

# ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH

St. Thomas More Church

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St. Veronica Chapel

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## SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

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

53 Rockland Street

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

### **WEEKEND MASSES**

SATURDAY - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY - 7:30 AM (Quiet) & 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 - 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

8:00 PM (*ends Sept. 1*)

**Fr. John E. Unsworth**

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*Pastor Emeritus*

**Deacon Joseph Clossick**

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**Fr. Marcel L. Taillon, S.T.L.**

*Pastor, on temporary leave of absence*  
*Interim Vocation Director, Archdiocese for the*  
*Military Services, USA, Washington, DC*

**LAST WEEK FOR  
OUR SUMMER MASS  
SCHEDULE!**



SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 - TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## ***Thank You, Archbishop-elect Richard Henning***

As the old saying goes, Bishop Henning, we hardly knew you! But what we have known of him has been a great blessing to our Diocese and every parish and diocesan institution served by it. As the Auxiliary Bishop of his home Diocese, Rockville Center in New York, Bishop Henning was named by Pope Francis to be the Coadjutor Bishop of Providence in November of 2022 and at his welcoming to the Diocese in January 2023, he held up a flag of the State of Rhode Island and proclaimed that he was joyful because he could now “live in a State of Hope.” After taking over as the Bishop in April of 2023, he has visited almost all of the 120 parishes in the Diocese and he has been here at St. Thomas More several times. When he visits, he brings with him a feeling that his leadership would lead us to a better future and a stronger understanding of who we are as a Church. He has truly given us Hope.



Now, Pope Francis has named him the Archbishop of Boston and I am a bit envious of the people and clergy of Massachusetts who will benefit from his great leadership, courage, wisdom and faith. And, although he will be greatly missed here, we know that because of his short time among us, we have been greatly blessed. Join me in thanking this kind and wise Shepherd for his service to us as we pray for the Holy Spirit to send us another wise Shepherd to lead us into the future.

### ***Change of leadership at St. Thomas More***

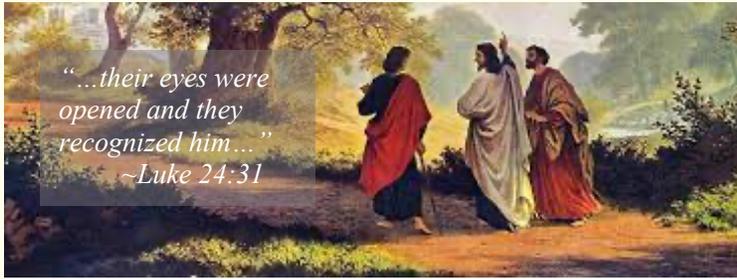
Since my arrival here on April 15th to serve as temporary Administrator of the Parish, I have been expecting to finish my term on September 15th, at which time the Diocese would name another Administrator to serve until Fr. Taillon's expected return in December. In last week's Parish Bulletin we announced that I would be replaced by Fr. Francis Kayatta, the pastor emeritus of St. Mary Star of the Sea parish. However, sometimes God has other plans. Because of an unforeseen health problem, Fr. Kayatta will not be able to replace me. It is uncertain who will fill that role and I hope we have an answer soon. In the meantime, I am happy to continue to serve here until another priest is found. While I have enjoyed my stay here in this great Parish and I have been treated very kindly by all of you, I am of an age when I need to slow down and work less. And so, I will be happy to remain with you until I can be replaced.

*Fr. Jack*

### **Summer Mass Schedule Change**

Since the beginning of Summer we have been offering 2 extra Masses on Sundays:  
7:30 AM Mass on Sundays at St. Thomas More Church and  
8:00 PM Mass on Sundays at St. Veronica Chapel.

**Please note that this Sunday (Sept 1st), will be the last Sunday these Masses will be offered.  
On September 8th we return to our regular Sunday Mass Schedule.**



“...their eyes were  
opened and they  
recognized him...”  
~Luke 24:31

Registration for  
Religious Education  
is now open!

At St. Thomas More, our Religious Education program presents Catholic teaching using time-tested methodology and spiritual development in a beautiful, student-friendly, and comprehensive format. Each year has a systematic approach covering foundational truths of the faith as presented in the Catechism. The content of the faith unfolds through salvation history as presented in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, with each grade level having a specific focus. Woven throughout our program, we acquaint students with Our Blessed Mother, the angels, the saints and developing a prayer life. We use the Faith and Life series from Ignatius Press in grades one through eight. Here is an overview:

- **1st grade - Our Heavenly Father:** In first grade, students are introduced to the Holy Trinity through presentations on God the Father, the life of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Children also learn essential prayers.
- **2nd grade - Jesus Our Life:** Students prepare for their first reception of the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion, with the law of God and salvation history as background. The lessons emphasize God's mercy and love. They will cover creation, the covenant with Moses, the Ten Commandments, redemption, forgiveness of sins, and the Mass.
- **3rd grade – Our Life with Jesus:** Third-grade students learn God's plan of salvation, from creation to the Incarnation, and redemption to the birth of the Church at Pentecost.
- **4th grade - Jesus Our Guide:** Students learn the many ways God helps us in our pilgrimage on earth to heaven through His Word, His law, and His Church. The narrative of salvation history points students toward Jesus Christ, who fulfills Old Testament promises.
- **5th grade - Credo: I Believe:** Fifth-grade students study the articles of the Creed as the fundamental belief of our Catholic faith. They learn to distinguish truths of our faith from errors that lead us away from God.
- **6th grade - Following Christ:** Sixth-grade students learn the blueprint for a life of love by studying the Ten Commandments and the Holy Mass.
- **7th grade - The Life of Grace:** Seventh-grade students learn that grace is God's gift to us. There is an emphasis on the transmission of grace through the seven sacraments and the role of grace in developing the virtues.
- **8th grade - Our Life in the Church:** Eighth-grade students study the history of the Church - its founding by Christ, its birth in the Holy Spirit, the marks of the one true Church, the Fathers and Doctors of the Church, the saints and the role of the religious and laity.
- **9th grade - Confirmation Preparation:** Candidates prepare their hearts to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit through continued intellectual and spiritual formation.

We are blessed to have many dedicated, veteran catechists for grades 1 through 8 and myself and Mr. George Travis as the catechists for Confirmation preparation.

Registration forms are on our website - <https://stthomasmoreri.org/ccd/>.

God bless,  
MaryTheresa Conca, Director of Faith Formation



Endow



St. Edith Stein

## EDUCATING ON THE NATURE & DIGNITY OF WOMEN

Endow is a Catholic apostolate for women. Through Endow groups, women encounter their identity as daughters of God, enabling them to grow in their faith and ultimately discover their mission in life. Join a movement of women who want to cultivate deep friendships by studying the rich spiritual and intellectual documents of the Catholic Church!

# Women,

*Come & See* What Endow Is All About  
**on Tuesday, September 10th | 7:00 – 8:00 PM**

at St. Thomas More in the Parish Hall.

This is an introduction session.



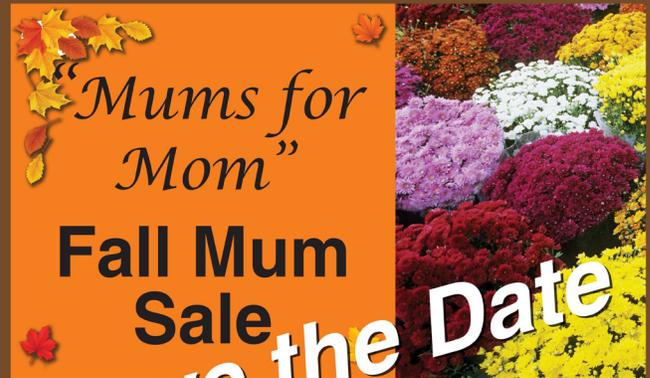
**September 8, 2024**

**6PM at St. Thomas More Church**

Join Deacon Clossick as we celebrate Our Blessed Mother's birthday.

Exposition of the Eucharist with benediction Litanies and Holy Rosary.

Cake in the parish hall immediately following.



**Save the Date**

**September 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Before and after weekend masses at St. Thomas More & St. Veronica Chapel

**Proceeds will directly benefit the Mother of Life Center**



# Congratulations!



Congratulations, Married in Christ!  
Ryan O'Connor & Brooke McGreen



Congratulations, Baptized in Christ!  
Kennedy Cruz Horton, pictured with parents  
Brooke & Gregory Horton & son  
and with God parents & Fr. Joe



## END-OF-SUMMER

## BARBEQUE

Saturday, September 7th | 6 – 8 PM

on the patio at St. Thomas More

Frassati Young Adult Group is for those in their 20s & 30s.

# MASS *intentions*

## THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31st

- 4 PM – for the soul of Frank Lachut
- 5 PM – 6 Month Anniversary ~ Emilia Provensal

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st

- 7:30 AM – for the soul of Daniel Macedo
- 8:30 AM – for the soul of Timothy McCarthy, Jr.
- 10 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Thomas Mulvey
- 11 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Vincent L. Green, III
- 8 PM – for the soul of Donna Gunning

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd

- 9 AM – for the souls of Marion & Brian Gillcrist

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd

- 9 AM – for the soul of Donna Gunning

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th

- 9 AM – for the soul of Seamus Kirby

THURSDAY, SEPTMEBER 5th

- 9 AM – Anniversary ~ Adolfo & Elisia DiBiasio

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th

- 9 AM – for the souls of Teresa & Frank Heran

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

- 9 AM – for the soul of Prudence Laffan

## THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

- 4 PM – 4th Anniversary ~ Carol O'Neil
- 5 PM – Remembrance ~ Thomas & Joan King

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th

- 8:30 AM – for the soul of Steve Wrobel
- 10 AM – for the soul of Patricia O'Hara
- 11 AM – 2nd Anniversary ~ Timothy Carr Magill

### **Reminder - LAST WEEKEND**

Sunday, September 1st will be the  
Last 7:30 AM Mass at St. Thomas More  
and the  
Last 8:00 PM Mass at St. Veronica Chapel

### **Second Collection**

The second collection next weekend is for  
Tuitian Assistance.



The parish office will be closed on  
Monday, September 2nd  
in observance of Labor Day.

### **CATHOLIC TRIVIA –**

**Question:** How many archangels are officially  
recognized by the Catholic Church?

**Answer:** Seven. Three are biblical and  
four are from tradition.

### **Knights of Columbus**

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# 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 10AM 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

**Class registration is now open!**

## Consecration to Our Lady for our Country and Families

Through the intercession of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary, may  
**THY WILL BE DONE**  
in our families, our nation and our world.

**Saturday, September 7th**

*All are Welcome!*

First Saturday schedule:

9 AM Mass

Exposition of the Eucharist

Rosary

Confession

Benediction



## PRO-LIFE CORNER

*"I didn't want to be pro-life, but this is not  
a women's rights issue but a human rights issue."*

*KATHY IRELAND*



## Rhode Island Blood Center

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Consider donating blood at any Rhode Island Blood Center donor center throughout the state.

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