

# 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 - 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**

*All masses available on Livestream*

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

*Pastor*

*Chaplain, Narragansett Police Department*

*Chaplain, Narragansett Fire Department*

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*Associate Pastor*

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**Msgr. John C. Halloran**

*Pastor Emeritus*

**Fr. Joseph P. Henry**

*Pastor Emeritus, SS. John & Paul, Coventry*

*In Residence*

*St. Clare Home*

*309 Spring St., Newport, RI 02840*

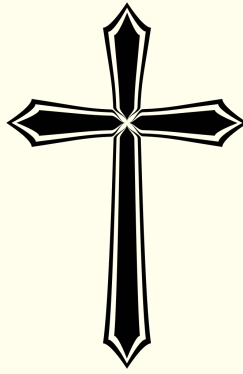
**Deacon Joseph Clossick**

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**FEBRUARY 5, 2023 - THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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### *This and That...*

We have had lots going on in so many ways. The “great flood” after Christmas at Msgr. Halloran Hall and classrooms proved to be a daunting task to recover. Demolition of the classrooms is extensive. A word of thanks to our catechists and families of religious education who have been flexible in moving to a new time at the St. Thomas More location.

The heating system in the St. Thomas More parish hall had not been working properly for some time. Eventually it was surmised that it was an electrical problem and once they increased the voltage, the heat is now back in working order.

The new track lighting at St. Thomas More Church has finally been installed and “let there be light” is no longer only in the Book of Genesis! Again, thanks to the daily Mass community for being so disrupted. The tracks were over 35 years old and many had gone out, unable to repair.

We are gearing up for our mission trip of teens and adults to Louisiana from February 18 to 25th. We will be in St. Martinville in a very poor town, doing some building, demolition from hurricanes, serving at a soup kitchen, working at a youth drop-in center and praying with the religious community of Jesus Crucified.

We were able to attend the welcome/installation Mass on January 26, 2023 at the Cathedral to an overflowing crowd. I could only sense that the future is bright for the Diocese of Providence.

Lent is on the horizon and we will be offering many opportunities for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. I would invite you to make a Lenten plan now so the goals are practical, meaningful and a true season of repentance will be ours.

A word of thanks to all our staff for their outstanding work and a special thanks to George Travis who has been so critical in helping to manage our many plant/property issues these last weeks.

God bless you!

*Fr. Taillon*





Bishop Tobin celebrating Mass at the Cathedral to welcome Bishop Henning on Thursday, January 26th.



The Knights of Columbus recently held their annual Men's Retreat at Enders Island. The spiritual leader was Fr. Nowel, O.P. who spoke on the topic of "Speak Lord, your servant is listening".



# MASS *intentions*

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4th (Vigil)

4 PM – for the soul of J. Neil Murphy

5 PM – for the soul of Mary Susan McNaughton

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5th

8 AM – for the souls of Angela & Frank Aloï

9 AM – for the soul of Agnes Bisset

10 AM – for the soul of Brigid Narewski

11 AM – Pro-Populo

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6th

9 AM – for the soul of Joan Karakas

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th

9 AM – for the souls of Vincent & Lillian Walsh

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8th

9 AM – for the soul of Frank Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9th

9 AM – for the soul of Cheryl Verchot

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10th

9 AM – for the soul of Janice Workman

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11th

9 AM – for the soul of Irene Lavallee

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11th (Vigil)

4 PM – for the souls of James & Doris Hanley  
and the deceased member of the Carroll family

5 PM – for the soul of Charles Yurgalevitch

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th

8 AM – for the deceased members of the Russo family

9 AM – for the soul of Robert John Travis

10 AM – for the deceased members of the Delaney  
& Kirwan families

11 AM – for the soul of Frank Maiorano

### 2nd Collection

The second collection next weekend  
is for Tuition Assistance.

### Knights of Columbus Monthly Membership Meeting

Monday, February 13th- 7PM  
St. Thomas More Parish Hall



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### Our Lady's Guild Meeting

Wednesday, February 8th  
10:00 AM

All are welcome to join at  
St. Thomas More Parish Hall

*"God wishes to establish in  
the world, devotion to my  
Immaculate Heart. If people do  
what I tell you, many souls will  
be saved and there will be peace."*

For more info contact Diane 401-996-3876

### Knitting Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, February 8th - 1:00 PM

St. Thomas More Parish Hall  
For more information, call the parish office  
at 789-7682. All are welcome!



### SILENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, February 9th

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

Monsignor Clarke School Open House is this  
weekend, Sunday, February 5th from 12-2 PM.  
[monsignorclarkeschool.org](http://monsignorclarkeschool.org)

# Movie Day



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## Save the date

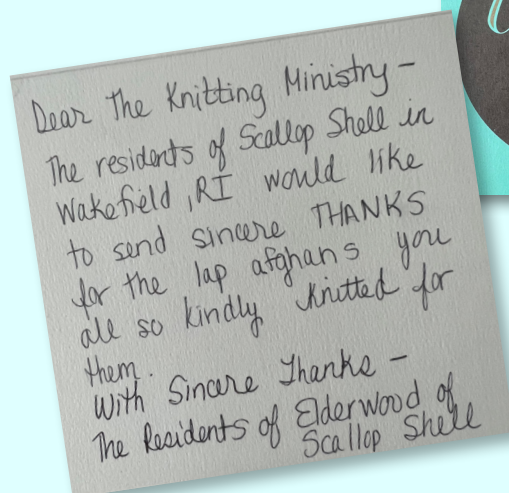
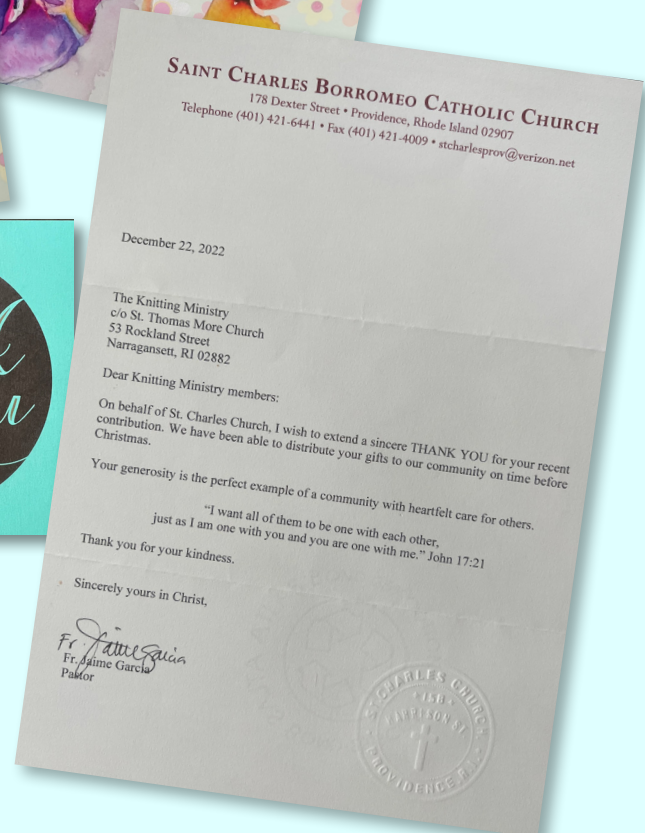
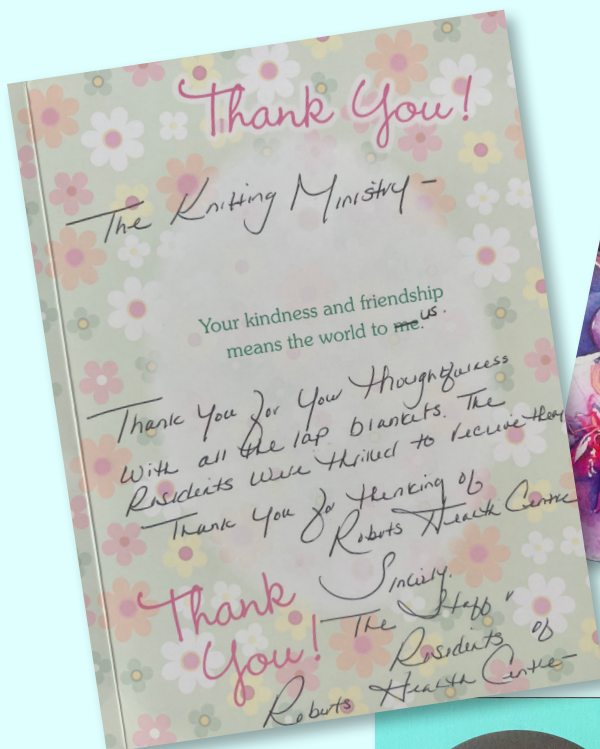
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# MOTHER TERESA

NO GREATER LOVE

## From the mailbag . . .

We have received three thank you notes from the kind donations from our Knitting Ministry from Roberts Nursing Home, St. Charles Porromeo in Providence and from the residents of Elderwood of Scallop Shell.





# ST. THOMAS MORE ENDOWMENT FUND



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.”*

# 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.

## 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, inside the white fence.



## Relevant Radio "Morning Air" Show

Join Fr. Taillon at 550 AM every Wednesday at 8:00 AM or listen on [relevantradio.com](http://relevantradio.com)

- listen on your computer: <http://relevantradio.com>
- get the App for your phone: [relevantradio.com/app](http://relevantradio.com/app)
- listen on your radio: AM 550 in the Providence area

## Religious Education

### Sunday, February 5th

Grades 1 - 4 at 9:05-9:55 AM

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1st & 2nd Year Confirmation at 6:00-7:15 PM

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### Monday, February 6th

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

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### Wednesday, February 8th

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

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## Faith Direct

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Online giving is very easy!

Visit [faithdirect.net](http://faithdirect.net) and enter our parish code: R1147.

Donations can be easily changed one-time, weekly or monthly.



Blood Emergency

## Critical Need

Consider donating blood at any Rhode Island Blood Center donor center throughout the state.



To register, visit [www.rIBC.org/locations](http://www.rIBC.org/locations) or call 401-453-8383

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

## WEEKLY PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Many families in our area continue to struggle to put food on their table. Collection baskets are located at the entrance of both churches. Please consider donating an item or two from the list.

*All donations support a local food pantry.*

**Over 2,700 meals collected for local families so far this year**

