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St. Veronica Chapel

1035 BOSTON NECK ROAD, NARRAGANSETT, RI 02882

MASS SCHEDULE

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

53 Rockland Street

DAILY MASS

9:00 AM - MONDAY - SATURDAY

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

1035 Boston Neck Rd.

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 4:00 PM

SUNDAY - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

All masses available on Livestream

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JUNE 18, 2023 - THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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St Thomas More...a man for our season

June 22nd is the Feast of St. Thomas More, our patron. Thomas More was a lawyer, judge, statesman who lost his life opposing King Henry VIII's plan to subordinate the Catholic Church to English monarchy.

He attended Oxford, spoke several languages and was versed in mathematics, music and literature. He was deeply contemplative and considered joining the Carthusians, one of the most ascetical and penitential religious orders. He practiced serious physical mortifications and kept a prayer schedule throughout his life. He married and had four children. His wife died during childbirth and he would marry again to Alice, a widow.

Henry VIII had great admiration and appointed Thomas More Lord Chancellor, and he oversaw the court system. Thomas even authored a book for Henry VIII defending Catholicism against Martin Luther! King Henry wanted to annul his marriage to Catherine of Aragon that Pope Clement VII declared valid and indissoluble. Henry VIII declared that every English citizen had to swear an oath that his marriage to Anne Boleyn was valid, otherwise you were committing treason. Thomas More refused to disavow the authority of the Church over sacraments and was arrested and put into the Tower of London. For fifteen months his wife and others tried to convince him to sign, and he said he had to follow his conscience. In 1535 an act was passed declaring Henry VII to be head of the Church of England, on earth in essence equal to the pope. Catholic clergy that refused were being executed.

Thomas More was eventually put on trial and found guilty. He is famous for his statement, "I die the kings' good servant but God's first."

St. John Fisher, the only English bishop that remained Catholic was executed on June 22nd and they share a feast day. Hence, you will find a window for both men in the stained glass of St. Veronica Chapel.

Our parish was founded as St. Philomena as you might know, but in the 1960's was changed to St. Thomas More. I do not know the particulars of this, as it is highly unusual. I will say that the providence of God knew our diocese would need a community to raise the witness of St. Thomas More to be considered.

The times in which we live see many abandoning their consciences formed by Christ and the Church as soon as they practice their professional life or a life of public service. I hope you have seen the excellent film, "A Man for All Seasons". St Thomas More is for our season. His conscience lived in the spring and summer of fidelity in the midst of the winter of culture and times. Now he is with Christ and the saints. St. Thomas prays for us and especially for those in law and public life that espouse Jesus Christ. Happy Feast!

Fr. Taillon

ST. THOMAS MORE - FEAST DAY JUNE 22ND

Patron Saint of adopted children, lawyers, civil servants, politicians and difficult marriages.



Above left: St. Thomas More shrine at St. Thomas More with the painting by Sharon Clossick.
Above right: The beheading of John Fisher and Countess of Salisbury.



Above: The meeting of Sir Thomas More with his daughter after his sentence of death in 1872. Left: Thomas More's farewell to his daughter on his way to execution.



St. Thomas More Feast Day
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday, June 22

St. Thomas More Church
9:30 -12:00 PM Noon
with Exposition and Benediction
of the Blessed Sacrament

Mission Co-op with Br. Gauthier

The second collection next weekend, June 25 is for the missions of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart. The Brothers, who staff schools and other establishments in over thirty countries, are asking for your prayers and financial assistance. Your contributions will benefit schools and needy students in the countries of Kenya, Lesotho, Mozambique, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe and the Philippines. Shown here are examples of the Brothers at work in the different countries.

BROTHERS
OF THE SACRED HEART



Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati



Young Adults...

Join us for a Barbecue to kick off our
Frassati Young Adult Group

Saturday, July 1st | 6 - 8 PM

@ St. Thomas More in the parish hall & patio



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

Mass on the Mountain day trip to Mt. Monadnock with Fr. Murphy,
sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.



MASS *intentions*

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JUNE 17th (Vigil)

4 PM – for the souls of Jim Provensal & Manuel Tavares

5 PM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Henry Del Monico

SUNDAY, JUNE 18th

8 AM – for souls of Edward Garrahy Sr. &
Jerome Donovan

9 AM – for the soul of Albert Alba, Sr.

10 AM – 6th Anniversary ~ John “Chip” DiLibero

11 AM – for the deceased members of the Synwoldt Family

MONDAY, JUNE 19th

9 AM – for the soul of Sr. Augustine Mageau, CP

TUESDAY, JUNE 20th

9 AM – Special Intention ~ Delaney & Kirwan Families
(Living)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21st

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 22nd

9 AM – for the soul of Geraldine Egan

FRIDAY, JUNE 23rd

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Claire Wayland

SATURDAY, JUNE 24th

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Charles Bowse

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JUNE 24th (Vigil)

4 PM – 6th Anniversary ~ Jacqueline Collins

5 PM – for the soul of Patricia O'Hara

SUNDAY, JUNE 25th

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

9 AM – for the soul of Matthew Trueblood

10 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Gertrude Huntley

11 AM – for the soul of Rouba Khouri

Come Holy Spirit Come!

Starts
this week!



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

Join us at St. Thomas More for:

“Life in the Spirit”

A 6-week seminar on Wednesdays

June 21st - July 26th

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7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

in the parish hall

- Booklets will be provided.

- No registration is required.

For additional information,
please call Diane at (401) 533-7895

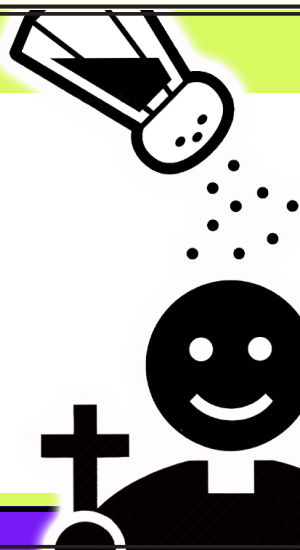
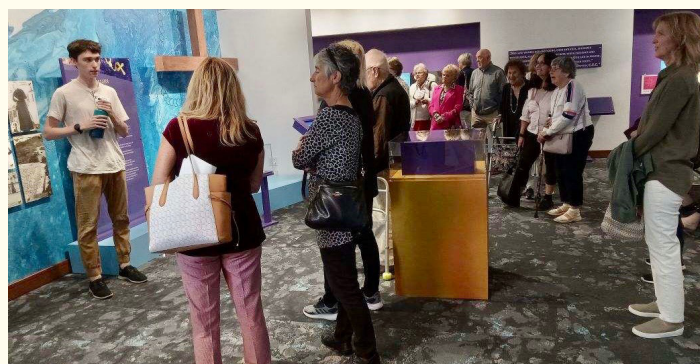


Married in Christ!

Congratulations to Jimmy Cavanagh and
Meredith Mozzone who got married on
Saturday at St. Sebastian's Church.

Happenings around the parish

Pictures from Our Lady's Guild recent day trip to Father Patrick Peyton's Museum of Family Prayer in North Easton, MA and their end of year luncheon at Gregg's.



Have a question you've always wanted to ask?

Fr. Taillon invites you to

“Pepper the Pastor”

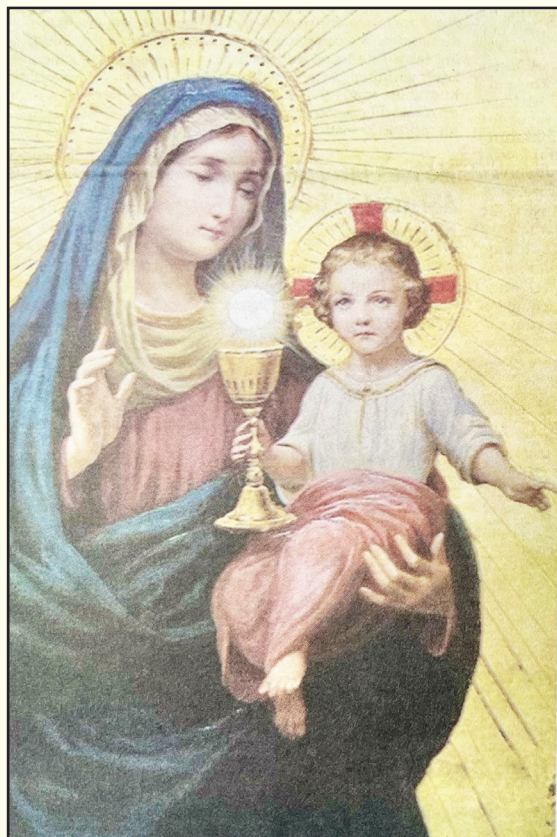
Your opportunity to ask questions in person or anonymously, regarding our Catholic faith and life in the Church.

Bring a friend!

Monday, June 19th - 6:00-7:00PM

St. Thomas More Parish Hall

this week!



PLEASE JOIN US ON THE EVE OF THE ORDINATION TO THE
PRIESTHOOD AS WE PRAY WITH OUR ORDINAND AT A



Holy Hour for Priestly Vocations

Friday, June 23 • 7:00 p.m.

SS. John & Paul Church

341 S. Main St., Coventry RI



Most Reverend Richard G. Henning, D.D., S.T.D

Bishop of the Diocese of Providence,

Presider & Homilist

**ALL ARE INVITED TO THE
ORDINATION MASS**

Saturday, June 24, 10:00 a.m.

Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence

ORDINAND:

Rev. Mr. Patrick Ryan

+ Ordination Sat., June 24 at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral

June 17, 2023

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — With great joy the Diocese of Providence announces the ordination of Deacon Patrick Ryan to the Sacred Priesthood. Most Rev. Richard G. Henning, Bishop of Providence, will confer the Sacrament of Holy Orders at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul on Saturday, June 24, 2023 at 10 a.m. All are invited to attend!

Can't join us in the Cathedral?

- Watch the livestream here
- youtube.com/DioceseofProvidenceRI.
- Follow along - Ordination Program Booklet.



SUMMER BIBLE STUDY



Summer Bible is Coming!

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



Thank You, Essential Workers!

The Diocese of Providence Office of Pastoral Care for Healthcare Facilities celebrates the Third Annual Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving for all essential workers: healthcare professionals, first responders, clergy, educators, community and social workers, those in the service-industry, the National Guard, and all who keep us going and safe.

Learn more at dioceseofprovidence.org/essentialworkers

Mass of Thanksgiving to God for Essential Workers

Celebrant:
Most Rev. Richard G. Henning, DD, STD
Bishop, Diocese of Providence



Sunday, June 25
9:00 a.m.



**St. Francis of
Assisi Church**
114 High Street
Wakefield, RI



All are welcome
to attend



Live stream Mass at
stfranciswakefield.com



PRAYER FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS

Our Lady of Providence, we turn to you in prayer.

Fill our hearts with a grateful spirit for all essential workers, for all they have done and continue to do.

We offer thanks for these workers who put the welfare of others before themselves, their families and loved ones.

Inspired by your own example of service, we ask that you give them the skill, resilience and compassion they need to continue their work.

Protect them from harm and be their comfort.

We pray for the agencies, organizations, and businesses for whom they work. May those in leadership provide these workers with the proper support and necessary protection.

And through your intercession may we be moved to remember in prayer and gratitude their example of sacrificial love.

Our Lady of Providence, pray for us.

Amen.

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