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Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More Church

Vigil Mass - Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday Masses: 7:30AM (QUIET MASS) & 10:00AM

Daily Mass - Monday - Saturday: 9:00AM

Confession - Saturday: 4:00-4:45PM

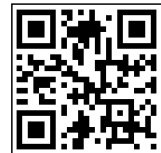
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Vigil Mass - Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses

8:30AM

11:00AM



JUNE 23, 2024 - TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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A Word From Fr. Unsworth

Since I am only the temporary Administrator of the Parish, and the Parish news is not as extensive as it is during the rest of the year, I thought I would offer a series of little articles during the Summer months about the 10 Commandments. We take for granted that we know them, but do we really understand how they call us to live the principles they teach every day of our lives. Each Commandment tells us something about the importance of our relationship with God and our moral responsibility towards one another. I hope you find this short series helpful.



- Fr. Jack

“I am the Lord your God, you shall have no strange gods before me.”

The First Commandment sounds ridiculous, right? How many families are worshipping Thor or Zeus or Baal? After all, worship means giving your entire self to someone or something. Webster defines worship as “extreme devotion; intense love or veneration”. And families don’t build altars to Athena, light candles to Apollo, or bow down before graven images. But some families do have other false “gods”. Here are some questions for all of us to ask ourselves around the dinner table to test how well we live up to the First Commandment:

1. How many times this year have we skipped Sunday Mass? What did we substitute in its place – a vacation? shopping? A ball game?
2. How often do we pray in a given week? Compare that number with how many TV shows we watch in one day.
3. Name the last five books we have read. How many of them are about God, Jesus, the church, prayer, or some other part of our faith?
4. Whose pictures are displayed in our home? Is there a crucifix anywhere in the house?
5. A question for children about the future: do you want to grow up to be like Jesus? Or do you idolize rock stars, sports figures, TV actors, and others?

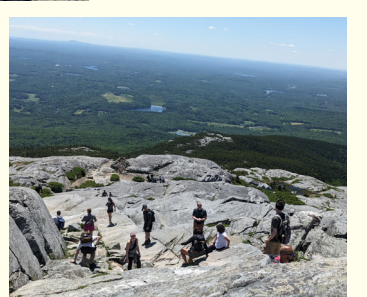
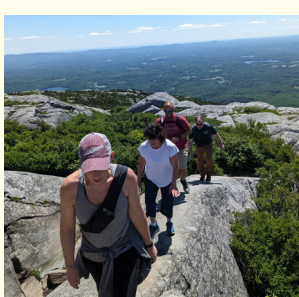
To help keep yourself “on track” with the First Commandment, say this little prayer every once in awhile:

Lord, our only God, fix in our hearts a singular love for You. Keep our minds - so easily distracted by everyday worries, the lure of money, and other small gods – focused on the one God who can bring us peace, the one God who has given us all we need for eternal happiness. Amen.



Mass on the Mountain with Fr. Murphy

The Knights of Columbus sponsored a day hike on Mt. Monadnock in Jaffrey, New Hampshire.





St. Thomas More Presents

Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles

June 26 - 28, 2024

St. Thomas More
53 Rockland St.
Narragansett, RI

Exhibit Times (in the parish hall):

Wed, 6/26 9:30 am - Noon, 5 - 6:30 pm, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Thurs, 6/27 9:30 am - 2 pm

Fri, 6/28 10:30 am - Noon

Mass each day at 9 am



Presentations by Eileen Wood

Talk on Blessed Carlo Acutis

The 1st Millennial to be beatified!

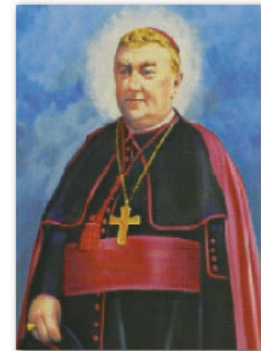


Wed, June 26th
at 6:30 pm
(in the church)

Blessed Carlo Acutis lived in Italy from 1990 - 2006. During his short 15½ years, he was always joyfully sharing the faith, especially his love of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. At the age of 11, as part of his work as a catechist, he created a website which catalogued many of the principal Eucharistic Miracles which have taken place throughout the world and have been recognized by the Church.

Talk on St. Manuel González García

Bishop of the Abandoned Tabernacle



Fri, June 28th
at 9:30 am
(in the church)

Manuel González García was born in Seville, Spain in 1877 and ordained a priest in 1901. He was assigned his first parish mission in the little town of Palomares del Rio. It was there, where Our Lord spoke to him from an abandoned tabernacle, that was a defining moment in his life and clarified the direction for the rest of his priestly ministry.

1st class relics of both Blessed Carlo and St. Manuel will be available for veneration

For more information, call (401) 789-7682



The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops launched a multi-year National Eucharistic Revival Project that began in 2022 and will culminate this July with the first National Eucharistic Congress in 83 years to be held in Indianapolis. The revival aims to inspire and educate. According to the Revival Project's website, their mission is to "renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist."

With this in mind, **our parish is hosting the Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles on June 26, 27, and 28.** Along with the exhibit, guest speaker Eileen Wood will give two presentations - one on **Blessed Carlo Acutis** and one on **St. Manuel González García** with first-class relics of each for veneration. Why these two? Both had a beautiful devotion to the Eucharist, and we can all learn much from them.

Here are a few insights into their lives:

Like most boys his age, **Carlo Acutis** enjoyed playing soccer and video games. Carlo also had an interest in computer programming. However, his greatest love was for Jesus in the Eucharist. After receiving First Holy Communion, his desire for the Eucharist grew. Carlo would tell his friends, "The more we receive the Eucharist, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on this earth we will have a foretaste of heaven." His most famous quote is, "The Eucharist is my highway to heaven." With profound statements such as these, you may think that Carlo's parents were devout Catholics and brought him to Mass often. On the contrary, Carlo's parents were nominal Catholics and rarely attended Mass. It was Carlo who managed to get himself to Mass. His mother admits that Carlo's love for the Eucharist inspired her to attend Mass. At the age of 11, his focus became making known to others how important the Eucharist is in developing an intimate relationship with Jesus. So, he used his computer skills to build a website listing the Eucharistic miracles of the world. At the age of 15, Carlo died on October 12, 2006, from an aggressive form of leukemia. He was beatified in Assisi, Italy in 2020. On May 23 this year, it was announced that Blessed Carlo will be canonized soon. Pope Francis recognized a miracle attributed to Carlo's intercession.

As for **St. Manuel González García**, whose feast day is on January 4, he was born in Seville, Spain in 1877, into a devout family. At the age of 12, he secretly applied and was accepted to the seminary. He was ordained a priest in 1901. For his first assignment as a priest, he was sent to a region where most people had fallen away from the faith and were bitterly divided along political lines, similar to today. St. Manuel taught that all the answers we seek can be found in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. He writes: "What can be done to turn those who are Christians merely in name into real Christians? How can we make them live their Christian faith and morals? What can be done to make them come back to a holy and fruitful Christian austerity? In a word, how can we convert this world which after twenty centuries of Christianity is obstinately going back to the most corrupt and degrading paganism? The answer to these heartfelt questions can be found in one word: Go to the Tabernacle! Priests, go to the Tabernacle! Let us draw power from the Tabernacle! Nobody goes to the Father except through his Son, Jesus." St. Manuel dedicated his life to spreading devotion to the Eucharist, proclaiming the words he chose as his epitaph: "Here is Jesus! He is here! Do not abandon Him!" Much of the English-speaking world does not know about this Bishop from Spain even though he was canonized in 2016 by Pope Francis. However, many are being introduced to him by author Victoria Schneider in her book, *The Bishop of the Abandoned Tabernacle*, in which she reflects on the saint's letters and his ardent faith and devotion to the Eucharist.

Please join us for this unique opportunity! Blessed Carlo and St. Manuel, pray for us!

MaryTheresa Conca, Director of Faith Formation

MASS *intentions*

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JUNE 22nd

4 PM – for the soul of Steve Wrobel

5 PM – for the souls of Helen Martin & Helen Silvia

SUNDAY, JUNE 23rd

7:30 AM – for the soul of Lois Harrington

8:30 AM – for the souls of Edith & Ralph Papa &
Irene Corn

10 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Mary Pat Bamford

11 AM – for the soul of Robert Gagne

MONDAY, JUNE 24th

9 AM – for the soul Pat Maciel

TUESDAY, JUNE 25th

9 AM – for the soul of Richard Narcessian

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26th

9 AM – 21st Anniversary ~ Gertrude Huntley

THURSDAY, JUNE 27th

9 AM – 3rd Anniversary ~ Patrick Michael Mannix

FRIDAY, JUNE 28th

9 AM – for the soul of John Lennon

SATURDAY, JUNE 29th

9 AM – for the souls of the Inman Riley Family

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JUNE 29th

4 PM – for the soul of Calvin E. Bamford

5 PM – 1st Anniversary ~ Rose DiGiacomo

SUNDAY, JUNE 30th

7:30 AM – for the soul of Dante D'Abate

8:30 AM – for the soul of Ruth Manni

10 AM – for the soul of Joseph Reddy

11 AM – for the soul of Laure Manning

Begins July 7th

Last Mass Sundays

8 PM

St. Veronica Chapel



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Holy Hour for Priestly Vocations

Friday, June 28 • 7:00 p.m.

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

Bishop of the Diocese of Providence, Presider

Reverend Christopher Murphy

Rector of the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence, Homilist

ALL ARE INVITED TO THE
ORDINATION MASS

Saturday, June 29, 10:00 a.m.

Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence

ORDINANDI:

Rev. Mr. Joseph Michael Thomas Brodeur

& Rev. Mr. Jairon Gabriel Olmos Rivera

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SUMMER BIBLE STUDY



St. Thomas More Parish Hall

Tuesdays 9:40 - 11:10

Begins July 9th

Maryann Knag will present
the Apostolic Father 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.

The Bible Group will meet on Tuesday mornings
from 9:40-11:10 following the 9AM Mass.

Meeting dates are:

July 9, 16, 23, & 30;

August 6, 13, 20, & 27



Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Little Flower

On June 13th, Our Lady's Guild sponsored a day trip to the shrine in Nasonville, RI with a talk by Sr. Grace, rosary, adoration and Mass.



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 meets at 10AM in the parish hall on the second Wednesday of each month (Sept.-June).
- On Mondays after the 9AM Mass, with coffee and refreshments, an informal group meets to discuss, read and reflect on the Gospels of the coming week and to share personal insights of those readings.
- The rosary is prayed daily, 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.

Weekly Food Collection - organized by the Knights

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

Are you called to be a Deacon?

Deacons are men who love God and love the Church; they feel called to serve in a more committed way. The role of the deacon is to be a helper of the bishops and priests and to proclaim by his life the Church's call to serve the needs of others. What does it take to become a Permanent Deacon? Learn more!

Register for an upcoming Information Session at: dioceseofprovidence.org/deacon-formation-program or dioceseofprovidence.org/programa-de-formacion-al-diaconado.



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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-sessioons-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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