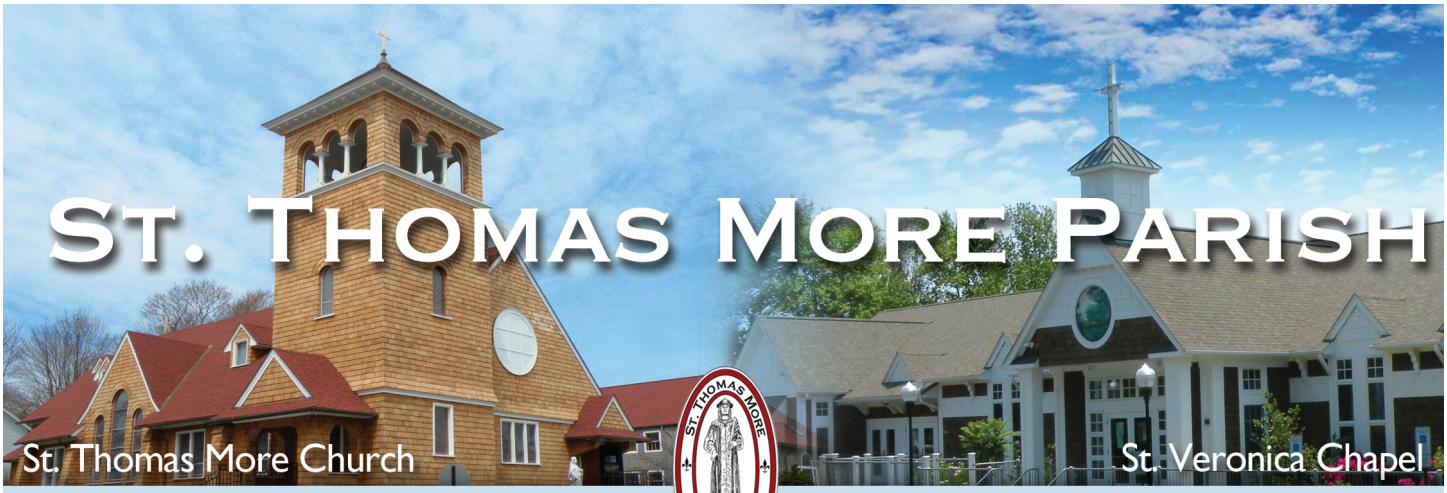

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MASS SCHEDULE

All masses available on Livestream

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH
53 Rockland Street

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

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

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fathermtaillon@gmail.com

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2022 Missionary Team

Our mission team pictured left to right:
Stephen Delpapa, Dr. Ellen Delpapa, Avery Hurwitz, Deacon Clossick, Brooke Easton, Grayson Bourbonnais, Emily Bamford, Aiden Friedt, Lindsay Moricas, Raymond McConnell, Anthony Miller, Andrew DiBiasio and Fr. Taillon.
Not pictured: Isaiah Fischer, Dr. Rick Ohnmacht, Linda Kortick, Alexandra Gencarelli and Francis Figueroa.

Our Missionaries will be in Lousiana this week at the Community of Jesus Crucified and will be wearing the red t-shirt pictured above. Please keep them in your prayers daily with hopes they have a successful mission serving those in need in Saint Martinsville.

Congratulations to Kate and Frank LiVolsi
Married in Christ!

Parishioners Frank LiVolsi and Kate Quinn (our parish wedding co-coordinator) celebrated their vows this weekend at St. Thomas More and they were the first to use the newly renovated parish hall for their wedding reception! And, they served their guests who dined and danced the night away!

MASS *intentions*

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, FEBUARY 19th (Vigil)
4 PM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Leon Bunch
5 PM – for the deceased members of the Del Monico Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20th
8 AM – Pro -Popolo
9 AM – for the souls of Mary & Eugene Remington
10 AM –for the soul of Steven Penta
11 AM –for the soul of Alfred W. Butler

MONDAY, FEBUARY 21st
9 AM – for the soul of Irene Richter

TUESDAY, FEBUARY 22nd
9 AM – for the soul of Geraldine Egan

WEDNESDAY, FEBUARY 23rd
9 AM – 16th Anniversary~ Dorothy Cook

THURSDAY, FEBUARY 24th
9 AM – for the soul of Marguerite Lischio

FRIDAY, FEBUARY 25th
9 AM – for the soul of Helen Leger

SATURDAY, FEBUARY 26th
9 AM – for the deceased members of the Goodwin Family

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, FEBUARY 26th (Vigil)
4 PM – for the soul of Joan Kauttu
5 PM – for the soul of Frank Villella

SUNDAY, FEBUARY 27th
8 AM – Special Intention~ Lisa Marie Brunetti (LIVING)
9 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Diane Randolph
10 AM - for the soul of Marjorie Kennedy
11 AM – Month's Mind ~Gloria A. Lupino

Rest in Peace
Arthur St. John

The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 21st for Presidents' Day.

SAVE THE DATE!
St. Thomas More Parish Lenten Mission
March 6, 7, & 8th
with Fr. Christopher Murphy

2022 Catholic Charity Appeal
In-Pew solicitation
April 23rd & 24th

Parish Goal: $130,000.00

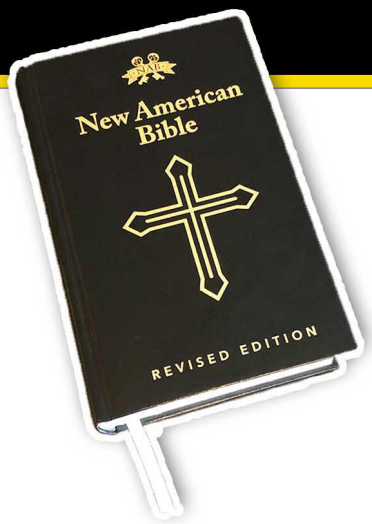
Appeal Co-Chairs:
Kathy Leonard & Lynn Notarantonio

Gifts to the 2022 APPEAL educate our youth, promote peace and justice, counsel families, prevent suffering and foster discipleship within the Diocese of Providence.

CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL
Supporting the work of the Church

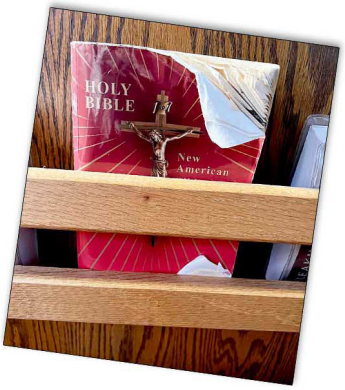
"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

Sponsor a Bible



St. Thomas More Parish will soon be getting new hard-covered bibles!

We will be replacing our well-used, paperbacks which will be distributed to the homeless in Providence by Fr. James Ruggieri.



The new bibles can be memorialized on the inside front cover.
Please consider "Sponsoring a Bible" for yourself, your family, friends or a deceased loved one.
Each bible will be $25 and will be availble for purchase the week of February 28th.

Ryan Tremblay and his wife Liz with triplets Andrew, Nicholas & Elliott received a blessing at St. Veronica on Sunday, as Ryan begins working at St. Thomas More as Music Director this week.

Pray the Rosary

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

On Sunday, February 27th
from 3:00 until 4:00 PM

At the entrance of Narragansett Town Beach

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.

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.

Religious Education

There are no Religious Education classes the week of February 20th for Winter Break. Classes will resume the week of February 27th.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

"I feel it urgent to state that, if the family is the sanctuary of life, the place where life is conceived and cared for, it is a horrendous contradiction when it becomes a place where life is rejected and destroyed. So great is the value of a human life, and so inalienable the right to life of an innocent child growing in the mother's womb, that no alleged right to one's own body can justify a decision to terminate that life, which is an end in itself and which can never be considered the "property" of another human being."

– *Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia:Apostolic Exhortation on the Family*

BLOOD EMERGENCY
URGENT DONATIONS NEEDED

Consider donating blood at any Rhode Island Blood Center donor center throughout the state. To register, visit www.ribc.org/locations or call 401-453-8383

When donating, please be sure to use parish Sponsor Code 0626.

Thank you!

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Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Christ our Hope in every Season of Life in all circumstances . . .
Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat *"A Journey to Healing for Anyone after Abortion"*

When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed."

- Mark 27-28

Many women and men have walked down the same path as you and have experienced the mercy, compassion and healing power of Jesus through a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is an opportunity for any woman, man, couple, grandparent or sibling struggling with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. The weekend provides the time and space to enter the grieving process, to identify effects of the abortion, and to release deep feelings of anger, shame or guilt.

Upcoming Retreats
In English: April 29-May 1
In Spanish: April 29-May 1

Call for more information on a confidential retreat or for a confidential consultation:
English Retreat - Lisa, 401-278-2518
Spanish Retreat – Loren, 401-742-1510 or Rosa 401-688-4687
Project Rachel Help Line: 1-888-456-HOPE

Remember, Jesus is reaching out with open arms to all who are hurting from an abortion experience!

Rachel's Vineyard is a post-abortion support program of the
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Luke 6:38

Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 20, 2022

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

It's likely that some friends or followers of Jesus told him, from time to time, to "get real" when his teachings seemed too hard or impractical. John's Gospel, near the end of the Bread of Life discourse, reports that some disciples out and out turned away because it was too hard to continue following Jesus. When Jesus said to love our enemies, pray for those who hurt us, or do good for those who hate us, the response, "get real," wouldn't be surprising. And yet, the very life and witness of Jesus is filled with his prophetic examples of doing just that; of refusing to return harm for harm. The lives of the saints are likewise filled with such examples, especially those saints who were laborers in the field for justice and peace. Is this command of Jesus difficult? Yes. Is it impossible? No.

ROLE REVERSAL

It could have come straight out of a Hollywood script: two enemies, former friends and admirers of each other now pitted against each other. So it is today with Saul and David. Saul had actually praised David for slaying Goliath, and rewarded him by placing him in charge of Israel's military force. David flourished, and was praised, admired for how clearly the hand of God was upon him. Of course, Saul became jealous, and soon hatched a plot to finish him off. In a turning of the tables, Saul actually becomes the vulnerable one, and David has more than one opportunity to kill him. But it is not a surprise ambush that keeps David from slaying Saul, but the realization that Saul is a meshiach (Messiah), God's anointed one, the first to bear this title in Israel. Twice David has an opportunity—the second time he even has a witness and accomplice—and yet he will not do what it seems like the script says he should.

REWRITE!

Jesus is also a master of subverting our expectations of what the script is going to do. The scriptwriter we call Luke is even more detailed than Matthew in what "love your enemies" means. Luke spells out specific, active ways to counteract the deeds of those whom we would label "enemies." Beyond that, Luke's Jesus says not to lend merely the shirt off our back, but our coat as well; to lend money not only to those who can repay, but to those who can't. This is the script of God's Meshiach: do not perpetuate or escalate violence, but reply to it with love. What you think is sufficient generosity needs to be doubled, at the very least. Whenever it seems like the direction of the story needs to be changed—so that harm or sin or cruelty is overcome by love—change the story. Through God's goodness, we are free to change our story; through God's grace, we have Jesus to show us the way.

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 26:2, 7–9, 12-13, 22–23
Psalm 103:1–2, 3–4, 8, 10, 12–13
1 Corinthians 15:45–49
Luke 6:27–38

St. Thomas More
Endowment Fund

PLANT A SEED
CREATE A
Legacy

When someone returns to God, they leave a physical void in the parish and their family. When someone makes a planned gift to the endowment fund, there is a perpetual reminder of their importance to the faith community. It is a way to continue to support the parish they loved in life even after death.

Memorial and planned gifts to a parish endowment* have more than a one-time impact. Because they are endowed, these gifts help generations of parishioners (children, families, elderly). The value of these gifts extends beyond the initial monetary amount. The true value of these gifts is the fact that it will affect real lives whether it be the funding of religious education programming, assisting local ministries, mission trips to third world countries, or improvements to the physical parish plant and facilities.

We are called by God to be stewards of the gifts He has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure. When we include the parish in our estate plans, we commit ourselves to further the Kingdom of God. By helping to secure the long-term financial security of the parish family, our treasure is used to serve future generations. This is stewardship. This is evangelization. This is faith.

Keep the faith and the memories alive. Consider a personal designation to the St. Thomas More Parish Endowment Fund. For more information about memorial donations and legacy giving, please contact Lynn Bamford, Director of Stewardship at 401-789-7682.

**An endowment is when monies are deposited into a fund never to be withdrawn. The beneficiary receives interest earned each year to fund various projects. All funds are secure and protected in perpetuity.*

"Keep the faith and the memories alive."

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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  District Office Phone: 401-453-5294
  Capitol Office Phone: 202-224-2921
- **Senator** Jack Reed
  District Office Phone: 401-943-3100
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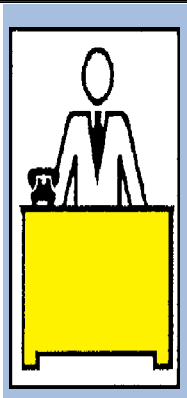

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