

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

July 2nd - Sept 3rd

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

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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

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WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 4:00 PM

SUNDAY - 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

& 8:00 PM Last Call

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JULY 16, 2023 - THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

July 16th is the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the patroness of the Carmelite Order, which takes their name from Mount Carmel in Palestine. When we take a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, one of the destination points is Mount Carmel. In the book of Kings chapter 18, we read that the Prophet Elijah declared a contest with 450 of his prophets to determine which "god" was real, Baal or the God of Israel. The real God would be the one who could set a sacrifice on fire. The frenzy of the prophet of Baal was not successful. However, when Elijah prayed to the Lord, fire descended from heaven and lit the sacrifice. (1 Kings 18:38–39). It was on Mount Carmel that the prayer of Elijah secured the end of the drought and famine that had befallen Israel. Thus, the Carmelites consider Elijah to be one of their spiritual fathers.

The word Carmel means "garden of God." The garden of God is where we can walk with the Lord, as Adam and Eve did before they were banished (Gen. 3:8). Carmel is mentioned over twenty times in Sacred Scripture, notably in Canticles 7:5. Mount Carmel has been a place of prayer and closeness to God since the time of the prophet Elijah. The early Christian hermits of Mount Carmel dedicated a chapel to Mary. Soon, the community members were known as the "Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel."

The Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

One of the oldest scapulars is associated with Mount Carmel and the Carmelites. According to Carmelite tradition, the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was first given to St. Simon Stock, an English Carmelite, by the Blessed Virgin Mary. She said to him, "This is a privilege for you and the order: whoever dies wearing the Scapular will be saved." The wearing by others of a miniature version of the Carmelite Scapular, known simply as "the Brown Scapular" from the color of their habit, has come to mean being joined spiritually with them in accepting the Blessed Mother's love, devoting oneself to the spirituality of the Carmelites, and trusting that Our Lady will protect them in life and at their death. Since that time, the Brown Scapular, a small version of the Carmelite habit, is a sign of living for Jesus, following the example of the Blessed Virgin. The Scapular reminds us that we are to be like Mary, totally dedicated to God. More than anyone else, it is she who can help us to follow her Son, to love Him, to serve Him and to live for His glory and the salvation of souls.

According to the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship, the Brown Scapular is "an external sign of the filial relationship established between the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Mount Carmel, and the faithful who entrust themselves totally to her protection, who have recourse to her maternal intercession, who are mindful of the primacy of the spiritual life and the need for prayer."

As a final note, July 16th is also my Congregation's Feast Day. My Order is named after Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI). Like Elijah, let us burn with the zeal for the living God. Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us.

Blessings,

Fr. Joe

Congratulations!



Baptized in Christ!
Peter John Mischke with his parents Andrea and Kyle, his Godparents and Deacon Clossick.



Baptized in Christ! Hadley Hope Medeiros. with her parents Josh and Brooke, her Godparents and Deacon Clossick.



David DelBonis cleaning the Blessed Mother statue at St. Thomas More.



Tuesday Mornings—9:40-11:10AM

Begins Tuesday July 11

Topic: The Letters of the Apostolic Fathers

July 11 — Introduction: Early Christian Writings & the Apostolic Fathers; Persecution in the Roman Empire;

- The Stories of the three Fathers; Finding Rome, Antioch, Smyrna, Corinth, Ephesus, Magnesia, Thrace, Philadelphia and Philippi on the Map.
- Begin reading First Letter of St. Clement

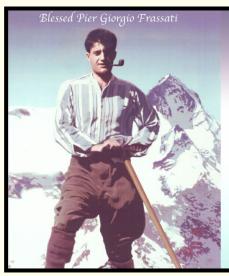
July 11, 18, 25; August 8, 15, 22 & 29 (No Bible August 1 due to Vacation Bible School) (The class will also be offered remotely on Zoom)











Frassati Young Adult Group

Upcoming Events...

Saturday, July 15th | 6 - 8 PM Movie Night

Saturday, August 5th | 6 - 8 PM Trivia - Game Night

@ St. Thomas More in the parish hall & patio

Frassati Young Adult Group is for those in their 20s & 30s.





Frassati Young Adult Group BBQ pics Group leaders from left to right:

Nick Iden, Mackenzie Montoya and

Jesse Duroha



























MASS intentions

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JULY 15th (Vigil)

4 PM - for the souls of Rosella & Edward Kehoe

5 PM – 7th Anniversary ~ Audrey Bourbonnais

SUNDAY, JULY 16th

7:30 AM – for the souls of John & Rita McNeill

8 AM – for the souls of Bill & Peg Kelley

9 AM – for the soul of Norman Coussan

10 AM – for the soul of Arthur Goulet

11 AM – for the soul of Louise Savastano

8 PM – for the soul of Jack Travis

MONDAY, JULY 17th

9 AM – for the soul of Jane McNaughton

TUESDAY, JULY 18th

9 AM – for the soul of G. Edward Martin

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19th

9 AM – 8th Anniversary ~ Leo Richard

THURSDAY, JULY 20th

9 AM – for the soul of Walter Pristawa

FRIDAY, JULY 21st

9 AM – for the souls of Brian & Marion Gillcrist

SATURDAY, JULY 22nd

9 AM – Special Intention ~ Nico & Grace (Living)

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JULY 22nd (Vigil)

4 PM – for the soul of George Fogarty

5 PM – for the deceased members of the Delaney & Kirwan families

SUNDAY, JULY 23rd

7:30 AM – for the soul of Geraldine Egan

8 AM – 25th Anniversary ~ Joseph Zubiaga

9 AM – month's mind ~ Raymond Rao

10 AM – for the souls of the Halloran & Delgado families

11 AM – for the souls of Savino & Carmela Sivo

8 PM – 8th Anniversary ~ Peter Gardiner

Congratulations to Msgr. Halloran

who celebrated 61 years of priestly service on July 1st!



Addiction Recovery Ministry

Christ the King Church will begin a program on Wednesday, July 12 from 6:30-7:30 PM.

Designed to help all who suffer from an addiction. We will help discover freedom using the book, "Breathing Under Water", Spirituality and the Twelve Steps by Fr. Rohr. If you or someone you know is in recovery, you are welcome to "come and see!" as they do practice total anonymity.

Questions? Call Harry at 401-651-1517 or the church 401-788-7459.



Registration is still open.

Vacation Bible School

at St. Thomas More

July 31 – August 4, 2023

for children going into Kindergarten through 5th Grade.

Registration forms are located on our website or pick one up in the parish office.

Liturgical Life

CATHOLIC

Soil Conditions

I am a hopeless gardener. I never met a plant I couldn't swiftly kill with good intentions and poor understanding of soil conditions.

Because really, it's all about the soil conditions—at least, that's what Google tells me when I helplessly search phrases like "Why aren't any of my seeds sprouting? Please, I tried so hard." I can never seem to match the right type of soil offering the right type of drainage and texture with the right plant. I can't understand why it's not enough to bury the seed in whatever ground is available, sprinkle some water and ask it, very nicely, to grow.

This is also a quality that makes me a poor evangelist to people who do not share my beliefs. How many times have I encountered a friend or loved one who left the faith, and I tried to coax them back by hurling Catechism passages in their direction, offering advice they never asked for and are ill-equipped to understand? I sow these seeds of witness and bang my fists in frustration that they rot where I plant them, never realizing that it's all about the soil.

It is Christ, and Christ alone, who works within the heart. It is Christ who is the sower of the seed, not me. When I leave him out of the equation, when I fail to offer the Person and instead only offer the teaching, I can anticipate that any witness I have to offer will rot where it is planted just as sure as a tulip bulb in a bed of clay.

"...my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." — Isaiah 55:11

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do we use incense at Mass?

Answer:

The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).

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.

Faith Direct



Online giving is very easy! Visit faithdirect.net and enter our parish code: RI147. Donations can be easily changed one-time, weekly or monthly.



Saint Thomas More Lazarus Bereavement Support Group

Every Tuesday thru July 25th

6:00 PM ~ St. Thomas More Parish Hall

*Note – no meeting on July 4th

Dennis Dillon, facilitator
covering some of thefollowing topics:

- ~ Opening our Hearts ~ Encountering Loss
 - ~ Common Experiences in Our Grief
- ~ Recognizing shared experiences and emotions ~ Relating to the Outside World
- ~ Our Relationships with God, Ourselves, and Our Grief with Balanced Living

for more info call the parish office at 789-7682

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

Weekly Food Collection

Many families in our area struggle with food and welcome your donations in the baskets located by all entrances. Ideas include: vegetables, pasta, soup, spaghetti sauce, whole grain cereal, and healthy snacks.



Rhode Island Blood Center

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

Come Holy Spirit Come!

Do you desire a deeper relationship with God and a greater understanding of the Roman Catholic Church?

All are welcome to join us at St. Thomas More for:

"Life in the Spirit"

A seminar on Wednesdays

through July 26th

with Diane Costantino and Fr. Joe

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

in the parish hall

Booklets provided. No registration is required. For more info call Diane at (401) 533-7895

Join the Christian Brothers at their annual

Sunset Soiree

Calling all

LaSalle, St. Ray's, De La Salle Academy graduates, and friends of Christian Brothers Center

on Saturday, August 12 5 – 8 PM

635 Ocean Road, Narragansett in the Brothers' Courtyard

Cocktails, Scrumptious Soiree Menu,
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For more information contact Cheryl
cheryl@dlcb.org or
401-789-0244 X 102





Summer Bible begins this week!

Tuesday Mornings—9:40-11:10AM

Beginning Tuesday July 11 (The class will also be offered remotely on Zoom)

Seven Meeting Dates: July 11, 18, 25; August 8, 15, 22 & 29

(No Bible August 1 due to Vacation Bible School)

Topic: By popular demand—The Letters of the Apostolic Fathers

St. Clement of Rome, St. Ignatius of Antioch and St. Polycarp of Smyrna. These are three bishop martyrs who lived in the generation after the apostles. Through their letters, they give us our first peak into the formation of the earliest Church in the context of the Roman Empire of the late first and early to mid second centuries. They are heroic, fighting off heresy from within the early Church as well as persecution from without. Today our own Catholic faith and morality are challenged by our secular culture and ever emerging ideologies. Come read with us and be encouraged and inspired. This faith has survived two thousand years!

These readings are not in the Bible. Here are two options:

1) They can be downloaded and printed for free at www.earlychristianwritings.com. Scroll down in the first column and find "1 Clement" (1 letter), "Ignatius of Antioch" (seven letters) and "Polycarp to the Philippians" (1 letter) and print them; OR

Purchase online an anthology of Early Christian Writings. I use "Early Christian Fathers" by Westminster John Knox Press, ed. C.R. Richardson. There are several editions.

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

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- The Letters of the Apostolic Fathers -St. Clement of Rome, St. Ignatius of Antioch and St. Polycarp of Smyrna

Schedule of Meetings and Readings:

- July 11 Introduction: Early Christian Writings & the Apostolic Fathers; Persecution in the Roman Empire;
 - The Stories of the three Fathers; Finding Rome, Antioch, Smyrna, Corinth, Ephesus, Magnesia, Thrace, Philadelphia and Philippi on the Map.
 - Begin reading the First Letter of St. Clement
- July 18 Read the First Letter of St. Clement to the Corinthians, Paragraphs 1-30
- **July 25** Read First Clement, Paragraphs 31-65
- August 1 No Meeting (Vacation Bible School in the Parish Hall)
- **August 8** Read three Letters of St. Ignatius of Antioch to the Ephesians, the Magnesians and the Trallians
- **August 15** Read three Letters of St. Ignatius of Antioch to the Romans, the Philadelpians and the Smyrnaeans
- August 22 Read the Letter of St. Ignatius to St. Polycarp and the Letter of St. Polycarp to the Philippians
- August 29 Catch-up & Excerpts from the Apologia of St. Justin Martyr to the Emperor Antoninus Pius on the Christian Liturgy

NB: These letters are not in the Bible. They can be found at www.earlychristianwritings.com and downloaded for free or by purchasing online "Early Christian Fathers", ed. Cyril C. Richardson, Westminster John Knox Press, 2006, or several other collections of the Early Christian Fathers.

The series is lead by Maryann Knag MAT MAR, a trained Catholic Bible scholar, who has been leading Bible studies since 2004. For more information, contact Maryann at 203.213.4809 or mmknag@aol.com

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For those wishing to join us remotely, below is the Zoom Link.

Maryann Knag is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: St. Thomas More Narragansett RI Tuesday 9:40 AM Bible Study

Time: Jul 11, 2023 - 09:40 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Tue, 7 occurrence(s)

Jul 11, 2023 09:40 AM

Jul 18, 2023 09:40 AM

Jul 25, 2023 09:40 AM

Aug 1, 2023 - NO Meeting this week

Aug 8, 2023 09:40 AM

Aug 15, 2023 09:40 AM

Aug 22, 2023 09:40 AM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZIldeGqqjwsHtLCpN-r0ggQQKkY4CNbe9Oa/ics?icsTo-ken=98tyKuGupjkiGNCSth2BRpwAGojoWerwiGZdgrdxvw_LTjIDZQTHB8lJC-ZcPtrV

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• +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Meeting ID: 868 2824 7646 Passcode: 499737

Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/k6Spqa2M5

Looking forward to seeing you all very soon and reading the letters of these very early saintly heroes!

In Christ,

Maryann Knag

Thank you to the many new families who have signed up for Faith Direct to support our ministries. Your support allows us to continue to serve the spiritual and corporeal needs of our parish and wider community.

And, thank you to our many virtual parishoners who continue to support us, we appreciate your support too!



St. Thomas More Parish counts on your prayers and support and we truly appreciate your continued generosity during this difficult time.

<u>Giving is easy:</u>

To Donate online:

- 1. Go to: FaithDirect.net. click box "Give Now"
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