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SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

53 Rockland Street

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

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY - 7:30 AM (Quiet) & 10:00 AM

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

SATURDAY - 4:00-4:45 PM

OR BY APPOINTMENT

ST. VERONICA CHAPEL

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WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 4:00 PM

SUNDAY - 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

8:00 PM

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JULY 14, 2024 - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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A Word From Fr. Unsworth

Since I am only the temporary Administrator of the Parish, and the Parish news is not as extensive as it is during the rest of the year, I thought I would offer a series of little articles during the Summer months about the 10 Commandments. Each Commandment tells us something about the importance of our relationship with God and our moral responsibility towards one another. I hope you find this short series helpful.



- Fr. Jack

The 4th Commandment ***"Honor Your Father and Your Mother."***

Although the Fourth Commandment originally protected elderly parents, it came to include the duties of younger children to their parents. As we grow older, however, honoring parents includes financial assistance, personal services, and respect. The first 3 Commandments speak of our duties to God, the 4th Commandment is the first Commandment that gives us a list of duties toward human beings, because a person's closest human ties are with his or her parents.

Sometimes the Fourth Commandment is thought to refer exclusively to a child's unquestioning obedience to a parent. Christian obedience is broader. It encompasses compassion in the one who commands and understanding in the one who obeys. Parent-child relationships are not meant to be based on force or fear. A family is not a "prison" situation where "inmates" obey the "guards" to avoid being punished. Good communication is the key to a healthy relationship between parents and children.

HONOR THE ELDERLY. *"Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained by virtuous living"* (Proverbs 16:31). An elderly person is a unique individual with the rare advantage of having already experienced many of life's gifts and challenges. He or she can evaluate what is important and pass on this wisdom, but it cannot be shared unless someone comes to receive it. Many older people are afraid to be a burden on younger people, and so they are unwilling to offer their wisdom unless that are asked to do so. It is better for all of us if we listen when they speak.

ALL AUTHORITY COMES FROM GOD. The Fourth Commandment also demands that everyone who is in authority over others should always strive to use persuasion, intelligence and goodwill when exercising their authority. This includes teachers, military officers, pastors, managers or anyone who has a strong influence over others.

St. Paul, in his letter to the Philippians (2:14-16), offers us wisdom on the importance of obedience. *"Do everything that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life, so that my boast for the day of Christ may be that I did not run in vain or labor in vain."*

The perfect parents probably don't exist. In the same way, the perfect child (with the exception of Jesus & Mary) has yet to be born. Let the 4th Commandment be your guide in your relationships with those in authority over you and you will bring God's peace to the world in your own small but powerful way.

How to be Happy and Healthy

(A Spiritual and Psychological Approach)



Join us for a talk
on Aging Gracefully by
Rev. Dr. Joseph Mappilamattel

Thursday, July 25

9:30 - 11:00AM
following the 9AM Mass
St. Thomas More Church

Refreshments to follow,
all are welcome!



Save the date for
Sr. Christina's talk on Padre Pio
"Pray, Hope, and Do Not Worry."

Friday, August 2nd
after the 9AM Mass
which will feature a relic for veneration.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
to Msgr. Halloran,
who celebrated 88 years
on July 4th!



DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE EVANGELIZATION WEEK

Open to men and women ages 16-35



MONDAY - 7/29

ENCOUNTER PROVIDENCE

HELP SERVE DINNER AT ST. PATRICK'S MEAL
KITCHEN, ROSARY & AWFUL-AWFULS

TUESDAY - 7/30

STREETS & SPORTS

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WEDNESDAY - 7/31

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FRIDAY 8/2

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Summer Bible - July 9 - August 27, 2024

Maryann Knag at 203.213.4809 or mmknag@aol.com

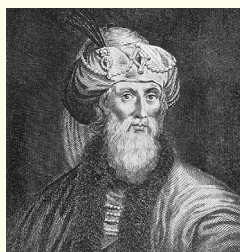
The Bible Group will meet in the Parish Hall on Tuesday mornings from 9:40-11:10 following the 9AM Mass, beginning July 9th. Please bring a bible.

Meeting dates are July 9, 16, 23, & 30; August 6, 13, 20, & 27

Maryann Knag will present the Apostolic Fathers—Part II. Last summer, we took up the letters of two of the disciples of St. John, son of Zebedee Ignatius of Antioch and Polycarp of Smyrna, as well as the accounts of their martyrdoms. This reading was so stirring that many requested more study of the documents of the Early Church. There was also great interest in reading Acts of the Apostles, which we will take up next summer.



St. Justyn Martyr



*Flavius Josephus,
the Jewish historian*

**This full page listing
can be found in our web
version of the bulletin all
summer.**

The Apostolic Fathers: Part II

July 9th:

The Didache: An early Christian handbook for converts (50-120 CE)

July 16th:

The Didache Cont'd. Excerpts from Flavius Josephus (93-100 CE).

Letter of Pliny the Younger to Emperor Trajan and Trajan's Response (111-112 CE)

July 23rd:

Pseudepigraphy and Excerpts from the Epistle of Barnabas (80-120 CE)

July 30th:

Excerpts from the Shepherd of Hermas, a literary witness to a type of Jewish Christianity (100-160 CE)

Aug. 6:

Fragments from Bishop Papias of Heliopolis (110-140 CE)

Aug. 13:

The Two Earliest Apologies: Quadratus and Aristides of Athens (120-130 CE)

August 20th:

The First Apology of Justin Martyr to Emperors Antoninus Pius and Hadrian (ca. 156 CE)

Aug. 27th:

Excerpts from Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyon, who knew Polycarp of Smyrna (175-185 CE)

Links to the readings can be found at www.earlychristianwritings.com.

For more information, please contact Maryann Knag at 203.213.4809 or mmknag@aol.com

MASS *intentions*

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JULY 13th

4 PM – for the soul of Donald Schenck

5 PM – 8th Anniversary ~ Audrey Bourbonnais

SUNDAY, JULY 14th

7:30 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Vincent Cody

8:30 AM – Special Intentions ~ Delaney &
Kirwan Families (Living)

10 AM – for the soul of Arthur Goulet

11 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ John Holmberg

8 PM – for the soul of Diane Sexton

MONDAY, JULY 15th

9 AM – for the soul of Rosa Lema

TUESDAY, JULY 16th

9 AM – for the soul of Robert Travis

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17th

9 AM – for the soul of Margaret Rao

THURSDAY, JULY 18th

9 AM – for the soul of Dean Jackson

FRIDAY, JULY 19th

9 AM – for the soul of Leo Richard

SATURDAY, JULY 20th

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Ray Lydon

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JULY 20th

4 PM – 45th Wedding Anniversary ~ Ed &
Marie McLaughlin (Living)

5 PM – for the soul of Margaret Smith

SUNDAY, JULY 21st

7:30 AM – for the soul of Agnes Bisset

8:30 AM – for the soul of Claire Villa

10 AM – for the soul of Catherine M. Murphy

11 AM – for the soul of Walter Manning, Jr.

8 PM – for the soul of Geraldine Egan

Mission Co-op This weekend

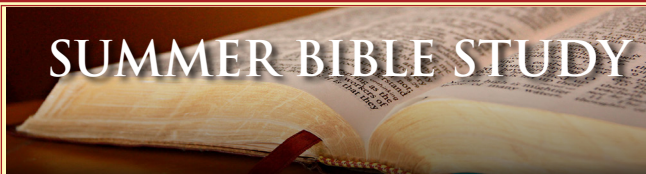
Congregation of Divine Providence



Sr. Emerita McGann,
a Sister of Divine
Providence from
Melbourne, Kentucky,
will be our guest speaker

at Mass this weekend in accordance with the
Diocese of Providence Missionary Cooperative
Plan. A former missionary to Madagascar and
Director of Mission Development for the
Congregation of Divine Providence in Kentucky,
Sister McGann will make an appeal on behalf
of the mission and ministries of the Sisters of
Divine Providence on the island of Madagascar.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY



Summer Bible

Tuesdays from 9:40AM - 11:10AM

St. Thomas More Parish Hall

The Apostolic Fathers: Part II

- bring a bible!

July 16th:

The Didache Cont'd. Excerpts from
Flavius Josephus (93-100 CE).

Letter of Pliny the Younger to Emperor Trajan
and Trajan's Response (111-112 CE)

Readings for next week:

- Finish reading Didache.

- Read excerpts from Flavius Josephus "Antiquities",
Bk 18, Ch. 3, Para 3,

- Letter of Pliny the Younger, to Emperor Trajan
and Trajan's Response (pg. 1)

July 23rd:

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Epistle of Barnabas (80-120 CE)

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Happenings around the parish

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 and welcome to join.

Our Lady's Guild

- Our Lady's Guild has meetings at 10AM on the second Wednesday of each month in the parish hall.
- On Mondays after the 9AM Mass, with coffee & refreshments, they meet as an informal gospel reflections group to discuss, read and reflect on the Gospels of the coming week and to share personal insights of those readings.
- The rosary is prayed Monday - Saturday at 8:30AM at St. Thomas More before the 9AM Mass.

All are welcome to join these activities.



To learn more about Our Lady's Guild, call Diane at 996-3876 or visit <https://stm-ourladysguild.weebly.com/>

Prayer Chain Ministry

If you know someone who would like or needs extra prayers, we are happy to help. Call Jean at 783-3403 to express your request. New volunteers are always welcome to join this necessary and important ministry.

Remember the Poor

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

Rosary Repairs

Drop your broken beads in envelope provided in the box in the foyer at St. Thomas More with your name and contact info. You will be contacted when complete.

St. Vincent dePaul clothing bins


Weekly pick up of clothing & shoes. Bins located at the back of the St. Thomas More parking lot, inside the fence.

WEEKLY PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Current Needs

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

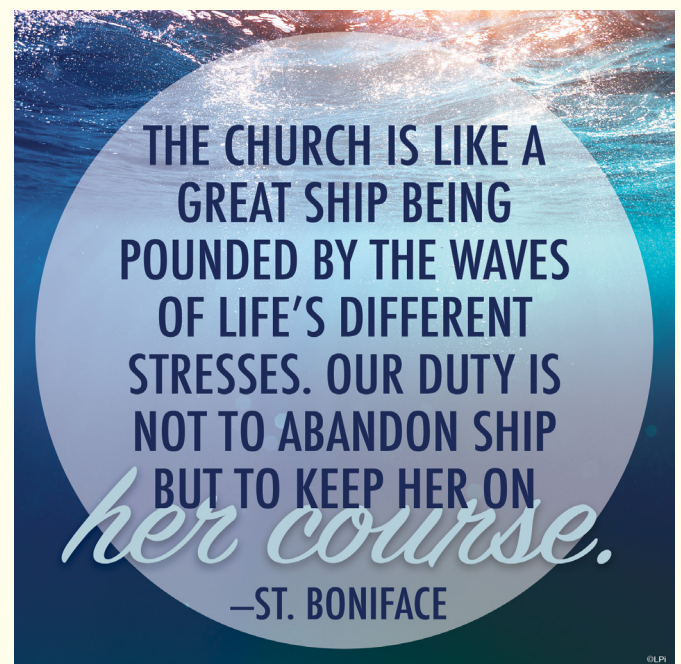
Collection baskets are located at the entrance of both churches.



DID YOU KNOW?

THERE ARE 5 PATRON SAINTS OF NURSES! ST. AGATHA, ST. CAMILLUS, ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, ST. JOHN OF GOD, AND RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL.

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THE CHURCH IS LIKE A GREAT SHIP BEING POUNDED BY THE WAVES OF LIFE'S DIFFERENT STRESSES. OUR DUTY IS NOT TO ABANDON SHIP BUT TO KEEP HER ON *her course.*

—ST. BONIFACE

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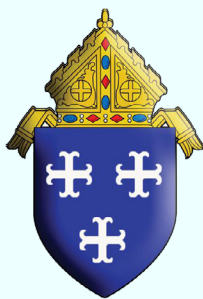
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Information Sessions for Men **Interested in the Permanent Diaconate**

The diocese of Providence is hosting several Information Sessions for all men interested in becoming a permanent deacon. To choose a session go to dioceseofprovidence.org/information-sessions-permanent-diaconate-program to complete and submit a registration for a particular session. This will help us ensure that we have sufficient material for each Information Session. If a man is married, his wife is cordially invited and encouraged to attend the presentation.

About the Info sessions

Each session will begin with a brief prayer and introduction. There will be a powerpoint presentation covering:

- the history and service of the diaconate
- a description of the Program of Formation
- a description of the Application process.

There will be time for questions and answers. Printed materials and an application will be provided at each session. Attendance at a session will not obligate anyone. The process will begin when a man returns his completed application and required documentation to the Office of Deacons.

We would like all applications **by August 15, 2024** in order to begin scheduling interviews in September.

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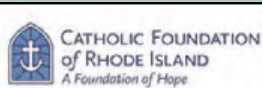
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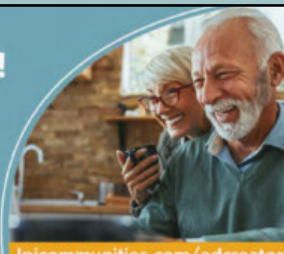
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