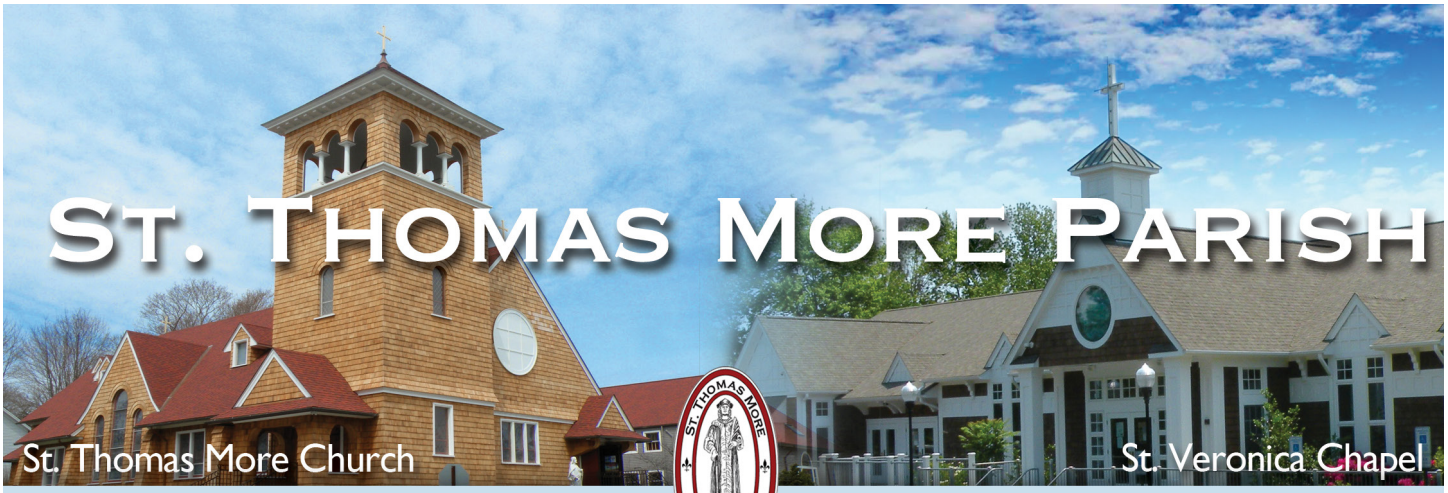

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ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

53 Rockland Street

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

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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October 21, 2022

Peace of Christ Jesus! I am pleased to share with you the Annual Financial Report Summary for our fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. I want to thank our Finance Council, trustees and auditors who work behind the scenes all year to make our stewardship of time, talent and treasure a reality. Thanks to Sofia Macera our bookkeeper who is professional, dedicated and a wonderful asset to our staff.

This past year our parish saw continued growth and vitality. We now have over 1475-registered families, our largest number ever. We saw an increased offertory income this past year, especially due to the 215 families that now use Faith Direct online giving to support the ministries, and the 598 families using the traditional paper budget system.

The pandemic saw our revenue decline but also a significant cost last year in wages and benefits. We just welcomed our new full-time assistant, Fr. Joe Mappilamettel as a hired a full time plant manager/ sexton for the first time in several years. We expect our expenses to climb significantly this year as our staffing levels are returning to pre-pandemic levels.

Our annual collection netted $13,399.00 which will help offset the nearly $30,000 that it will cost to install new glass doors at St Thomas More parking lot and the two church entrances at St. Veronica. I know many find the doors hard to open at times as they have weathered and expanded. The new doors should be in within weeks.

We were able to re-pivot to southern Louisiana from Mustard Seed last year for our mission trip with teens and re-instated our annual fundraiser that enabled us to continue our outreach to the poor. We are reaching out to Ukrainian refugees and to our brothers and sisters in the inner city of Providence in many ways.

Our numbers of weddings and baptisms have increased and happily, 8 adults joined the Catholic faith last year through RCIA.

I want to thank you for your tremendous generosity to our parish, outreach programs, etc. The best news is that the Gospel is being preached here in South County through word, gifts and especially prayer!

Thank you for all you do to make our faith community so vibrant and welcoming!

Gratefully,

Fr. Taillon

St. Thomas More Parish
53 Rockland St.
Narragansett, Rhode Island 02882

Financial Report
Fiscal Year: July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

REVENUES

	FYE 2022
Weekly Offering	$698,689.00
Annual Collection	$13,399.00
Catholic School Collection	$9,072.00
Mass Stipend/Funeral/Wedding	$26,575.00
Parish Outreach to The Poor	$57,940.00
Other Revenue	$41,271.00
Total Regular Revenues	**$846,946.00**

EXPENDITURES

St. Thomas More Church	$550,312.00
St. Veronica Chapel	$76,490.00
Rectory	$23,199.00
Carriage House Clergy Lodging	$7,027.00
Faith Formation	$53,640.00
Diocesan Parish Assessment Paid	$51,193.00
Diocesan School Assessment Paid	$42,795.00
Other Expenses	$1,250.00
Total Expenditures	**$805,906.00**
Net Result - Operations	**$41,040.00**

Second Collections Transmitted	$32,369.00
Number of Registered Families	1475
Number of Baptisms	27
Number of Weddings	22
Sacrament of First Eucharist	17
Sacrament of Confirmation	21
Adult Receptions into catholic faith	8
Number of Funerals	37

"Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver.
Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you,
so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have
an abundance for every good work."
Corinthians 9:6-8

Baptized in Christ!
Greyson Gregory Michael Horton with parents
Brooke and Greg.

Thank you to all who donated to the "Cajun Bayou Night for the Poor" fundraiser after the event program was printed.

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In memory of Eugene and Barbara DeVerna
Janette Centracchio
Nancy and Merrick Cook
Anthony DiOrio
Debbie Hime
Pat and Davie Kurowski
Joan and James Marasco
Peter McLaughlin
In memory of Justin Monaghan
Lynn Moran
Fr. Christopher Murphy
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Joan R. Petrone
Ronald Picerne
John C. Revens
In memory of Brendan Tapley
Kimberly and David Tonn
Susan Winter

Thanksgiving GIFT CARD FOOD DRIVE

PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING A LOCAL FAMILY THIS THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

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UNTIL NOVEMBER 20, 2022

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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*

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5th (Vigil)
4 PM – for the soul of Joseph Trujillo
5 PM – for the living & deceased members of Providence College ~ Class of 1967
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th
8 AM – for the souls of Louise & Bob Mello
9 AM – for the soul of Mary Elizabeth McCormick
10 AM – Special Intention ~ for the Keegan & Martin families
11 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ David T. Kenney

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7th
9 AM – for the deceased members of the Ferretti and Cunningham families

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8th
9 AM – for the deceased members of the Goodwin family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9th
9 AM – Special Intention ~ for Niko & Grace

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10th
9 AM – for the deceased members of the Poirier and Proulx families

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11th
9 AM – for the soul of Karen Maguire

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12th
9 AM – for the soul of Robert Seiwert

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12th (Vigil)
4 PM – for the souls of Carmino & Margaret Fera
5 PM – for the deceased members of the Quinn family
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13th
8 AM – for the deceased members of the Delaney & Kirwan families
9 AM – for the souls of Mary & Bernadette Taylor
10 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Robert Gagne
11 AM – for the deceased members of the Orton & D'Abate families and for the soul of WW I soldier, Dante D'Abate

2nd Collection

The second collection this weekend is for the Archdiocese for Military Service.

The parish office will be closed on Friday, November 11th for Veterans Day.

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 6th

Election Day Adoration

Pray for our country on Election Day Tuesday, November 8th at St. Veronica Chapel from 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

Knitting Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, November 9th - 1:00 PM

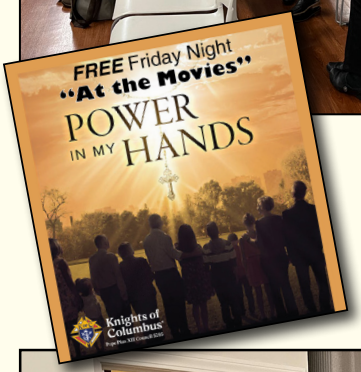
St. Thomas More Parish Hall
For more infomation, call the parish office at 789-7682. All are welcome!

SILENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Thursday, November 10th
St. Thomas More Church - 6:30 - 7:30 PM
with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Fr. Taillon will be taking some of the Confirmation candidates from our parish to Providence to help distribute sandwiches to the homeless on Sunday, November 20th.
We are looking for donations of new pairs of socks to give out.
Please drop them off at the parish office by Friday, November 18.
Thank you.

O Blessed Mother,
Pray for the USA!

Our Lady of the
Immaculate Conception,
Patroness of the
United States of America,
please help our country.
Help us to return to what is
decent, right and proper.
Help us to return to respect
for ourselves and others,
to truth in dealing with
ourselves and others,
to self-control and self-disclipine,
and, especially, to a deep love
for your Son and his teachings.
Protect us from those who
would destroy us from within.
Our Lady, we place ourselves
and our country under your mantle.
Pray for us and help us. Amen



Movie Night
at St. Thomas More.
Thank you to the
Knights of Columbus!

Happenings around the parish

Join us at The Prout School Open House for prospective students on Sunday, October 23 from 1-4 PM and Monday, November 7 from 6-8 PM. Discover the Prout advantage! We offer rigorous academics, including the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) Program, a strong Catholic identity, amazing theatre, music and dance programs, competitive athletic teams, and numerous clubs and extracurricular activities. For more information, please call Admissions Director Sharon DeLuca at 789-9262, Ext 514 or go to www.theproutschool.org.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

"God is the only one who knows how many children we should have, and we should be ready to accept them. One can't decide for oneself who comes into this world and who doesn't. That decision doesn't belong to us."

MEL GIBSON

Weekly Parish Food Collection

Blood Emergency

Critical Need

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.

Religious Education

Sunday, November 6th
Grades 1 - 4
10:05-10:55 AM | St. Veronica Chapel

1st & 2nd Year Confirmation
6 - 7:15 PM | St. Veronica Chapel

Monday, November 7th
Grades 1 - 4
4:10-5:00 PM | St. Thomas More Church

Wednesday, November 9th
Grades 5 - 8
5:45-6:45 PM | St. Veronica Chapel

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.

The King of the world will raise us up to live again forever.

2 Maccabees 7:9

November 6, 2022

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BE STRONG IN FAITH

Today's readings present us with extreme examples of faithfulness and reliance on the promise of eternal life. Most of us will never be tortured because of our Christian faith, although people are martyred every year because of their commitment to Christ. While we may never face bodily harm as Christians, there are consequences to living as a disciple. We might be ridiculed or harassed. We might find it necessary to call out injustice in the workplace or our local city, and such witness may cost us our jobs and friendships. What are we prepared to do as followers of our Lord? Today, we are encouraged to be strong in faith, secure in the belief that when we endure in Christ, we may look forward to life in eternity with God.

THE APPLE OF GOD'S EYE

Any who have a relationship with a child—parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, special friends—know the power of love it is possible to feel for another. It is not that the child is incapable of doing wrong; we know they can and will. Rather, their mistakes do not change our love for them. In fact, the love makes us want what is best for them. Often, we can see their potential with greater perspective than they themselves can. They're the apple of our eye. We are the apple of God's eye, beloved children of our Lord. God knows (God really knows) that we can and will fail. We fall short of the potential that God is certain we have. Yet God does not cease to love us and to call us to live as God's own in the world.

HIDDEN IN THE SHADOW OF GOD'S WINGS

Certain that we are held closely by God frees us to live the challenge of the gospel, to give our lives for the sake of others. We will be tempted to take the easy route and ignore the voice of the Lord, listening instead to the call of wealth, power, acceptance, status, and earthly security. Today's readings remind us that we can face temptation, secure that we are hidden in the shadow of God's wings, strengthened and guarded from evil by our Lord Jesus Christ. What challenging thing are you called to do today as a follower of Jesus? About what must you take a stand? What might be the consequences of discipleship at this time in your life? "May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and the endurance of Christ."

TODAY'S READINGS

2 Maccabees 7:1–2, 9–14
Psalm 17:1, 5–6, 8, 15
2 Thessalonians 2:16 — 3:5
Luke 20:27–38

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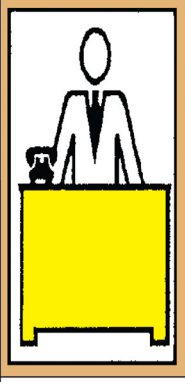

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