

# Sacrament of First Communion

Saturday, May 13, 2023



## Congratulations to our 2023 First Communion Class

Bottom Row: Claire Kennedy, Dylan Carlino, Thomas Brock, Jack Brock, Emma Feeney, McKinley Dart, Caroline Yick, Brady Jones, Mackenzie Pringles

Middle Row: Julian Pariseault, Lola Ryan, Gia Ricci, Finn Whittier, Madalyn Shaw

Top Row: Fr. Joe, Fr. Taillon, Msgr. Halloran



### Congratulations Confirmation Candidates!



I would like to personally congratulate our Confirmandi who will be receiving the encounter with the Holy Spirit this Sunday at noon. All are welcome to attend, and this Mass fulfills the Sunday obligation as well. Presiding at the Confirmation will be The Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas, Bishop, Diocese of Toledo, Ohio.

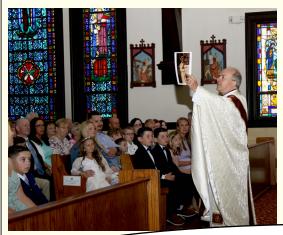
One of my joys as Pastor is teaching the 10th grade class myself (with the assistance of David Delbonis this year). I enjoy spending time with them, as high school years are a challenging time for our young people and their parents.

I want to commend these parents who amidst the incredibly busy and demanding life schedules today, continue to prioritize the religious education of their children. Just a few years ago Sundays were off limits to sports practices and games. Now, especially since COVID, there has been a surge in Sunday practices and games and some families have to transport their children long distances on Sundays. I do know and believe that playing a sport is a fantastic thing that helps children grow in so many great human characteristics, and keeps them out of other bad behaviors.

I think it is a healthy discussion to have with coaches, schools and athletic directors to keep room for religious families from having to make these seemingly, now more frequently impossible, choices. I know many families have fallen away from the practice of the faith, but many also have not. I think if Catholic families make known their desire to be able to worship on Sundays, our society would benefit not only from worshiping together, but would benefit from spending more quality time as family around the table and the backyard.

I want to say I am impressed with the kindness and sincerity of the Confirmation candidates. I will miss seeing them on Sunday evenings and hope their other commitments make room for me to see them on Sunday mornings. Thank you mothers and fathers for keeping your children in the close sight of God and the Church. I know the graces they receive this Sunday will be with them throughout life and into eternity.

Fr. Taillon







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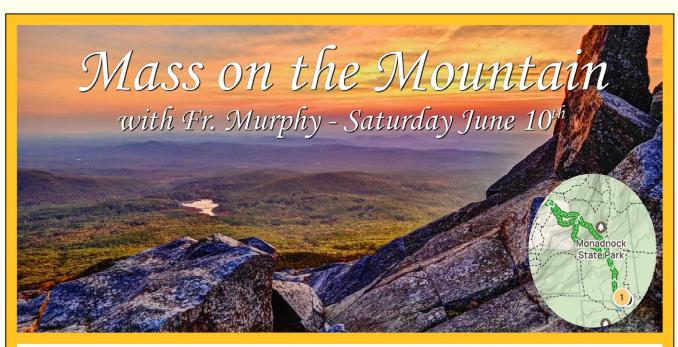
### Next Sunday - all are invited

Sunday, May 28th

Please join us for coffee and donuts in the parish halls after ALL MORNING masses at both churches.

- 8:00, 900, 10:00 & 11:00 AM -





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.

Leaving St. Thomas More parking lot at 7:00 AM.

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



# MASS intentions

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, MAY 20th (Vigil)

4 PM – for the souls of Mary & Tony Vellucci & Cornelius J. Sullivan, III

5 PM – for the soul of Kevin Mulholland

### SUNDAY, MAY 21st

8 AM – for the soul of Lucille Varr

9 AM – for the soul of Margret C. Hogan

10 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Elena Goodison

11 AM – for the soul of Frank Majorano

### MONDAY, MAY 22nd

9 AM – Special Intention ~ the Delaney & Kirwan Families

### TUESDAY, MAY 23th

9 AM – for the soul of Geraldine Egan

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 24th

9 AM – for the soul of Walter Pristawa

#### THURSDAY, MAY 25th

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Everett Federici

### FRIDAY, MAY 26th

9 AM – for the soul of Chris Collins

### SATURDAY, MAY 27th

9 AM – for the soul of Kate Barry

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

### SATURDAY, MAY 27th (Vigil)

4 PM – for the soul of Lydia Coli

5 PM – for the soul of Jane McNaughton

#### SUNDAY, MAY 28th

8 AM – for the soul of Luke Clossick

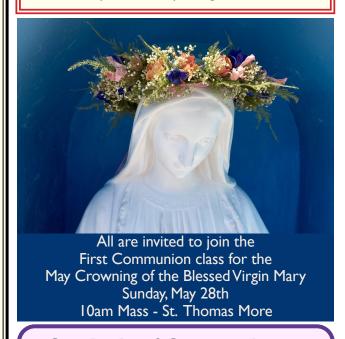
9 AM – for the deceased members of the Delaney & Kirwan Families

10 AM – 10th Anniversary ~ Jim Provensal

11 AM – 4th Anniversary ~ Grace Reddington

### Confirmation this weekend!

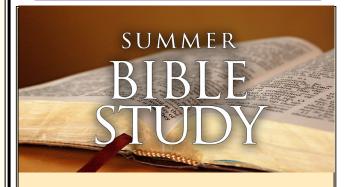
Sunday, May 21 - 12:00 PM St. Thomas More Church Bishop Daniel Thomas, Presider All are welcome to join, as this will fulfill your Sunday obligation.



# Our Lady of Czenstochowa Polish Festival

Friday June 16 and Saturday June 17 from 5:00 - 9:00 PM on school grounds at 22 MacArthur Blvd, Coventry Polish/American food, games, raffles, baskets, children's booth, cow chip bingo and more.

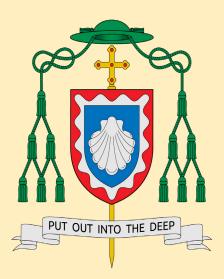
Frozen Golombki and Pierogi available for sale.
Free admission & parking.



### Save the Dates!

Bible study with Maryann Knag will begin on July 11th and run thru Aug 29th. Class will be held on Tuesdays after 9am Mass, from 9:40 - 11:10 AM at St. Thomas More Church in the parish hall. The topic will be the letters of the Early Church Fathers.

### An Invitation to Prayer from Bishop Richard G. Henning



Dear Brothers and Sisters, as you may already be aware, bills are moving forward in our state on the issue of taxpayer-funded abortion. I invite the Catholics of Rhode Island and all people of good will to remember the foundational importance of the God-given right to life and our sacred duty to protect and nurture the young, the most vulnerable among us.

Let us pray that our elected representatives will seek to defend all human life, and to protect the conscience rights of Rhode Islanders who believe in the sanctity of each and every human person. Let us also pray for God's mercy upon us; May the Lord Jesus Christ give our hearts an ever-wider sense of compassion.

St. John Paul II, defender of the sanctity and beauty of life, pray for us. Amen.

### Diocese announces ordination of Jairon Gabriel Olmos Rivera to Sacred Order of the Diaconate

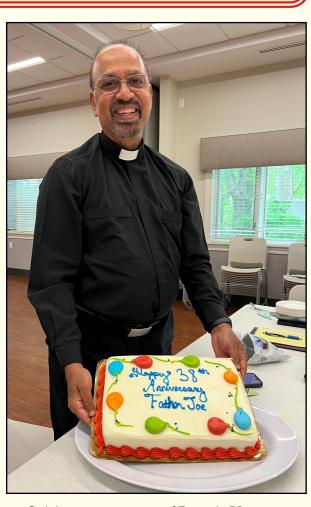


Posted Thursday, May 4, 2023 6:00 am

PROVIDENCE — The Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence has announced that on Saturday, May 13, the Most Reverend Richard G. Henning, S.T.D., will ordain Jairon Gabriel Olmos Rivera, 31, to the transitional diaconate at 10 a.m. in the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Providence.

Olmos Rivera is the son of Juan Ramon and Iris Allagracia, born in Bayaguana, Dominican Republic. Before coming to the Diocese of Providence, he had been with the Capuchin Franciscans in Custodia General of the Dominican Republic. He attended the Colegio San Francisco de Asis, Santo Domingo, D.R. Olmos Rivera completed "Pre-Theology" at Our Lady of Providence and is currently in theological formation at St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Mass.

A deacon serves the people of God in the ministries of liturgy, the Word, and charity. Deacons may baptize, proclaim the Gospel and preach at Mass, distribute Holy Communion, witness marriages, and lead rites of Christian burial.



Celebrating 38 years of Priestly Vocation, Happy Anniversary Fr. Joe!

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# Happenings around the parish

# PRO~LIFE Updates

With Guest Speakers



LISA COOLEY
Diocese of Providence
Coordinator of the Office of Life
& Family Ministry

BARTH BRACY Rhode Island Right to Life Executive Director



# Monday, June 5th

6 - 7 PM

Each Speaker will give a 15 minute Presentation followed by a Question & Answer Session

### St. Thomas More Parish Hall

53 Rockland Street, Narragansett Light Refreshments will be Served

### 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 our 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 to join.

### Pennies for the Poor

The small donation boxes on the church walls labeled "Pennies for the Poor" goes to the Diocesan Dire Emergency Fund in South County, which helps with rental assistance, utilities and prescriptions. Thank you.

### **Prayer Chain Ministry**

If you know someone who would like extra prayers, please call Jean at 783-3403 to express your request. Volunteers are needed and welcome to join this important ministry.

# PRO-LIFE CORNER

It is fashionable, or at least usual, that when in the first few months of a pregnancy doctors do studies to see if the child is healthy or has something, the first idea is: "Let's send it away."

We do the same as the Nazis to maintain the purity of the race, but with white gloves on.

POPE FRANCIS



The Rhode Island Right to Life will hold its annual Ancora Women's Mobile Care Center fundraising banquet at the Quidnesset Country Club on Thursday, May 25. Please register online ASAP.

https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrysync/event/home. php?e=25261

#### Pray the Rosary

The rosary is prayed Monday - Saturday after the 9:00 AM Mass at St.Thomas More. All are welcome.

#### Rosary Repairs

Drop broken beads in the box in the foyer using the envelope provided. Include your name and contact info. You will be contacted within a few weeks when your repair is 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.

### Relevant Radio "Morning Air" Show

Join Fr. Taillon at 550 AM every Wednesday at 8:00 AM or listen on relevantradio.com

### Weekly Food Collection

Many families in our area struggle with food and welcome your donations in the baskets located by all entrances. Ideas include: vegetables, pasta, soup, spaghetti sauce, whole grain cereal, and healthy snacks.

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