to drive thru



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Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati

A discernment group for young men ages 17-28

Meetings at
Our Lady of Providence Seminary
485 Mt. Pleasant Ave.
Providence, RI 02908

Every Second Tuesday of the Month Starting 11/14/23 | 7 PM 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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