

# Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday, May 21, 2023



# Congratulations to our 2023 Confirmation Class

Bottom row:

Kelsey Hurwitz, Briana Reidy, Patrick Sabatino, Mason Keramidas, Shannon O'Brien, Paul Gillis

Middle row:

Lucia Del Ponte, David Calise, Katherine Daly, Christian Alves, Declan Friedt, Madeleine Goodwin, Brady Hazard, Madison Stearns

Top row: Fr. Taillon, Bishop Thomas, Fr. Joe

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# Memorial Day Weekend – How Can We Celebrate?

This weekend kicks off the beginning of the summer (and tourist) season. Here in South County we have seen lots of college renters pack up and owners flocking back for the summer. We welcome so many of our "snowbirds" that have also returned. I must say I love as our churches again fill to the brim. It is so special to see first time tourists looking closely at the stained glass windows and the art that we no longer see fresh.

It is also Memorial Day. I think our first thought is of summer, BBQs and pending warm weather where we can walk the coastline without three layers.

Memorial Day began in Waterloo, NY to commemorate Civil War veterans and now gratefully has become a commemoration of all our veterans who have served our country. We remember those who have died, and those that gave all for us.

How can we celebrate? I suggest coming to Mass at 9 AM on Memorial Day to pray for them. This is the best way we can commemorate. Soldiers and veterans need prayers in life and death as we all do. One could also visit a cemetery. We are blessed to live somewhat close to the Veterans Cemetery in Exeter. It would be a good weekend to go for a rosary walk or maybe even a drive with oneself or the family. We could thank a veteran expressly. Reach out with a call or text to someone who has served. We could send them a Mass card or a note. Having kids draw pictures or cards is another unique idea. Perhaps send some to the Veterans Home or the Veterans hospital. At the very least, we should reflect on all who have served and those who serve today, being aware of the hidden sacrifices of their families as well.



This Sunday is also Pentecost, a super important Feast in the life of the Church. Today we recall how the Holy Spirit was sent down on Mary and the apostles.

The same Holy Spirit is in you, present during our liturgies, especially at Holy Mass! Catholics can boast that Jesus Himself founded our Church on Pentecost. We pray too for our mother, the Church. May she be purified, witnessing and spreading the Gospel.

Fr. Taillon



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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

MONDAY, MAY 29th 9 AM – for the soul of Anna Caduto

TUESDAY, MAY 30th 9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Patrick Mannix

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31st 9 AM – for the souls of Niko & Grace

THURSDAY, JUNE 1st 9 AM – for the soul of Virginia Paiva

FRIDAY, JUNE 2nd 9 AM – for the soul of Walter Pristawa

SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd 9 AM – for the deceased members of the Goodwin Family

#### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

SATURDAY, JUNE 3rd (Vigil)
4 PM – for the deceased members of the Smith Family
5 PM – for the soul of Stephen P. Lynch
SUNDAY, JUNE 4th
8 AM – for the soul of Lisa Anne Madden
9 AM – for the soul of Robert Mathieu
10 AM – 5th Anniversary ~ Nicholas Hanlon
11 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~
Victor Primavera, Sr.

#### The parish office will be closed on Monday, May29th for Memorial Day.





#### - THIS WEEKEND -

All are invited to join the First Communion class for the May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary Sunday, May 28th I0am Mass - St. Thomas More

# 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

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 Celebrate the Church's Birthday

THIS 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



# Happenings around the parish

#### 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.

#### 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 <u>relevantradio.com</u>

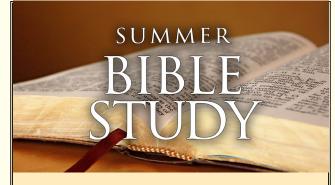
## WEEKLY PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

#### Current Needs

- √ Natural Peanut Butter
- √ Low Sodium Canned Veggies
- √ Low Sugar Jelly
- √ Canned Fruit in 100% Juice
- √ Baked/Black/Kidney Beans √ Healthy Snaeks

🗸 Whole Grain Cereal/Crackers/Pasta 🕏 Jarred Pasta Sauce

Collection baskets are located at the entrance of both churches



#### 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.

### 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.



## Rhode Island Blood Center

#### **Every Donation Can Save Up To 3 Lives**

Consider donating blood at any Rhode Island Blood Center donor center throughout the state. To register, visit www.ribc.org/locations or call 401-453-8383

When donating, please be sure to use parish Sponsor Code 0626.

## Faith Direct

FAITH DIRECT<sup>®</sup>

Online giving is very easy! Visit faithdirect.net and enter our parish code: R1147. Donations can be easily changed one-time, weekly or monthly.





## Congratulations, baptized in Christ!

Newly baptized Kaia Grace Szypula with her parents and Godparents baptized on Sunday, May 21,2023.





St. Veronica Parking Lot Enhancement work continues.



Cleaned and Steamed! Carpets at both churches have been steamed cleaned.

Above: St. Veronica sacristy side hall, confessional and cry room. Right:

Main aisle at St. Thomas More.









**First Friday Sacred Heart Devotion** Friday, June 2nd

Join us after 9 AM Mass for a 15 minute devotion Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus





# **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

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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 intersession may we be moved to remember in prayer and gratitude their example of sacrificial love.

Our Lady of Providence, pray for us.

Amen.

