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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)

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*Associate Pastor*

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*Pastor Emeritus*

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*Pastor, on temporary leave of absence*

*Interim Vocation Director, Archdiocese for the  
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**JUNE 30, 2024 - THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**

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*During the summer months I will be offering a series of little articles on the 10 Commandments. I hope you find this short series helpful.*

*Fr. Jack*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment: *Keep Holy The Lord's Day.***

Praising God in word and deed is a way of living out the meaning of Sunday Mass. Sunday – all day – should be a celebration of Jesus' resurrection, and our participation in His new life. Celebrating Mass, however, is just the beginning. The entire day is an opportunity to renew and appreciate our relationships with one another as well as with God. Keeping the Sabbath holy means showing appreciation in word and deed for the gifts God has given us of life, family and creation.

Keeping the Lord's Day Holy means exactly this: that we have the responsibility to see to it that all of God's gifts are not taken for granted. If someone were to receive a birthday gift without thanking the giver, we would say that person is rude and ungrateful. Likewise, when we show disrespect for God's creation, it is the same as accepting a gift without saying "thank you". Our greatest prayer of thanksgiving is the Eucharistic Prayer celebrated each Sunday at Mass.

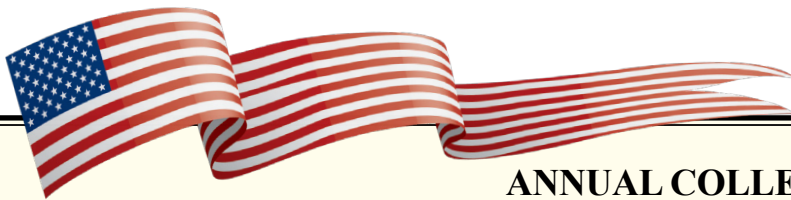
Time is sacred. The choices we make as to how we will spend our time indicate the type of life we lead. Shopping, sports, sleeping and visiting relatives are not substitutes for spending time with God. They are often excuses for not accepting our responsibility to spend time with God who is the Lord of all time.

Mass may seem boring to many people because it is slow and quiet, but worship is full of energy. The readings can be more interesting if you read them beforehand. If the homily is truly boring (and admittedly, some are!), try to meditate quietly during this time.

Many people ask: "Is missing Mass a mortal sin?" Mortal sin is a chosen attitude of completely rejecting any relationship with God. Usually one single choice to neglect Sunday Mass does not mean that a person wants to end his or her relationship with God. But repeated neglect of Sunday Mass is like repeatedly closing the door in God's face. When a person no longer wants to be bothered with God's love, he or she is in a state of mortal sin.

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**HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY!**



**ANNUAL COLLECTION**

Next weekend, July 6 and 7, we will be taking up our Annual Collection at all the Masses at St. Thomas More Church and St. Veronica Chapel. The Parish Finance Council is currently working on the Financial Budget for the coming fiscal year, which begins on July 1st. Later, in the Fall, we will share with you our Annual Financial Report, which is an accounting of your generosity to the parish during the past year.

While we are blessed with the generosity of our many parishioners, we are also a large non-profit corporation and our expenses are great. This Annual Collection helps us to bridge the gap between our ordinary income (Sunday Collections) and the extraordinary expenses we have because of the maintenance required on our parish buildings. It also helps us with our operating expenses for the many parish programs, ministries and charities.

We hope you will be generous to this year's Annual Collection and help us eliminate the shortfall in our yearly budget. You make all the difference and we are very grateful.



# Annual Collection next weekend

Funds help support us through the winter months.

On the weekend of 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!***

## Consecration to Our Lady for our Country and Families

Through the intercession of The Blessed Virgin Mary,  
may **THY WILL BE DONE**  
in our families, our nation and our world.

**Dates:**

Saturday July 6, 2024

Saturday August 3, 2024

Saturday September 7, 2024

**First Saturday schedule:**

9 AM Mass

Exposition of the Eucharist/Rosary

Confession & Benediction

***All are Welcome!***








**Our Lady's Guild**  
 ~ Monday Morning Prayer Group ~  
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 To learn more about Our Lady's Guild, call Diane at 996-3876 or visit <https://stm-ourladysguild.weebly.com/>

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**Sponsors**





Bishop Henning presided at Mass on Saturday, followed by a reception with lawyers.





Congratulations, Baptized in Christ!  
Fr. Unsworth with Lily and Logan Gibb  
and their parents.



Congratulations, Baptized in Christ!  
Vale Winfield Boone with her parents,  
Kevin & Alexa, sister Laina and Fr. Murphy.

*Congratulations!*



Congratulations, Married in Christ!  
Bishop Henning, Fr. Fisette, and Deacon Clossick with newlyweds Nick Iden and Mackenzie Montoya.



# MASS *intentions*

## 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

MONDAY, JULY 1st

- 9 AM – for the soul Martin McSally

TUESDAY, JULY 2nd

- 9 AM – for the souls of Marion & Brian Gillcrist

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3rd

- 9 AM – 3rd Anniversary ~ Stephen P. Lynch, Sr.

THURSDAY, JULY 4th

- 9 AM – for the soul of Andrew Goodburn

FRIDAY, JULY 5th

- 9 AM – for the soul of Valerie G. LaCross

SATURDAY, JULY 6th

- 9 AM – for the soul of James Darcy

## 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

The parish office will be closed on  
Thursday, July 4th for Fourth of July.



Begins July 7th

**Last Mass  
Sundays  
8 PM**

St. Veronica Chapel

## SUMMER BIBLE STUDY



### Summer Bible

**begins Tuesday, July 9**

St. Thomas More Parish Hall

9:40AM - 11:10AM

following the 9AM Mass

### **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 9, 16, 23, & 30 | August 6, 13, 20, & 27  
For more information contact Maryann Knag  
203-313-4809 or [mmknag@aol.com](mailto: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.

## Weekly Food Collection - organized by the Knights

Many families in our area struggle with food and welcome your donations in the baskets located by all entrances. Ideas include: peanut butter & jelly, beans, vegetables, rice, pasta, soup, spaghetti sauce, whole grain cereal, and healthy snacks. Thank you for your generosity!

## PRO-LIFE CORNER

*"A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members; and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying."*

ST. JOHN PAUL II



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*"The Lord called me from birth." Listen with an open heart, and pray for the vocation that the Lord is calling you to.*

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Office of Vocations at (401) 331-1316 or via email:  
[fathersimas@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://dioceseofprovidence.org/deacon-formation-program) or [dioceseofprovidence.org/programa-de-formacion-al-diaconado](http://dioceseofprovidence.org/programa-de-formacion-al-diaconado).



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# Summer Bible - June 9 - August 27, 2024

Maryann Knag at 203.213.4809 or [mmknag@aol.com](mailto:mmknag@aol.com)

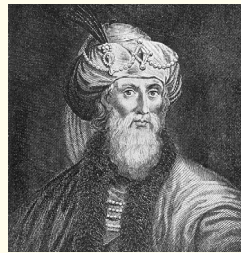
The Bible Group will meet in the Parish Hall on Tuesday mornings from 9:40-11:10 following the 9AM Mass, beginning July 9th. Please bring a bible.

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](http://www.earlychristianwritings.com).

For more information, please contact Maryann Knag at 203.213.4809 or [mmknag@aol.com](mailto:mmknag@aol.com)





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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](https://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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