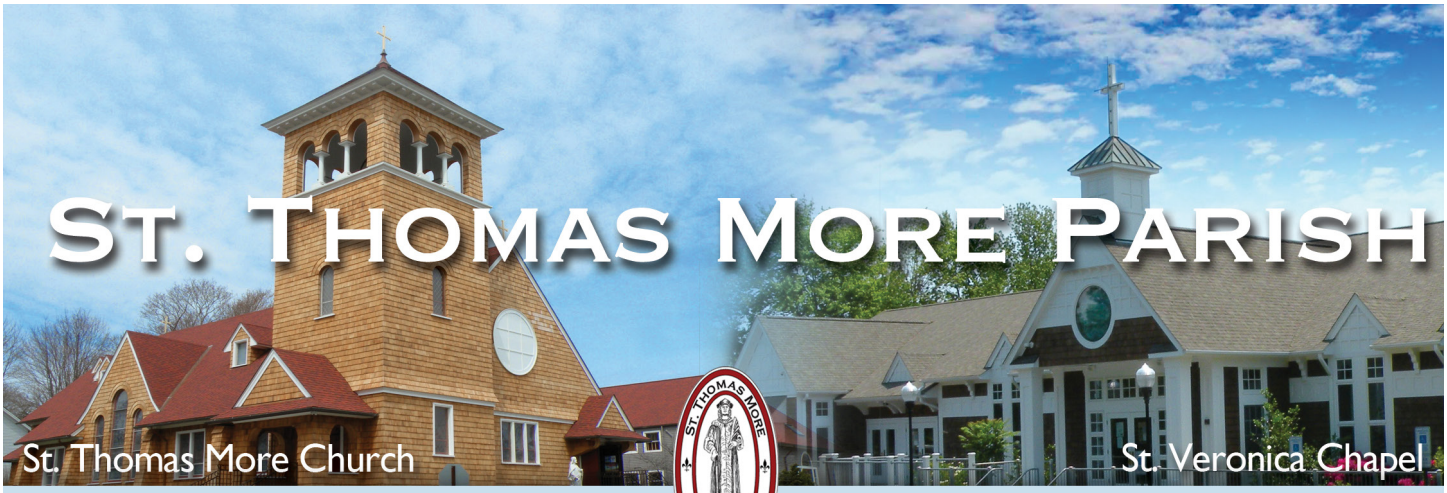

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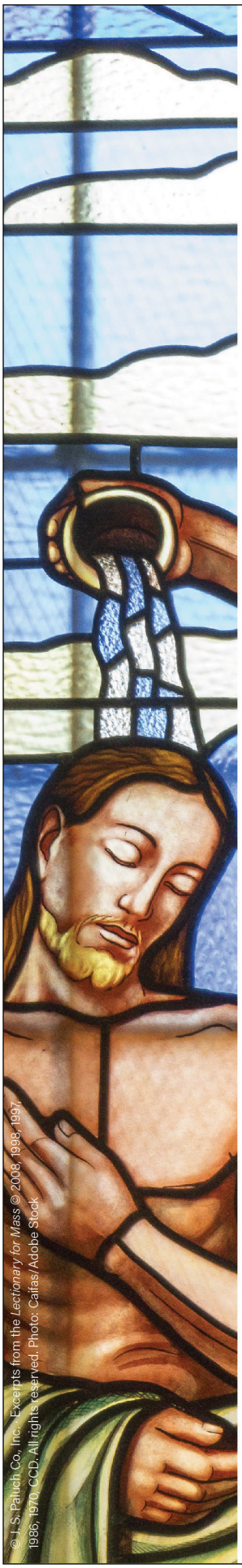

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A VOICE CAME FROM HEAVEN, "YOU ARE MY BELOVED SON; WITH YOU I AM WELL PLEASED."

LUKE 3:22

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022

A MODEL FOR OUR PRAYER LIFE

The Advent/Christmas cycle that began on November 28 ends with the Baptism of the Lord. We likely have an image in our minds (based on details from the Gospels and works of art) of what that scene looked like. We might wonder, "Who else was there and who wasn't?" No disciples were present because Jesus had not yet begun his ministry. They would have to wait until the Transfiguration to hear a similar message. However, the three persons of the Blessed Trinity are accounted for: the Father (the voice from heaven), the Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Interestingly, Luke alone notes that it was after Jesus had been baptized and while he was praying that the voice was heard. All of the Gospels show Jesus praying at turning points in his ministry; this is but the first example of Jesus' need to root himself in prayer throughout his life—a model for us to follow.

ON THE CUSP OF A NEW CREATION

It was on the Fourth Sunday of Advent this past December that we first heard of the two cousins, John and Jesus, meeting. Then it was in the womb of their mothers, Elizabeth and Mary. Now the cousins meet again on the shore of the Jordan River. John is already well known—so much so that people had begun to wonder if he was the long-awaited Messiah. Jesus, on the other hand, is about to begin his ministry. One could say that Jesus entered the waters of the Jordan as a private person and came out of them as a public one. The voice from heaven left no doubt about that. As we come to the end of the Christmas season our readings echo Isaiah and Titus (see Advent and Christmas Day readings) and together with today's Psalm 104 they point us to Pentecost. We are on the cusp of a new creation.

JOHN THE BAPTIST: PATRON SAINT OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS?

John the Baptist was what we might call today a "social influencer." People paid attention to what he had to say. And what he said affected the choices people made. Yet today's Gospel reminds us of John the Baptist's ultimate goal: "One mightier than I is coming." The Baptizer walks the fine line between drawing attention to himself with his fiery preaching and then re-directing that attention to Jesus, the "beloved Son." John the Baptist could be considered the "patron saint" of those who minister as lectors, extraordinary ministers of the eucharist, cantors, greeters, acolytes, and musicians. Isn't John's teaching a good goal for a liturgical (or any!) minister? Rooted in the graces of their own baptism, ministers must be skilled and confident enough to draw people's attention (or, at least, not turn them off!) and then gradually re-focus that attention on Jesus. It is a dynamic and awesome responsibility.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11
Psalm 104:1b–2, 3–4, 24–25, 27–28, 29–30
Titus 2:11–14; 3:4–7
Luke 3:15–16, 21–22

Fr. Murphy and Cardinal O'Brien visited St. Thomas More and said Mass on Christmas morning. Thank you to our servers Veronica Wathen, Maddi and Harry Goodwin and lector, Chris Humolock.

Fr. Collins and Fr. Henry at St. Veronica Chapel on Christmas Eve.

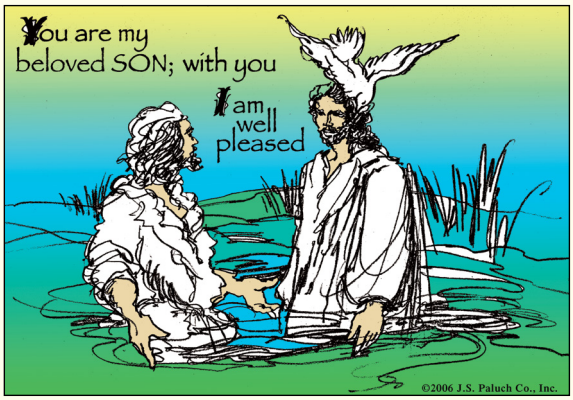
Christopher and Molly Jones, Married in Christ!

MARCH for LIFE RALLY in WASHINGTON D.C. - JANUARY 20-22, 2022

Two options below for bus trips from RI

Annual Respect for Life Bus Trip to the March for Life in Washington, DC - "Equality Begins in the Womb" Advance registration required, space is limited, first come, first served. Basic Itinerary:
Thurs. evening, Jan. 20 - bus leaves RI to DC
Fri., Jan. 21 - Mass, Rally and March in DC
Early morning, Sat., Jan. 22 - return to RI
Please contact 401-278-2518 or LCooley@dioceseofprovidence.org to register and for all details. Groups are encouraged to register ASAP.

Servants of Christ is getting a bus for the 2022 March for Life. The March will be on Friday, January 21st. We will leave Thursday morning, stay over night in a Knights of Columbus hall, and return Friday night. If you want to reserve your seat, please contact Bill Murphy at (916) 372-6139. Seats will likely fill up fast so reserve your spot ASAP. The cost is $125/pp which includes the bus, lodging, two meals, and a speaker.



Divorced? Separated?

The Diocese of Providence is sponsoring an on-going support group for divorced and separated Catholics at the St. James Chapel Parish Center, 2079 Matunuck School House Rd, Charlestown. Held on the first and third Wednesday evening of each month from 7:00-8:30 pm. this free support group embraces our Catholic faith and provides a peaceful place for sharing, healing, and for topics related to separation/divorce. Preregistration is required. Contact: Peter Magnotta: 278-2517 or Fr. Paul Desmarais: 364-7214.

SILENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, January 13th

St. Thomas More Church | 6:30 - 7:30 PM

with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

"The Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago, is present today in the Eucharist."

- Pope John Paul II

MASS *intentions*

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
SATURDAY, JANUARY 8th (Vigil)
4 PM – 1st Anniversary ~ Margaret Beattie Brown
5 PM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Jessica Tyler
SUNDAY, JANUARY 9th
8 AM – for the soul of Elizabeth Kearney
9 AM – for the soul of Patricia Fogarty
10 AM – for the soul of G. Edward Martin
11 AM – Special Intention ~
Shelley Renée Gardner (LIVING)

MONDAY, JANUARY 10th
9 AM – for the soul of William H. O'Connell, III

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11th
9 AM – for the souls of Violet & Paul O'Brien

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12th
9 AM – for the soul of Dr. Lawrence Bouchard

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13th
9 AM – for the soul of Peter Millones

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14th
9 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Marilyn Dorociak

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15th
9 AM – for the soul of Alan Cameron

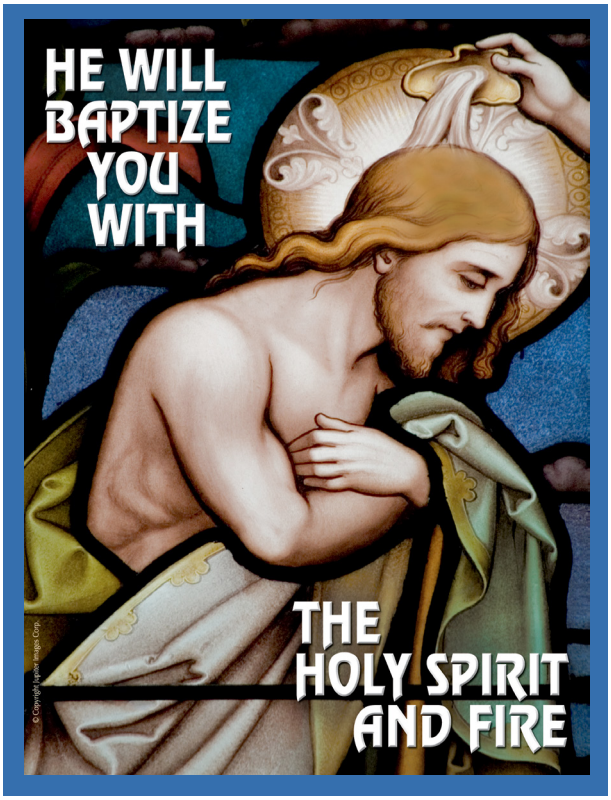
SATURDAY, JANUARY 15th (Vigil)
4 PM – 15th Anniversary ~ John Merlino, Jr.
5 PM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Anne Del Monico
SUNDAY, JANUARY 16th
8 AM – for the soul of Frank Palumbo
9 AM – for the soul of John J. Orr
10 AM – 3rd Anniversary ~ George Kwetkowski
11 AM – for the souls of Edward, Marion &
Michael, Jr. Vigliotti

RIP
Raymond E. Cournoyer, Jr.
Edmund P. "Eddy" Calcagni

Next weekend the second collection is for Catholic University.

NO Knitting Ministry Meeting for January

All knitters are encouraged to continue knitting at home and please watch the bulletin for a February announcement. Thank you.



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

Sunday, January 9th
Grades 1 - 4 at 10:05-10:55 AM
St. Veronica Chapel

1st & 2nd year Confirmation at 6-7:15 PM
St. Veronica Chapel

Monday, January 10th
Grades 1 - 4 at 4:10-5:00 PM
St. Thomas More Church

Tuesday, January 11th
Grades 5 & 6 at 5:45-6:45 PM
St. Veronica Chapel

Wednesday, January 12th
Grades 7 & 8 at 5:45-6:45 PM
St. Veronica Chapel

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URGENT DONATIONS NEEDED

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Weekly Parish Food Collection

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-- *Pope Francis*

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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

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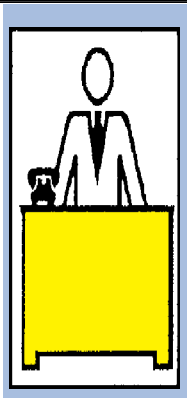

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