

# 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

## MASS SCHEDULE

### **ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH**

53 Rockland Street

#### **DAILY MASS**

9:00 AM - MONDAY - SATURDAY

#### **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 - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

*All masses available on Livestream*

Fr. Marcel L. Taillon, S.T.L.

*Pastor*

*Chaplain, Narragansett Police Department*

*Chaplain, Narragansett Fire Department*

*Chaplain, South Kingstown Police Department*

*fathermtaillon@gmail.com*

Fr. Joseph Mappilamattel, C.M.I.

*Associate Pastor*

*mappilajoseph60@gmail.com*

Msgr. John C. Halloran

*Pastor Emeritus*

Deacon Joseph Clossick

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DECEMBER 3, 2023 - THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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The Holy Hour to pray for peace in the Holy Land was well attended. Fabian Safar shared his family's experience living in Jerusalem since the start of the war on October 7th. With beautiful praise and worship music by Justin Dury, people prayed to Jesus, and Jesus came to all in the Eucharistic procession.





*Dear parishioners,*

I write to express my deepest gratitude for such a warm reception of our seminarians from Our Lady of Providence on Sunday, November 17 at St. Veronica Chapel. It was a privilege to pray with you at Mass and the seminarians enjoyed the opportunity to meet you afterwards. I want to acknowledge and thank those who worked so hard to decorate the parish hall and provide the food. What a grace-filled and memorable day!

In seminary parlance, we speak about preparation for priesthood in terms of “formation.” The word “seminary” literally means “seedbed.” During these vital years of formation, a man’s vocation is carefully nourished and tended to in the seminary community. But there is another community that plays a crucial role in the formation process, and that is the parish. In our parish communities, seminarians are reminded of the purpose and goal of their study and prayer: to someday serve you and your families! So, thank you again for your love and support. As Fr. Taillon mentioned at Mass, St. Thomas More is certainly a flagship parish in the diocese when it comes to seminarian support. We are grateful for that and will continue to keep you in our prayers.

*- Father Christopher J. Murphy*

Rector, Seminary of Our Lady of Providence  
Director of Pre-Ordination Formation







Join  
**ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH**

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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**1:00 – 2:00 PM**

Near the Entrance  
of Narragansett Town Beach



*The St. Veronica Parking Lot Enhancement is in final stages of completion. The top layer of asphalt is down, painted lines coming soon and grass is growing!*



***From the parish mailbag...***

*This poem was recently sent in with the following message attached: "Enclosed is a poem that my late wife Elizabeth wrote several years ago, as she was inspired by your beautiful image of Christ on the cross by the road."*



**The Crucifix**

I see it from a distance...  
Even in the rain or snow  
For even on a cloudy day  
It has a special glow.

As I draw nearer to the cross  
And see my savior there  
My heart melts within me  
Almost too much to bear.

It was truly God-inspired  
A masterpiece I see  
A reminder of the sacrifice  
Christ Jesus made for me.

My prayer is that the traveler  
And those just passing by  
Behold our blessed Savior  
And are touched as much as I.

*- Libby Urish*





The Knights of Columbus traveled to Mustard Seed in Jamaica. While there, they installed a new roof, tiled and painted. They also held a field day, played bingo, and watched movies with the residents. See the website for more pictures.



## JAMAICA 2023





# MASS *intentions*

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd (Vigil)

4 PM – for the soul of Rita Travis

5 PM – for the souls of William & Jane McNaughton

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

8 AM – for the souls of Margaret & Samuel Conca

9 AM – for the soul of Jason Killian

10 AM – for the soul of Stephen P. Lynch, Sr.

11 AM – for the soul of Victor Primavera, Sr.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4th

9 AM – for the soul of Eleanor Morisseau

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5th

9 AM – for the soul of Marc Labier

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6th

9 AM – 53rd Anniversary ~ Saverio Ruscito

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7th

9 AM – for the soul of Donna Gunning

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8th

9 AM – for the soul of Jacob Hansen

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th

9 AM – for the soul of Edward Walsh

## THE FIRST 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

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**OH MARY,  
CONCEIVED  
WITHOUT SIN,  
PRAY FOR US  
WHO HAVE  
RECOURSE  
TO THEE.**



**Holy Day Masses - Friday, December 8th**  
9:00 AM St. Thomas More | 7:00 PM St. Veronica

## Hat, Glove and Sock Drive



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**Adult & Children  
Sizes needed**  
(New items preferred)

**Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

## THE ST. THOMAS MORE

# Knitting Ministry

The St. Thomas More Knitting ministry  
has been **knitting** all year and will hold  
their annual collection of all items in the  
St. Thomas More parish hall on

**Thursday, December 7th**  
**12:30-3:30 PM**

Any knitters & crocheters in the parish are  
welcome to participate and bring or drop-off  
their items to this meeting. Hats, scarves,  
mittens, gloves, sweaters, prayer shawls,  
blankets and lap blankets.

All items are donated to the poor and needy.



# Happenings around the parish



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.

## 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.

## WEEKLY PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

### Current Needs

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

Collection baskets are located at the entrance of both churches.

## Religious Education

### Sunday, December 3rd

Grades 1 - 4 at 10:05-10:55 AM

St. Veronica Chapel

1st Year Confirmation at 6:00-7:15 PM

St. Veronica Chapel

### Monday, December 4th

Grades 1 - 4 at 4:10-5:00 PM

St. Thomas More Church

### Wednesday, December 6th

Grades 5 - 8 at 5:45-6:45 PM

St. Veronica Chapel



The Knights of Columbus have a limited number of free tickets available for the annual "Sounds of the Season Concert" at the Cathedral in Providence on Sunday December 10th at 3PM. They are available at the Parish Office on a first come, first served basis.



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**~Save the date ~  
something new and different.**

# Live Nativity

Thursday, December 7th  
Family Night for MCS Families 6pm

Saturday, December 9th  
Open to the Public  
6:00 - 8:00pm



*The Christmas Story Comes to Life  
at Monsignor Clarke School*

## **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.

***Help is needed to bring this idea to life....***

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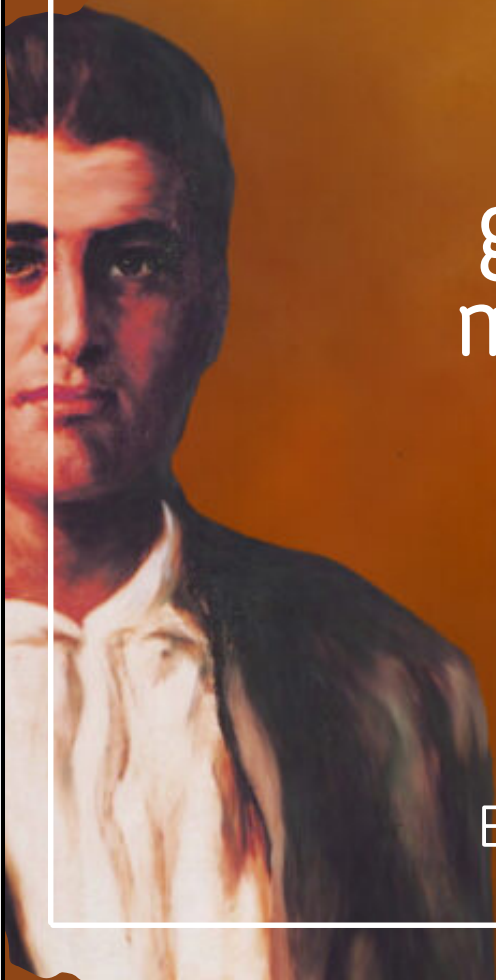
"We must sacrifice everything for everything: our ambitions, indeed our entire selves, for the cause of the faith."

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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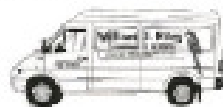
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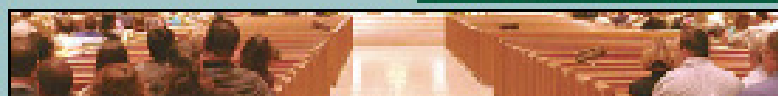
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