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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

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WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 4:00 PM

SUNDAY - 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

8:00 PM (begins July 7)

~ Begins this week ~
8:00PM Sunday Mass
St. Veronica Chapel

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JULY 7, 2024 - FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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KEEPING THE FAITH IN SUMMER

I don't remember anyone announcing that God is taking the summer off, but many would like to think He does. Coaches and athletic leagues schedule games on Sundays without even asking the churches what their schedules are and they certainly don't seem to care if the kids have no time to go to Mass. Their priorities say to the children that the game is more important than their time with God and it places parents and kids in the impossible position of having to choose between sports and God. Unfortunately, God often lands in second place.

Here are some suggestions for keeping the faith during the summer months:

1. **MAKE TIME FOR GOD:** After all, He made time for you. Whatever you are planning for the weekend, treat Him like one of the family and don't leave Him out of your plans. There are Catholic churches everywhere – give Him a few minutes of your time.
2. **DON'T FORGET YOUR SUPPORT** for St. Thomas More Parish. When you're away it is nice to give a few dollars to the cute little church you are visiting, but remember that back home bills still have to be paid with fewer people showing up to help. *Make-up your budgets when you get home.*
3. **GET THE KIDS TO CHURCH:** It's not quite as easy to get out of bed on a warm summer morning, but kids should never get the impression that if they don't feel like going to church, they don't have to. Jesus didn't feel like dying for us, but He did because He loved us. Do not keep your children away from the Eucharist – they need God's love too.
4. **DRESS APPROPRIATELY:** By all means, be comfortable in the warm weather, but be careful what you wear to church. Short shorts, tank tops, bathing suits, bare feet can be quite a distraction to others (and not always a pleasant one). Try to use common sense and good taste when you are in God's house – He always looks His best for you.

Most of all, have a safe, restful, healthy and holy vacation this summer.

Annual Collection

THIS weekend

Funds help support us through the winter months.

This weekend, July 6 & 7, our second collection will be for the Annual Collection, which supports both St. Thomas More Church and St. Veronica Chapel.

This is the central collection for the year and we depend on it.

We thank you for your steadfast expression of faith reflected in your weekly presence at liturgies and for your willingness to offer your time and talents to our parish programs.

Your loyal financial support to our beloved parish is greatly appreciated.

Extra envelopes are available at the Church entrances. Thank you in advance!



join us for a

SUMMER BARBECUE

For Young Adults

Saturday, July 13th

6 - 8 PM

@ St. Thomas More on the patio

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





Congregation of Divine Providence

July 13 & 14 ~ Co-op Mission Talk

Sr. Emerita McGann, a Sister of Divine Providence from Melbourne, Kentucky, will be our guest speaker at Mass the weekend of July 13-14 in accordance with the Diocese of Providence Missionary Cooperative Plan. As 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.

How to be Happy and Healthy *(A Spiritual and Psychological Approach)*



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

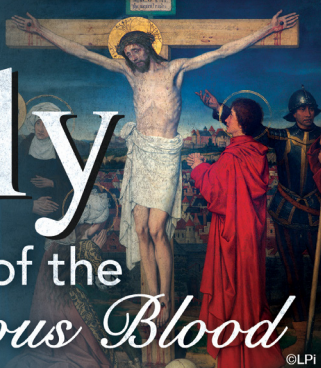
Thursday, July 25

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

Refreshments to follow,
all are welcome!

July

Month of the
Precious Blood



**BLOOD OF CHRIST,
EUCCHARISTIC DRINK
& REFRESHMENT OF
SOULS, *save us.***



Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles

Many thanks to Eileen Wood who brought a beautiful exhibition to St. Thomas More, and to MaryTheresa Conca for facilitating this very well attended, impressive display.



The parish hall was filled with many display boards of Eucharistic Miracles, and first class relics of both Blessed Carlo Acutis and St. Manuel Gonzales Garcia.



MASS *intentions*

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JULY 6th

4 PM – for the soul of Gerald Coli

5 PM – for the souls of Savino & Carmela Sivo &
Frances Paolantonio

SUNDAY, JULY 7th

7:30 AM – for the soul of Donald Sullivan

8:30 AM – 2nd Anniversary ~ John Costello

10 AM – for the souls of Eugene Santos &
Tommy Varca

11 AM – for the soul of Timothy Chant

8 PM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Nicholas Zatorsky

MONDAY, JULY 8th

9 AM – for the soul of Timothy J. McCarthy

TUESDAY, JULY 9th

9 AM – for the soul of William McNaughton

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10th

9 AM – for the soul of Vincent Cody

THURSDAY, JULY 11th

9 AM – for the souls of Joseph Peter &
Louanne Brunenmeister

FRIDAY, JULY 12th

9 AM – for the soul of John Lennon

SATURDAY, JULY 13th

9 AM – for the soul of Jean Shay

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 – Pro-Populo (for deceased and living parishioners)

Knights of Columbus Monthly Membership Meeting

Monday, July 8th - 7PM

St. Thomas More Parish Hall



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SILENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, July 11th

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

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY



Summer Bible

Tuesdays from 9:40AM - 11:10AM

following the 9AM Mass

St. Thomas More Parish Hall

The Apostolic Fathers: Part II

- bring a bible!

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)

Meeting dates:

July 16, 23, & 30 | August 6, 13, 20, & 27

For more information contact Maryann Knag
203-313-4809 or mmknag@aol.com

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 white fence.

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PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. JOSE

September 22 - October 8, 2024

Please join Fr. Jose Parathanal on a pilgrimage to the magnificent cultural and spiritual sites of Incredible India! The tour begins in the ancient cities of Delhi (Sacred Heart Cathedral), Agra (Taj Mahal), Jaipur (Pink City), Kolkata (Mother Teresa) and Goa (St. Francis Xavier). The itinerary also includes the beautiful scenic state of Kerala in South India, where the famous shrines of St. Thomas the Apostle, the tombs of St. Kuriakose Chavara, St. Alphonsa and many other saints are located. For more details, contact Bernie Corpuz at 323-547-6618 or email at bcorp114@gmail.com.



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"My grace is sufficient for you." Consider a calling to the priesthood or consecrated life. God's grace is all you need.

Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at (401) 331-1316 or via email: fathersimas@gmail.com.

WEEKLY PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Current Needs

- ✓ 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.



Rhode Island Blood Center

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Consider donating blood at any Rhode Island Blood Center donor center throughout the state.

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Summer Bible - July 9 - August 27, 2024

Maryann Knag at 203.213.4809 or mmknag@aol.com

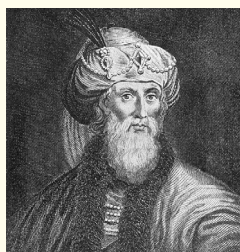
The Bible Group will meet in the Parish Hall on Tuesday mornings from 9:40-11:10 following the 9AM Mass, beginning July 9th. Please bring a bible.

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*

The Apostolic Fathers: Part II

July 9th:

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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

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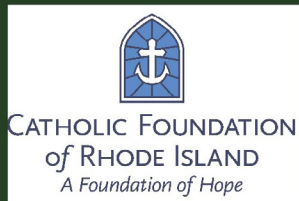
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Information Sessions for Men **Interested in the Permanent Diaconate**

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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