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Mass Schedule

Effective February 4th

St. Thomas More Church

Vigil Mass - Saturday 5:00 PM

Confessions - Saturday 4:00-4:45 PM

Sunday Mass - 10:00 AM

Daily Mass - Mon.-Sat. 9:00 AM

St. Veronica Chapel

Vigil Mass - Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses

8:30 AM

11:00 AM

JANUARY 28, 2024 - THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sports and Jesus Christ...some thoughts

I think we can all agree that sports has become a huge part of American culture in the last years. I had access to sports growing up, but much fewer opportunities than today. As a matter of fact, the Church with its CYO leagues was the main arbiter and sponsor for basketball, and they also offered some other sports. Some of you might know that the RI Interscholastic League had Msgr. Robert Newbold serve as its Executive Director for 26 years.

My point is, the Catholic religion supports sports. We all know that coaches, managers and parents keep many kids busy, off drugs and out of trouble. Playing a sport can create lifelong friends and relationships. Players experience camaraderie and learn how to cope with victory and often, loss.

Some of you may know that I am an avid Celtics fan and enjoy supporting Coach Mazzulla, but also watching the organization, the people and the players work together teaches me parallel life lessons to faith and the parish community.

So all of this is good...however, the last few years have given me a chance to pause. So many of our families who want to attend weekend Masses have to bring their children to sports practices all days of the week. Since COVID, even Sunday mornings are no longer off limits. If a child doesn't come to practice they are often penalized and not able to play. Many of our high school students want to go on mission trips but fear their coaches' attitude towards missing too many practices.

I don't know what the solution is, but we have a problem. I know many involved in the sports world whose first priority is God, who worship and pray at Mass and other times. Many of our parents are torn knowing the good that sports can do.

I offer a challenge. Sports are good for sure, but we must find ways that worshipping Christ and receiving the sacraments can be the highest priority. Perhaps we need to sacrifice and witness to our kids and our neighbors, that Jesus is Our Lord and Savior, and He takes priority.

If you are a parent, coach, educator or administrator, please be sensitive to the children and parents who need to keep worship in their family life. We know this world is passing away. We need to remember it is the power and love of God that will sustain us. Join me in asking the Holy Spirit to enlighten all of our minds in such a way that makes Jesus first, in our hearts and on the schedule of the white board in our homes.

St. Sebastian, patron saint of athletes pray for us...and of course Go Celtics!

Fr. Taillon

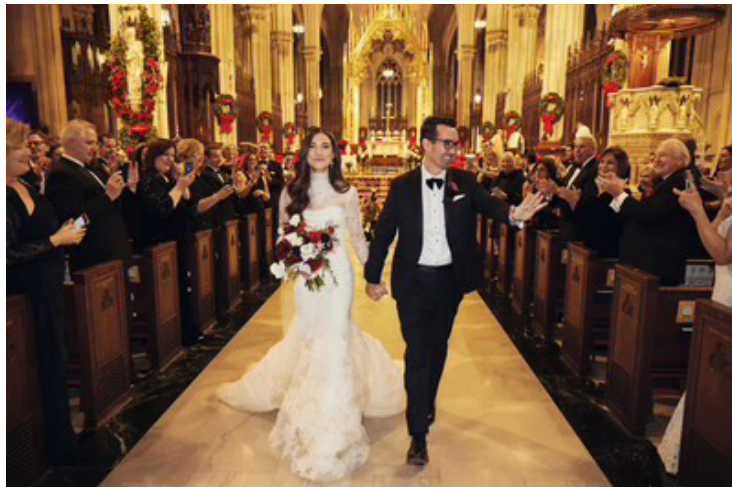
THIS WEEKEND!



Please join us for a candlelit
Praise & Worship Holy Hour
to pray for
Peace in our Families

Sunday, January 28
6:00 - 7:00 PM
St. Veronica Chapel

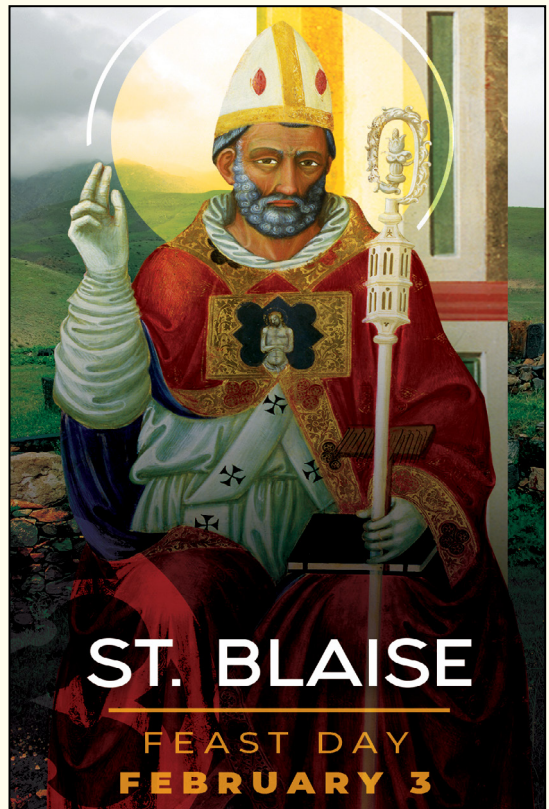
Come and pray for
reconciliation in families and relationships,
and for family members who may have lapsed in faith.



Congratulations, married in Christ!

Patrick and Christine McQuade were recently married
at St Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

Patrick gave a witness talk at our parish about his faith and
recovery from an accident, which is still available to view on
our website, stthomasmoreri.or or with this link:
<https://livestream.com/stm/stm-special/videos/230912504>



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FEAST DAY
FEBRUARY 3

FROM YOUR DIOCESE

JANUARY 2024

FROM BISHOP RICHARD G. HENNING, STD

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL

I hope that the Christmas and New Years celebrations offered all of us a break from routine and time with family and friends. It is a good thing to end the year and begin a new one engaged with the people who are the purpose and meaning in our lives. May the Heart of God draw us ever deeper into that mystery of love and the joy of communion with God and one another.

In another week, tens of thousands of people, young and old, will gather in Washington, DC, to give witness to the sacred dignity and the beauty of human life. While I cannot attend this year as I will be celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Altagracia here in Rhode Island, I have had many opportunities to take part in the Respect Life Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine and in the annual March for Life. Very unlike a typical protest or public demonstration, these large gatherings are always joyful expressions of compassion and solidarity. With a remarkable history of peaceful witness, the Mass and the March have always lifted my spirits and renewed my confidence in the goodness of human beings.

The Catholic Church consistently upholds the truth of human dignity even in the face of cultural hostility and shifting moral viewpoints. We do so because the Lord himself gave us an example of universal and unselfish love and charged us to love one another as He loved us. We do so because He taught us to be most attentive to the forgotten, the vulnerable, the “least” among us: “Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me” (Matt 25:40). We do so in the knowledge that we will not be judged by our worldly accomplishments, wealth, or cleverness, but by the quality of our compassion and mercy.

It is a source of deep grief to me that our state has enacted laws that are among the most radical and anti-life to be found anywhere in the world. It seems so out of character in a state with such fervent hospitality and where people so often give and sacrifice for their neighbors. I am not sure how we reached this point of kindness to some yet such a merciless stance towards the most vulnerable. Of course, the proponents of such laws argue that they are a matter of freedom and choice. And yet the exclusive focus remains on the termination of innocent human life. We do not actually give vulnerable mothers a choice. We do not offer her equal resources to bring her child to see the light of day. Our system as it has been crafted brings women to only one choice – a tragic choice that occurs in heartbreaking numbers.

Please help me to communicate to the men and women of this state that the Catholic Church reveres life – each and every life. Any woman finding herself in fear or difficulty needs to know that we want to help her have a full choice and the support she will need to make the choice for life. Go to any parish in the Diocese of Providence and we will do all in our power to help you and your baby.

I also ask that we call upon our leaders to help women in Rhode Island have a true choice. Every life is sacred; every life is possibility. Where is compassion? Where is mercy? Are there not ways to respect the dignity of the mother and protect the life of her child? Every one of us was once a child in the womb! We will never be mistaken in efforts to preserve life, to nurture and protect life, to revere and celebrate life. Life is sacred and life is beautiful!



MOST REVEREND RICHARD G. HENNING, S.T.D.
Bishop of Providence

COMING IN FEBRUARY



LENT 2024

The season of preparation for the **Great Feast of Easter**—marked by prayer, penance, and almsgiving—begins with **Ash Wednesday**, observed this year on **February 14, 2024**. Get spiritual guidance, resources, and tips for living your most fruitful Lenten season yet at dioceseofprovidence.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS

More event details & registration links at the QR code and URL below.

FEB 3



“Catholicism in the 21st Century: What should Catholics be doing in theology today to prepare for tomorrow?”

A Presentation by **Fr. Thomas Joseph White, OP**, Rector of the Angelicum

Hosted by **Bishop Richard G. Henning**

McVinney Auditorium
43 Dave Gavitt Way, Providence

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3
6 to 7:30 p.m.
RSVP required

FEB 10



Young Adult Lenten Retreat

Join us as we prepare our hearts and minds to enter the sacred and penitential season of Lent. May the Holy Spirit purify each of us so that we may have deeper union with the risen Christ this Easter.

Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul
30 Fenner Street, Providence

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10
8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
RSVP required

FEB 13



A Beer with the Bishop

Enjoy an evening with **Bishop Richard G. Henning**

Includes an informal talk and audience Q&A

McVinney Auditorium
43 Dave Gavitt Way, Providence

FAT TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13
6:30 p.m.
RSVP required

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MASS *intentions*

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SATURDAY, JANUARY 27th

4 PM – Wedding Anniversary ~
Robert & Loretta Casey

5 PM – Birthday Remembrance ~ John Chatwin

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th

8 AM – for the soul of Anastasia Hawkins

9 AM – for the soul of James Ford

10 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Gerald Taillon

11 AM – Special Intention ~ Marianne Monaghan
(Living)

MONDAY, JANUARY 29th

9 AM – for the soul of Ira Bernstein

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30th

9 AM – for the soul of Valerie G. LaCross

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31st

9 AM – for the soul of Geraldine Egan

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1st

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~
Anthony P. Boscia, II

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd

9 AM – for the soul of Bill Murphy

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Irene LaVallee

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd

4 PM – for the soul of Albert Alba, Sr.

5 PM – for the soul of Kevin Cullinan

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4th

8:30 AM – for the souls of Al & Helen Leger

10 AM – for the soul of Brenda Bolster

11 AM – for the souls of James & Doris Hanley

Second Collection

The 2nd collection this weekend will be to support the church in Latin America.

St. Vincent de Paul Rhode Island Open Positions

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Rhode Island is seeking to fill office and warehouse positions. Located in Cranston, we offer a Catholic environment and an opportunity to serve our Rhode Island neighbors. Consider joining our team.

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Expected hours: 24-40 hours/week

Salary: \$20-\$22/hour

OFFICE MANAGER: Excellent verbal/written communication; organization and attention to detail; ability to work with diverse populations. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: office tasks such as scheduling; correspondences; answering telephones; filing; errands; assisting with event and meeting planning; human resource tasks; mailings; light bookkeeping; placing orders; preparing reports; etc. Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite. Quickbooks experience and bi-lingual a plus but not required. References required.

Job Types: 30-hour or full-time position available;

Monday-Friday; (remote not available)

Salary: \$20-\$22/hour

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SAVE THE DATE!

**Parish Lenten Mission
March 3, 4 & 5**

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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.

Remember the Poor

The small donation boxes on the church walls labeled "Remember the Poor" goes to the Mother Teresa Fund, which helps with rental assistance, utilities, food and prescriptions. Thanks for your generosity.

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

Religious Education

Religious Education Schedule

Sunday, January 28th

Grades 1 - 4 at 10:05-10:55 AM
St. Veronica Chapel

1st & 2nd Year Confirmation
at 6:00-7:00 PM
St. Veronica Chapel

Monday, January 29th

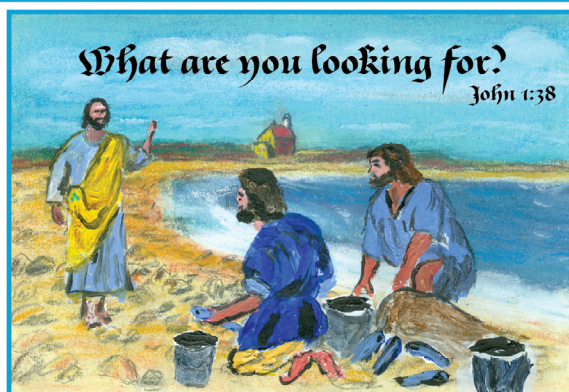
Grades 1 - 4 at 4:10-5:00 PM
St. Thomas More

Wednesday, January 31st

Grades 5 - 8 at 5:45-6:45 PM
St. Veronica Chapel

Men's Retreat

April 19th - 20th, 2024



Join us for our annual men's retreat on beautiful Enders Island in Mystic CT. Msgr. John Halloran will lead us in prayer and reflection. Reconciliation and Holy Mass will be offered.

For additional details, visit:

www.popepiusxii.org/men-s-retreat

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