

# ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH

St. Thomas More Church

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## SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

**July 2nd - Sept 3rd**

### **ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH**

53 Rockland Street

**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

**Fr. Marcel L. Taillon, S.T.L.**

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**JULY 30, 2023 - THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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## *Church establishes “Grandparents Day” ~ fourth Sunday of July*

Pope Francis announced a new initiative commemorating grandparents very close to the Feast of Anne and Joachim on July 26th, who are the grandparents of Jesus and the parents of Mary.

I think we need to reflect on the life of the Holy Family a bit. We should recall that God chose to redeem us by establishing a human family in which to be born. We think of the plan of God. We know from scripture and tradition that God took great efforts to call Joseph to covenant to Mary and become the foster-father of Jesus. Mary's parents, often depicted in art as teaching Mary how to pray and be trusting to God in her life as a child, were also part of His redemptive plans.

Jesus would have known or known a lot about his grandparents. The extended family was central to life in the Middle East in the first century in ways maybe not to appreciated or understood in modern society. The truth remains that family and in a most special way grandparents, are intrinsic the history, wisdom and example in most families.

In modern times families often move away from one another due to education, jobs and the fluidity of modern transportation and possibilities. This new commemoration is a reminder to value grandparents. We do that by keeping close to them. We should spend time with them; ask them to share their stories with us.

Many have shared that grandparents also help raise children these days with parents so busy and stretched so thin. It is a joy in our parish so often to see grandparents bringing their grandchildren to church on Sundays and even weekdays.

We offer a big “thank you” to all of you grandparents who do such amazing things to build and support family life and so often being the role model of faith for all of us.

We also pray for our grandparents who have returned to the Father's house. We recall them, pray for them and commend them to God. SS. Anne and Joachim, pray for them!

*Fr. Taillon*



## 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.

*Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati*



## Frassati Young Adult Group

Upcoming Event

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.

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## BLOOD DRIVE

St. Thomas More Church  
Parish Hall

53 Rockland St, Narragansett  
**Wednesday, August 9, 2023**

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# MASS *intentions*

## 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  
Aldeco (Living)

MONDAY, JULY 31st

9 AM – 36th Anniversary ~Anthony P. Boscia &  
Stephen Ricci

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1st

9 AM – for the soul of Chris Collins

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2nd

9 AM – for the souls of Edward Thomas Smith, Patrick  
Joseph Smith & Elizabeth Lillian Smith

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3rd

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Debbie Hazebrook

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4th

9 AM – 11th Anniversary ~ Mickey Dillon

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5th

9 AM – for the deceased members of the Goodwin Family

## THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5th (Vigil)

4 PM – for the soul of Joice Robbins

5 PM – for the soul of John Hickey

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6th

7:30 AM – for the soul of Max Morath

8 AM – Special Intentions ~ Victor Hugo Solano  
Aldecoa (Living)

9 AM – 3rd Anniversary ~ James McGovern

10 AM – for the deceased members of the Delaney &  
Kirwan Families

11 AM – for the deceased members of the Pompei &  
Catanzano Families

8 PM – Pro Propulo  
(for the parishioners of St. Thomas More)

**CATHLETICS!**  
TRAINING TO BE CHAMPIONS FOR CHRIST

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.

## Second Colletion

The 2nd collection next week will be  
for the Holy Father Peter's Pence.

## SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

**Reminder: August 1 — No Meeting**



## First Friday Sacred Heart Devotion Friday, August 6th

Join us after 9 AM Mass for a 15 minute devotion  
- Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus -



## SILENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Thursday, August 10th

St. Thomas More Church - 6:30 - 7:30 PM  
with Exposition and Benediction of  
the Blessed Sacrament



**Sunday, August 27th**

**St. Veronica Chapel**

**11:00 AM - Sunday Mass**

**12:00 PM - Parking lot blessing and celebration**

- pig roast ● hot dogs ● hamburgers ●
- ice cream ● bubbles ●
- live country music ●

Keeping with tradition, we will hold a summer raffle that will be drawn at the "Tailgate Celebration."

**The proceeds from the raffle will keep this event free for everyone, provide the prize money, and support our parish outreach and ministries.**

If you can, please purchase the enclosed tickets and return to the parish office or drop them into a collection basket.

Thank you in advance for your support!



Reception for families with newly baptized children.



The feast of  
the Precious  
Blood was  
instituted  
in 1849 by  
Pope Pius IX.

## Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

The Office of Marriage Preparation & Enrichment is hosting the annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration to honor couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2023.

The celebration will be held on Sunday, OCTOBER 22, 2023, 1:00 p.m., Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence. It will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Richard G. Henning will be the main celebrant and homilist.

**Forms are available in the parish office.  
Registration must be received by September 15th.**

Diocese of Providence  
[dioceseofprovidence.org](http://dioceseofprovidence.org)

## *Happenings around the parish*



Congratulations to our parishioners Veronica Sabatino and Harrison Quilliam who were confirmed in 2021. Veronica is valedictorian and Harrison is salutatorian of Narragansett High School's class of 2023

### **Relevant Radio "Morning Air" Show**

Join Fr. Taillon at 550 AM every Wednesday at 8:00 AM or listen on [relevantradio.com](http://relevantradio.com)



### **Faith Direct**

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our parish code: R1147.  
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### **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](http://www.saintphilomena.org)

### **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.

### **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.

## **Addiction Recovery Ministry**

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

Join the Christian Brothers at their annual

# Sunset Soiree

**Calling all  
LaSalle, St. Ray's, De La Salle Academy graduates,  
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**on Saturday, August 12  
5 – 8 PM**

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For more information contact Cheryl

[cheryl@dlcb.org](mailto:cheryl@dlcb.org) or

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- New or gently used clothes for boys, sizes 9M - 2T
- Diapers, sizes 5 & 6

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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 STUDY



### 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](http://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](mailto: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 Philadelphians 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](http://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/tZldeGqqjwsHtLCpN-r0ggQOKkY4CNbe9Oa/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGupjkiGNCStH2BRpwAGojoWerwiGZdgrdxvw\\_LTjIDZQTHB8lJC-ZcPtrV](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZldeGqqjwsHtLCpN-r0ggQOKkY4CNbe9Oa/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGupjkiGNCStH2BRpwAGojoWerwiGZdgrdxvw_LTjIDZQTHB8lJC-ZcPtrV)

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86828247646?pwd=OEF4aVhhRHZXMmE4WnJNanFLdGw3QT09>

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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.

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