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## MASS SCHEDULE

### **ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH**

53 Rockland Street

**DAILY MASS** - 9:00 AM - MON.- SAT.

#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

SATURDAY - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY - 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

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*Pastor, on temporary leave of absence*

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NOVEMBER 3, 2024 - THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## *A Word From Fr. Shemek*

After Archbishop Henning took canonical possession of the See of Boston on October 31, our diocese has entered a period of “sede vacante.”

As we prepare to welcome a new bishop, we are reminded that the Church, as the Body of Christ, is always sustained by the Holy Spirit. During this period, an appointed diocesan administrator will take on the role of overseeing diocesan operations until the Holy Father names a new bishop for us. May we walk forward in unity, trusting that God will continue to bless our diocese and all those who serve within it.

In the meantime, I am grateful for the ways we see God at work here at St. Thomas More.

Our Religious Education program is thriving, and I am pleased to share that classes are going well. We are blessed with a devoted group of catechists, both seasoned and new, who dedicate their time and talents to guiding our young people in faith. Each one of them plays a vital role in helping our students grow closer to Christ, and I would like to recognize them by name:

Terry Anderson - Grade 1

Diane Wilkens & Laurie McConnell - Grade 2

Nick & Mackenzie Iden - Grade 3

Terri Hopkins - Grade 4

Kristen Giblin - Grades 5 & 6

Lori Finan - Grades 7 & 8

MaryTheresa Conca & George Travis - Confirmation Prep

Please keep our catechists and students in your prayers, that their journey together may be one of growth, love, and learning in Christ.

We are also blessed with six candidates in the RCIA process. Let us keep them in prayer as they continue their journey toward full communion in the Church, and may we welcome them as brothers and sisters in faith.

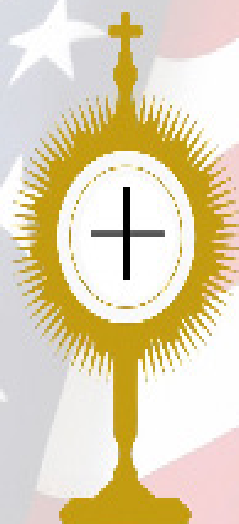
MaryTheresa Conca is leading a women's group, studying the life and witness of St. Edith Stein. Her inspiring life reminds us of the strength of faith amid trials, and her teachings offer wisdom for navigating our own lives. This group provides a place for women to come together in fellowship and deepen their spiritual lives. The group meets every other Tuesday at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

We are blessed to offer additional support ministries to those facing life's challenges. Deacon Clossick leads a cancer support group, providing a space for those affected by cancer to find comfort, prayer, and hope. Dennis Dillon offers a bereavement support group, where those experiencing loss can come together for healing and understanding. They remind us of God's presence in our moments of need.

In addition to these programs, Our Lady's Guild hosts a Bible study every Monday morning following the 9 a.m. Mass. This gathering allows participants to reflect on Scripture and grow in their understanding of the Word of God. For those who prefer a different time, our Men's Bible study meets every Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m., providing an opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth.

Let us give thanks for all these ministries and the people who make them possible. Thank you, each of you, for the ways you contribute to the life of our parish. And remember, our parish is like a good coffee—strong, warm, and best when shared together. Until next Sunday, stay blessed!

*Fr. Shemek*



# **ELECTION DAY ADORATION**

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**Tuesday, November 5th**

from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM

at St. Veronica Chapel

*Join Us in Praying for Our Country!*



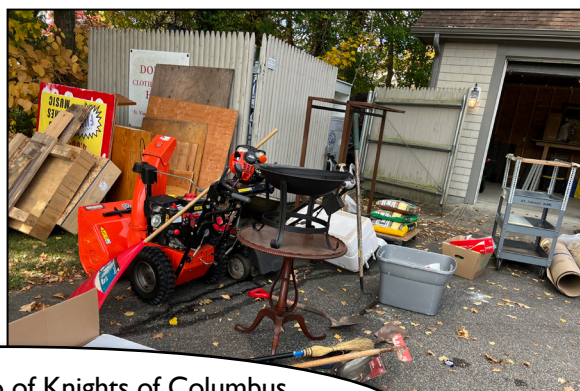
## *Please pray for our missionaries!*

They are headed to Jacob's Ladder, in Jamaica from November 9-16th. Pictured below is the 2023 group.



### Our 2024 missionaries are:

Dennis Aurelio  
Umberto Capuano  
Bernie Casey  
Elayne Casey  
George Doherty Jr.  
Richard Jurczak  
William Landry  
Barry McPeake  
Ed McLaughlin  
Nancy McLaughlin  
John Mulholland  
Martha O'Keefe  
Joseph Robenhymer  
Loren Robenhymer  
Nathan Robenhymer



Thank you to this group of Knights of Columbus volunteers who spent several hours last weekend cleaning out the garage at St. Thomas More.







Pictures from the  
"How to be Happy and Healthy"  
interactive session on Oct. 24th with Fr. Joe.



Congratulations, Baptized in Christ, October 26, 2024  
Francesca Wynn Sahagian pictured with  
godfather Michael Sahagian, parents Mark and Anne,  
godmother, Georgia Carter and Deacon Clossick



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**NOVEMBER 9 - 17, 2024**

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Many families in our area struggle to put food on their table. This Thanksgiving the Knights of Columbus are looking to help those in need, by providing grocery store gift cards for their Thanksgiving day meal. Please consider donating a gift card or making a financial contribution. Your contribution, no matter how big or small, will help make an impact on a family as they sit down and give thanks this Thanksgiving. For more information, please visit:

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# MASS *intentions*

**THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd

4 PM – 55th Birthday Remembrance ~ Emilia Provensal

5 PM – Anniversary ~ Navarre Patry

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd

8:30 AM – for the souls of Philip & Anna DiRienzo &  
Robert P. Smith

10 AM – for the soul of Michael Zannini

## 11 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ David Kenney

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4th

9 AM – 55th Anniversary ~ Guiseppe Gaeta

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5th

9 AM – for the soul of Valerie G. LaCross

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6th

9 AM – for the souls of Marion & Brian Gillcrist

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7th

9 AM – Special Intentions ~ Nico, Grace & Jack (Living)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8th

9 AM – for the soul of Bob Davis

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9th

9 AM – for the deceased members of the Purdy Family

**THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9th

4 PM – for the soul of Rory Malcolm Neill, Sr.

5 PM – for the souls of Ed & Dorothy DeCamp

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10th

8:30 AM – for the soul of Bob Seiwert

10 AM – for the soul of Mary Grimaldi

11 AM – for the Margaret Levesque

## Second Collection

The second collection this weekend  
is for the Little Sisters of the Poor.  
additionally...

Florida Hurricane Relief donations are still being accepted on [Faith Direct](#).



[Hurricanes Helene & Milton Special Collection](#)

Many people mistake our work for our vocation. Our vocation is the love of Jesus.

-St. Teresa of Calcutta

## St.Thomas More Cancer Support Group

*"You Are Not Alone."*



with Deacon Joe Clossick

**November 7th ~ 4:00-5:30 PM**

Meets on the first Thursday of every month at St. Thomas More Parish Hall

Offering a faith-based, secure, and friendly setting to discuss individual experiences at various stages of battles with cancer. Open to any parishioner dealing with all types of cancer including: pre-treatment, in-treatment, and post treatment survivors.

*The goal of the support group will be to provide a friendly and familiar environment where parishioners can meet and be supported by others who are experiencing or have experienced, similar struggles.*

For more info please contact [joseph.clossick@bms.com](mailto:joseph.clossick@bms.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 9:30AM 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 fence.

## 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.

## Religious Education

### Sunday, November 3rd

Grades 1 - 4 at 10:00-10:50 AM

St. Veronica Chapel

Confirmation Prep at 6:00-7:15 PM

St. Thomas More

### Wednesday, November 6th

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

St. Veronica Chapel

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Daily Examen of Stewardship

"Stewardship" can get a bum rap these days. When folks hear the term "stewardship" from the pulpit, their eyes tend to kind of glaze over. "Here's Father asking for more money," they groan inwardly, "Get ready for the passing of the pledge cards."

Christ refutes this idea when he gives us what he calls the greatest commandments — instructing us to love God and to love our neighbor. Now, Christ is a man who chose his words carefully. He meant exactly what he said — and he didn't say that the greatest commandments were to tithe and to give money to charity. If he had wanted stewardship to be only about money, he would have said so.

Sometimes we are indeed called to show our love for God and neighbor in the form of a financial gift. But the concept of Everyday Stewardship — living mindfully in prayer, grateful for our blessings, and gracious to our neighbors, committed to God, and accountable to each other — is about so much more.

I propose a twist on the long-held practice of the "Daily Examen" — a pious devotion wherein, at day's end, we go over the events of the last 24 hours and discern God's will. A Daily Examen of Stewardship might contain questions like this:

*How did I love God today? In whom did I love Him?*

*What did God give me today? With whom did I share it?*

*What did I give to Him? To whom did I reach out today?*

*Who reached out to me? Where was God on my list of priorities today? First? Second? Third, fourth?*

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



“Do not withhold good from those whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.

*Proverbs 3:27*

### ***St. Thomas More Mother Teresa Fund***

Through generous donations made by parishioners to our outreach program, “Mother Teresa Fund,” St. Thomas More has donated \$25,000 to the “Kitchen of Hope” project. The “Kitchen” is a non-profit volunteer organization that provides free, hot, nutritious meals to the underserved in Narragansett and South Kingstown.

From its beginning in 2020 during COVID, they have provided over 39,000 meals, all prepared and delivered from the kitchen at the Peace Dale Congregational Church. Since the demand and need have increased to feed more individuals and families in South County, a larger facility is needed. The “Kitchen” is being relocated to St. Francis of Assisi Church and will be equipped with commercial cooking facilities to permit expansion of the program, which will help meet the needs of so many.



As a parish that so joyously helps those in need, St. Thomas More is proud to partner with the “Kitchen of Hope” and St. Francis of Assisi Parish to continue to help those in need.

### ***Feeding the Whole Person***

The Kitchen of Hope service often identifies needs beyond food insecurity that they are able to assist through other ministries of the parish, or with our partners in the community. Examples have included: home and yard repair or maintenance; wheelchair ramp installation; rent, utility, or clothing assistance; wellness checks; financial literacy and spiritual needs. This robust kitchen facility could also evolve to include free job training opportunities in the local food and hospitality industries.

### ***Kitchen of Hope Mission Statement***

In the Spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, we elevate food security by providing healthy meals to local individuals and families. We are building a community of volunteers and donors through our participation in our weekly dinner delivery and in-house dining ministries. Our aim is to uplift those we serve by being a “Kitchen of Hope,” promoting dignity, self-respect, and well-being.



### ***Contact Information***

For confidential assistance,  
volunteer opportunities,  
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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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