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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

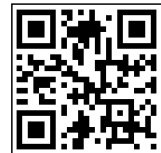
St. Veronica Chapel

Vigil Mass - Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses

8:30AM

11:00AM



JUNE 9, 2024 - TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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From Fr. Jack's Desk

There is a very good chance that you have heard that we have been having a serious problem with the drainage system in the new parking lot at St. Veronica Chapel. After a major heavy rain on May 16th, there was catastrophic failure of the drainage basin at the end of the parking lot. It was designed to retain excess water from the parking lot and prevent it from spilling down onto the street below. On that day, the excessive rain caused the drainage system to fail and we are trying our best to deal with this very serious problem.



The Building Commission of the Diocese was immediately on the scene with the contractor and engineers who designed the system. The problem is made worse because this is not the first time there has been such a failure, although this one was the worst. It is important that this problem be corrected as soon as possible and certainly before the next heavy rain.

Designs are being drawn up to replace the system and we are waiting to hear from the original contractor. If they choose not to take on this project we will have to find another contractor who can do the work to our satisfaction. We are also doing all we can to make sure that the parish is not liable for having to pay again for a construction project that was already completed.

I will continue to keep you informed on the progress we are making and ask for your prayers for all those involved so that we can bring this project to a swift conclusion.

Fr. Jack

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM FOR YOUNG ADULTS

If, for whatever reason, you did not make your Confirmation, are over 18 years old, and would like to explore the possibility of completing your initiation into full membership in the Church, please call the Religious Ed. Office. We will be offering a 5-session course for you this Summer to prepare you to be Confirmed in the Faith this Autumn.



Last week the Knights of Columbus spent a volunteer day with South County Habitat for Humanity, working on a development of 4 houses under construction in Hopkinton. It was a great day!

Gratitude from Mother of Life Pregnancy Center

We are prayerfully thankful for the participation of the parish of Saint Thomas More Church and St. Veronica Chapel in our Spring Rose Sale. Your compassionate generosity enabled us to attain blessed success in the distribution and sale of nearly 12,000 roses throughout the diocese and beyond. Your combined donations totaling more than \$2,500 are treasured evidence of your wholehearted enthusiasm for our pro-life ministry. We are touched and honored by your support. May God bless you!



Congratulations, Baptized in Christ!
John Raymond Collins III with his parents, Jack and Julia, Deacon Clossick and godparents (and grandparents) John and Elaine Collins.

Jack and Julia were part of our 2023 RCIA program and were sponsored by Deacon Clossick and his wife Sharon.

Mass on the Mountain

with Fr. Murphy - Saturday June 15th



Join us for a day trip to Mount Monadnock in Jaffrey, NH. Mount Monadnock is one of the most frequently climbed mountains in the world. Hike begins on White Dot Trail to the summit. Returning via White Cross Trail to the Monadnock HQ parking area. It's a 4 mile loop trail with **moderate hiking** to the 3,165-ft summit. Please pack trail snacks and lunch for the hike.

Carpools leaving St. Thomas More parking lot at 6:30 AM or you can meet us at the mountain (Monadnock HQ building) at 9:00AM. Expected return at St. Thomas More between 5:30 PM - 6PM.

For more information contact Joe Robenhymer
jr@annobrienrealty.com or 401-741-5553



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Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

How do I bring God into the work of my daily life?

Answer:

Whatever your daily work, you have an opportunity to encounter God and to follow His commandments in love. In the New Testament, we see that most of the Apostles didn't have a previous religious position. They were fishermen, tax collectors, and political activists. St. Paul was a tentmaker. Among the saints, we have doctors, lawyers, farmers, and stay-at-home moms. No matter your daily tasks, God can be present there!

One way concerns behavior. Start with an examination of conscience. Look at areas where you tend to struggle to imitate Christ at work. Do you gossip? Does brimming frustration become impatience at home? Pick one sin you struggle with, then choose a virtue to strengthen that area. If you tend to speak poorly of your co-workers, resolve to stop and to say one kind thing a day instead.

Another way relates to perspective, particularly your perspective of others. Jesus' incarnation reminds us of the value of every human being. Jesus is God, and each of us is created in God's image. When you encounter another person, you have an opportunity to see God in a new place and a new way — in that person in front of you. Genuinely listen to them and be present to their concerns. Loving your neighbor is loving God! Our relationship with God and the love He inspires in our hearts shouldn't remain only at church on Sunday. We can — and should — let our faith animate our lives!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the name for the long robes sometimes worn by Catholic religious sisters?

Answer: Habit.

PRAY THE ROSARY



Join
St. Thomas More Parish
in Praying the Joyful,
Sorrowful & Glorious
Mysteries of the Rosary

Sunday, June 9th
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Near the Entrance
of Narragansett Town Beach
(Rain or Shine)

St. Thomas More Presents

Vatican International Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles

June 26 - 28, 2024

St. Thomas More
53 Rockland St.
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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

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Little Flower

Thursday, June 13 8:15 AM—1 PM

Sponsored by: Our Lady's Guild

Followed by Luncheon at
Laura's Bar and Grille—Smithfield, RI

- 8:15 Meet at St. Thomas More - carpool to Nasonville, RI.
- 9:45 Continental breakfast with talk by Sister Grace Coffey.
- 10:30 Pray the Rosary in the Rosary Garden
- 11:00 Tour the grounds / Visit Gift Shop
- 12:00 Adoration and Confessions
- 12:30 Mass
- 1:00 Depart for Lunch (Limited to 25 / room capacity)
 - Suggested donation \$20.00 (Includes breakfast)
 - Register and pay by Monday, June 10 in parish office.
 - When registering, please specify if you will need a ride or if you could be a driver.
 - Contacts: Lisa 401-639-7465 or Diane 401-996-3876



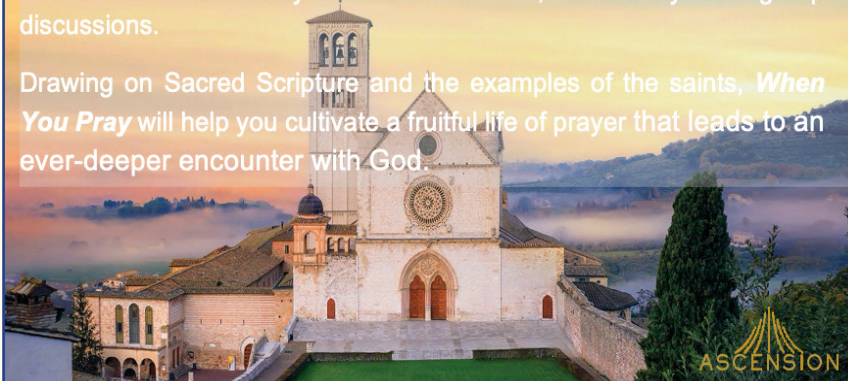
WHEN YOU PRAY:

A CLEAR PATH TO A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Are you struggling in prayer? Are you discouraged in attempts to start or restart your prayer life? Do you need new inspiration for the journey? If you have any of these feelings, you are not alone. Many of the saints had similar ones.

Join us for this seven-part program from Ascension Press to renew and enrich your prayer life. Each session, we will watch a beautiful video filmed on location in Italy with Dr. Edward Sri, followed by small group discussions.

Drawing on Sacred Scripture and the examples of the saints, *When You Pray* will help you cultivate a fruitful life of prayer that leads to an ever-deeper encounter with God.



Wednesday Evenings

6:30 – 7:30 pm
@ St. Thomas More
in the Parish Hall

Dates: 6/12, 6/19, 7/3,
7/10, 7/17, 7/24 & 7/31

Please note:
There is no session on 6/26.

MASS *intentions*

THE TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JUNE 8th

4 PM – for the soul of Thomas Delaney

5 PM – for the souls of Mr. & Mrs. Howard W. Holmes

SUNDAY, JUNE 9th

7:30 AM – Special Intentions ~ Delaney &
Kirwan Families (Living)

8:30 AM – for the soul of Anthony Bessacini

10 AM – for the soul of Bart Varca

11 AM – for the soul of David Kenney

MONDAY, JUNE 10th

9 AM – for the soul of Patricia Maciel

TUESDAY, JUNE 11th

9 AM – for the soul of Richard Baccari

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12th

9 AM – for the soul of Frank Maiorano

THURSDAY, JUNE 13th

9 AM – for the soul of John Russo

FRIDAY, JUNE 14th

9 AM – for the soul of Thomas McGovern

SATURDAY, JUNE 15th

9 AM – for the soul of Charles Vowse

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JUNE 16th

4 PM – for the soul of Trevor Stoutenburgh

5 PM – 9th Anniversary ~ Brendan Tapley

SUNDAY, JUNE 17th

7:30 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Henry Del Monico

8:30 AM – for the soul of John Merlino, Sr.

10 AM – for the souls of Jim Provensal & Manuel Tavares

11 AM – for the souls of James Provensal &
Manuel Tavares

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

St. Thomas More Parish Hall
Tuesdays 9:45 - 11:15 | July 9th - Aug 27th

Second Collection

The 2nd collection THIS weekend
will be for Catholic Communications.

Knights of Columbus Monthly Membership Meeting

Monday, June 10th - 7PM
St. Thomas More Parish Hall



SILENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, June 13th

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



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Happenings around the parish



"Here are my mother and my brothers." Embrace being a part of Christ's family and consider serving His people as a priest or religious brother or sister.

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

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 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 and welcome to join.

Our Lady's Guild

All are welcome to join, for information call Diane at 996-3876 or visit <https://stm-ourladyguild.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.

Pray the Rosary

The rosary is prayed Monday- Saturday at 8:30AM at St. Thomas More. All are welcome to join.

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 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

Accepts clothing and shoes. Bins located at the back of the St. Thomas More parking lot, inside the white fence.

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.

"What did the flowers do when it was time for Mass to start?"



"They rose."



There's a lot of movement during a Catholic Mass — standing, sitting, kneeling. Standing is a sign of respect and wonder, so it's a fitting prayer posture at Mass.

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.



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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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