

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

July 2nd - Sept 3rd

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

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SATURDAY - 5:00 PM SUNDAY - 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

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

& 8:00 PM Last Call

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JULY 23, 2023 - THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

What Is God Asking of You?

What are you willing to give for the sake of the kingdom of God? Often, we begin a discussion like this with a story or a few leading thoughts. However, if we are to be serious about who we claim to be as Christians, there should be no beating around the bush. The question is not only important for each of us and our relationship with our God, but it should be important for the relationship each of us has with the entire Body of Christ. Like any good team or family, I need you to have my back, and I need to have yours. If one of us is going to lay it on the line and be all in for our faith, then we all need to be as well.

If only all the Christians of the world felt the same way. In some parts of the world, Christians are still being martyred for their faith. Others must worship underground and avoid the government-led police. Then there are those who seem to take faith for granted, and because little is asked by their friends or parish, they give nothing. It is quite a contrast of situations.

On this day, it may seem like little is being asked of you and I by God. Is that because we aren't being asked or because we aren't listening? If you are counting on me and I am on you, we should figure this out sooner than later. Of course, I suspect we actually do know the answer, don't we?

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC -

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The Falling Action and the Field

In my freshman year of high school, I was fairly miserable at identifying the five essential elements of plot (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution).

To this day, the only reason I remember anything about them at all is because my English teacher used episodes of Scooby Doo to illustrate the different elements. Falling action vs. climax is where I got tripped up, the two are similar, and only discernible if you examine them relative to each other.

Every Scooby Doo episode has a big dramatic sequence (the climax) where the ghost/monster/zombie chases The Gang through the haunted mansion. The falling action is what comes immediately after: searching for her glasses that she lost during the chase, Velma bumps into a pulley wheel disguised behind a tapestry and realizes the ghost/monster/zombie is actually the janitor in a costume, hooked up to an elaborate cable system jerry-rigged throughout the mansion. Meddling kids.

I confused the two because, to me, they are both equally dramatic: the chase and the fallout.

It occurs to me that, if you look at the course of salvation history, we are living in the falling action, not the climax. Take the parable of the treasure in the field: we have found the treasure. But we haven't yet bought the field.

I often make the mistake of thinking I am still lost in the climax, searching for the truth. But I know exactly where the truth is.

What I need to be concerned with is this: am I doing what I need to do to buy the field?

"Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple." — Psalm 119

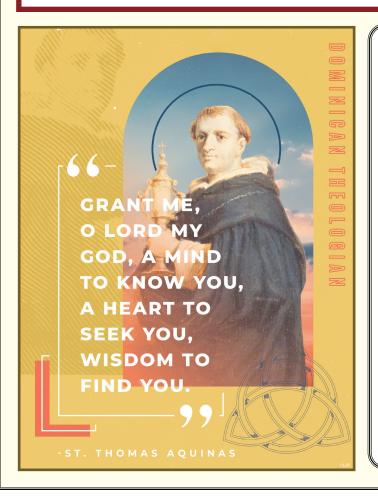
Congratulations!



Married in Christ! Megan Tucker and Jacob Scearbo with visiting priest, Fr. Ford on July 8th.



Baptized in Christ! Charlie John Naughton with his parents John and Catherine and priest, Fr. Murphy.



SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Topic: The Letters of the Apostolic Fathers with Maryann Knag Tuesday July 25—9:40-11:10AM

July 25 — Read First Clement, Paragraphs 31-65

Join Zoom Meeting

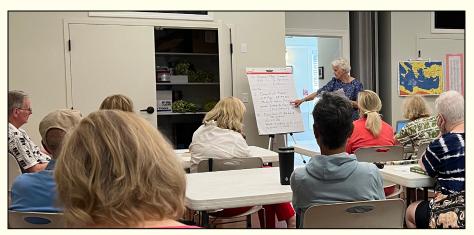
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July 11, 18, 25; August 8, 15, 22 & 29 (No Bible August 1 due to Vacation Bible School) (The class will also be offered remotely on Zoom)

Busy, busy, busy!

The parish hall was very full this week. Shown here are three pictures from the Summer Bible Study with Maryann Knag, and below are two pictures from a morning of envelope stuffing to prepare for the parish mailing. Lastly, we have the Frassati Youth Group Movie Night which was very well attended.











Dinner before the Movie . . .









Frassati Young Adult Group

<u>Upcoming Event</u> Saturday, August 5th

6 - 8 PM

Trivia - Game Night

@ St. Thomas More in the parish hall



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

MASS intentions

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

MONDAY, JULY 24th

9 AM – for the soul of Walter Pristawa

TUESDAY, JULY 25th

9 AM – for the soul of Kathy Griffin

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26th

9 AM – for the souls of Palmina & Michael Catalano

THURSDAY, JULY 27th

9 AM - Special Intentions ~ Delaney & Kirwan families

FRIDAY, JULY 28th

9 AM - 60th Anniversary ~ Frank Caduto

SATURDAY, JULY 29th

9 AM – for the soul of John Roan

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JULY 29th (Vigil)

4 PM – 1st Anniversary ~ James Sheridan

5 PM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Theresa DeGaetano SUNDAY, JULY 30th

7:30 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ James Sheridan

8 AM – for the soul of Janet Harrison

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Raymond & Mary Pariseault

10 AM – 2nd Anniversary ~ Robert E. Gagne

11 AM – for the soul of Joan L. Fogerty

8 PM - Special Intentions ~ Victor Hugo Solano Aldecoa



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.

Join the Christian Brothers at their annual

Sunset Soiree

Saturday, August 12th from 5 - 8 PM

635 Ocean Road, Narragansett cheryl@dlcb.org or 401-789-0244 X 102

See our digital bulletin for more info.

St. Philomena job opening -Dean of Student Life and Ministry

Saint Philomena School of the Sacred Heart in Portsmouth, RI is hiring an individual to help create the new role of Dean of Student Life and Ministry at our PS-Grade 8 school. If you know someone interested, please contact:

> Mr. Brian Cordeiro, M.Ed., Head of School & Principal 401-683-0268 ext. 112 www.saintphilomena.org





Knights of Columbus, Installation of 2023-24 Officers.



L to R: Deacon Clossick, Judge Shawcross, Msgr. Halloran and altar server Joseph Sierpina. Joe is an altar server for the summer while he visits his grandparents, Judge and Mrs. Raymond Shawcross.



Sister Christina

Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth, Williamsport, PA

Sr. Christina will give a 15 minute talk on "Joy" following the 9AM Mass on

August 4th, the Feast of St John Vianney
All are welcome to join at St. Thomas More Church.





BLOOD DRIVE

St. Thomas More Church

Parish Hall

53 Rockland St, Narragansett

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

2:00 PM - 7:00 PM



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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

Please note: For July 11th only, The St. Thomas More Lazarus Bereavement group will meet at St. Veronica Chapel, Msgr. Halloran hall at 6:00 pm. Meetings will resume at St. Thomas More on July 18th at 6:00 pm.

Dennis Dillon, facilitator 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.



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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

Addiction Recovery Ministry

Christ the King Church will begin a program on Wednesdays, starting on July I 2 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.

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



The Babies Have Needs!

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Collaborate with parishioners, family and friends and then call Colleen at 401-421-0820 or email colleen@motheroflifecenter to arrange for our grateful reception of your contributions andour admiration for oyur goodness!

Thank you for your continual donations to the Center. Your blessed generosity sustains our clients.

With perpetual gratitude, in Christ Jesus, The Staff of the Mother of Life Pregnancy Center





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>

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