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MASS SCHEDULE

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

53 Rockland Street

DAILY MASS

9:00 AM - MONDAY - SATURDAY

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY - 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

SATURDAY - 4:00-4:45 PM

OR BY APPOINTMENT

ST. VERONICA CHAPEL

1035 Boston Neck Rd.

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 4:00 PM

SUNDAY - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

All masses available on Livestream

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NOVEMBER 26, 2023 - THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD,
I will judge between one sheep and another,
between rams and goats. (Ez 34:17)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
(Ps 23)

Second Reading:

When everything is subjected to him,
then the Son himself will also be subjected
to the one who subjected everything to him,
so that God may be all in all. (1 Cor 15:28)

Gospel:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him,
he will sit upon his glorious throne,
and all the nations will be assembled before him.
And he will separate them one from another,
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats."
(Mt 25:31-32)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

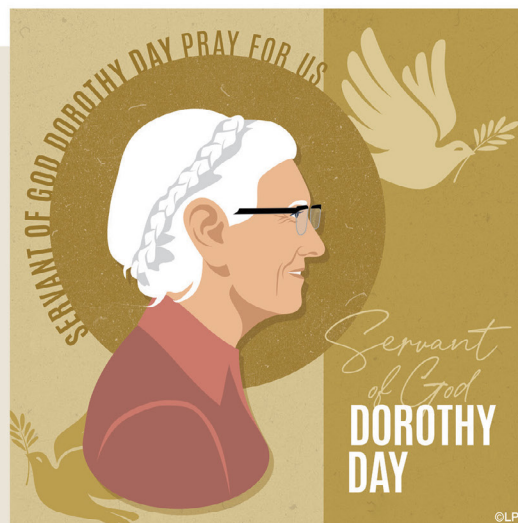
God is always closer to us than we suspect. He is in every need we encounter and every person we meet. Never stop seeking His face.

Observances for the week of November 26, 2023

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

Thursday: St. Andrew, Apostle

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent



Saint of the week

Servant of God Dorothy Day was an American journalist, social activist, and Catholic convert who co-founded the Catholic Worker Movement. Her work inspired countless others and earned her recognition as one of the most influential Catholic figures of the 20th century.

Prayer

Merciful God, You called your servant Dorothy Day to show us the face of Jesus in the poor and forsaken. By constant practice of the works of mercy, she embraced poverty and witnessed steadfastly to justice and peace. Count her among your saints and lead us all to become friends of the poor ones of the earth, and to recognize you in them. We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ, bringer of good news to the poor. Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://catholicworker.org/prayers-for-the-canonization-of-dorothy-day/>)



During fall foliage let us mediate that Jesus was nailed to a “tree”.
Our own St. Veronica crucifix leads us to mediate on . . .

“In the place where he had been crucified, there was a garden,” John tells us. (John 19:41)
And in that garden, the cross is a tree of life, more desirable than the one in the garden of Eden.
*For the tree of life is a royal throne for the crucified Lord, the one who said “I am the resurrection and the life”.
(John 11:25).*

**Our Lady's Guild of
St. Thomas More Parish
invites you to**

An Advent Retreat



Presented by
Father Brendan Rowley

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

8:30am to 3pm

Christian Brothers Center / 635 Ocean Road

\$55 (includes light breakfast & hot lunch)

Sign up by November 27th in the STM Office

Questions? Text or call:

Diane 401-996-3876



Please join us tonight
for a candlelit
praise & worship

HOLY HOUR

to pray for peace in the

HOLY LAND

Sunday, November 26th

5:00-6:00 PM

St. Veronica Chapel



Congratulations, baptized in Christ!
Winston Francis Poissant, with parents Ali Castrovillari
and Donald Poissant. Pictured with Fr. Taillon and
Godparents Dino Passaretta and Leah Simao.

THE ST. THOMAS MORE *Knitting Ministry*



The St. Thomas More Knitting ministry has been **knitting all year**
and will hold their annual collection of all items in the
St. Thomas More parish hall on

Thursday, December 7th
12:30-3:30 PM

Any knitters & crocheters in the parish are welcome to participate and bring or drop-off their items to this meeting. Hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, sweaters, prayer shawls, blankets and lap blankets. All items are donated to the poor and needy.

Last year some of our recipients included: Scallop Shell Nursing Home, the Johnny Cake Center, and Welcome House; and Providence parishes as well as St. Clare Home in Newport. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn in the parish office at 789-7682.

MASS *intentions*

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25th (Vigil)

4 PM – for the soul of LeeAnn Miele

5 PM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Joseph Notarantonio, Sr.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26th

8 AM – for the souls of Maria and Wallace Stewart

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

10 AM – for the soul of Constance Goulet

11 AM – for the soul of Rosaleen Walsh

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27th

9 AM – Special Intention ~ Nico & Grace (Living)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28th

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Saverio Ruscito

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29th

9 AM – for the soul Rose Richard

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30th

9 AM – for the souls of Brian & Marion Gillcrist

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1st

9 AM – for the soul of Eleanor Morisseau

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd

9 AM – for the deceased members of the Goodwin Family

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2nd (Vigil)

4 PM – for the soul of Rita Travis

5 PM – for the souls of William & Jane McNaughton

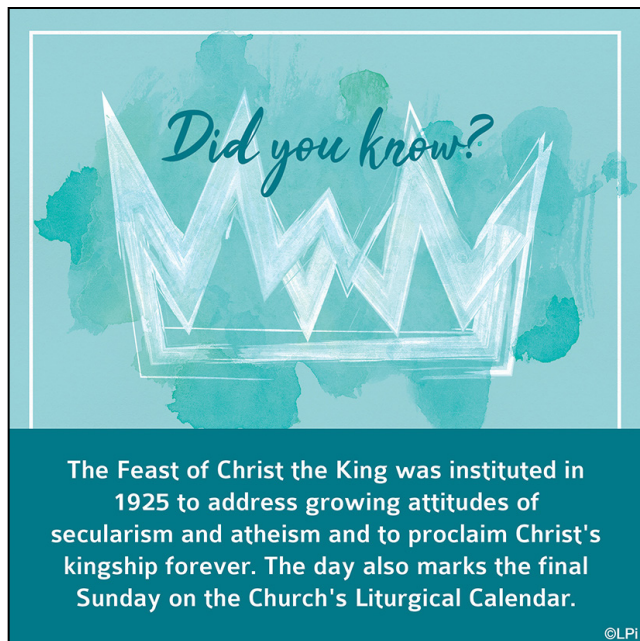
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

8 AM – for the souls of Margaret & Samuel Conca

9 AM – for the soul of Jason Killian

10 AM – for the soul of Stephen P. Lynch, Sr.

11 AM – for the soul of Victor Primavera, Sr.



The Feast of Christ the King was instituted in 1925 to address growing attitudes of secularism and atheism and to proclaim Christ's kingship forever. The day also marks the final Sunday on the Church's Liturgical Calendar.

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November 26, 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

In May 2023, for the first time in almost three quarters of a century, a monarch was crowned in England. A few days later a friend of mine scoffed, "What a waste of time and energy! What is the point of a king?"

I'm a proud American who wants neither theocracy nor monarchical restoration. I like our democratic republic. But the coronation of King Charles reminded me of something needed in every person and community: confidence in the future. The king's most basic role is to symbolize the unity of the nation. In England, the parliament members handle many of the practical duties of governance. But the king or queen can do what they cannot: embody in a single person the reality and future of a whole nation. To say, "this is our king" is to say, "we exist as a community, and we have a future." Kingship isn't primarily about the power of one person or family. It's about the enduring identity and unity of the whole.

To say Christ is our King is to say we exist as a people. We are one in him. We are, and we will be as long as he is. And since he will be our risen king forever, together we have a future filled with hope. Even the best countries will finally fall. But Christ and his Church will endure forever. What good news! It's not a waste of time to crown a king. We do it all the time. Let's be sure to crown the right one — the one whose kingdom never ends.

— Father John Muir

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 relevantradio.com

Religious Education

Sunday, November 26th

No Class for Grades 1 - 4

Thanksgiving Break

No Class for Confirmation

Thanksgiving Break

Monday, November 27th

Grades 1 - 4 at 4:10-5:00 PM

St. Thomas More

Wednesday, November 29th

Grades 5 - 8 at 5:45-6:45 PM

St. Veronica Chapel



Will you answer the call?

The Seven Sisters Apostolate has a simple mission to pray for priests in the form of a Holy Hour before the Tabernacle in any church, wherever you may be. Our priests do so much for us and without them there is no Eucharist and without the Eucharist there is no Church. Please prayerfully consider being part of this privileged group of women praying for our priests. Should you discern a calling to this apostolate contact, Mary Ann Soscia at 401-243-5026.

sevensistersapostolate.org

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.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

Abortion is always wrong. Period. Even if it were healthier for women to abort than give birth. Even if most women reported increased levels of happiness after abortions. Even if women choose to have abortions for other reasons besides monetary cost of raising a child. Abortion always kills someone (both scientifically and philosophically)—and that is why it is wrong.

PRO-LIFE GIRL

**~Save the date ~
something new and different.**

Live Nativity

Thursday, December 7th
Family Night for MCS Families 6pm

Saturday, December 9th
Open to the Public
6:00 - 8:00pm



*The Christmas Story Comes to Life
at Monsignor Clarke School*

Drive thru Live Nativity Saturday December 9th, 6-8 PM

This year, Monsignor Clarke School has decided to take a pause on the Christmas Bazaar and try something new. In keeping with our school's Catholic identity, we are striving to create a special event that involves the community, helps raise funds for our school, promotes service to others and most importantly, keeps Christ in Christmas.

Help is needed to bring this idea to life....

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044CACA-C22A0FC1-45419729-living#/>

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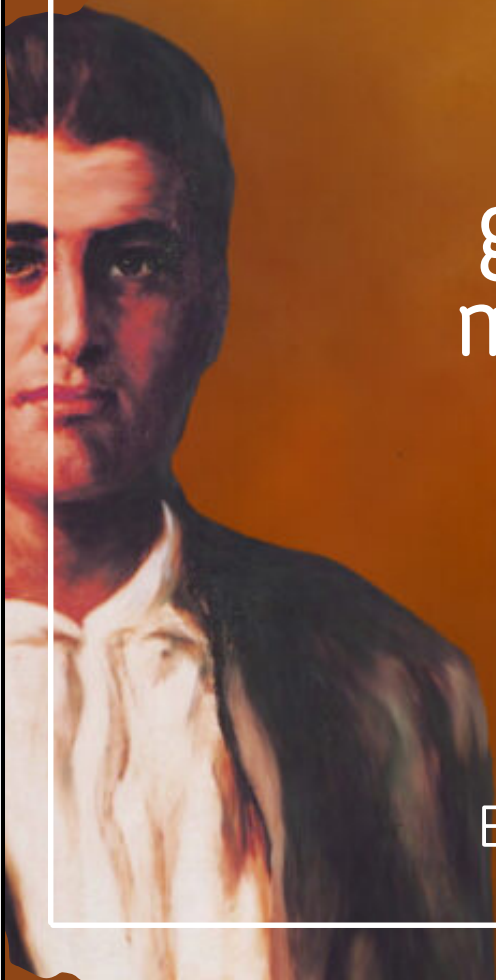
"We must sacrifice everything for everything: our ambitions, indeed our entire selves, for the cause of the faith."

Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati

A discernment
group for young
men ages 17-28

Meetings at
Our Lady of Providence Seminary
485 Mt. Pleasant Ave.
Providence, RI 02908

Every Second Tuesday of the Month
Starting 11/14/23 | 7 PM



Thank you to the many new families who have signed up for Faith Direct to support our ministries. Your support allows us to continue to serve the spiritual and corporeal needs of our parish and wider community. And, thank you to our many virtual parishoners who continue to support us, we appreciate your support too!



St. Thomas More Parish counts on your prayers and support and we truly appreciate your continued generosity during this difficult time.

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