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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

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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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SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 - THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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RCIA

a journey of faith



At this year's Easter Vigil, our parish was blessed to welcome seven adults into the Catholic Church. This happened in parishes worldwide, and in the United States alone, thousands came into full communion with the Catholic Church. All these individuals went through a beautiful process called RCIA.

However, most people are unfamiliar with this process. What exactly is RCIA? RCIA is an acronym for "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults." It is much more than a course of instruction; it's a process designed to meet people's unique and individual needs on their journey of faith.

Who is RCIA for?

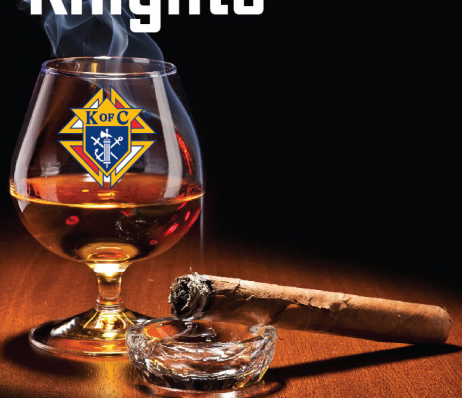
- It's for those who are interested in becoming Catholic and need to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion).
- It's for those who were baptized, either as Catholic or in another Christian faith, and need the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- It's for those who have been baptized and received Holy Communion but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- It's also for those seeking to learn more about the Catholic Church.

The Church expresses this process best. "The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)...is designed for adults who, after hearing the mystery of Christ proclaimed, consciously and freely seek the living God and enter the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opens their hearts. With God's help, they will be spiritually strengthened during their preparation and will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the proper time." (Introduction to RCIA, 1)

If you are or know someone interested in the RCIA process, please contact the parish office at 401-789-7682. We would love the opportunity to talk with you about this process. Formal classes begin in October. It is an honor for our parish RCIA team to accompany those on their faith journey!

God bless,
MaryTheresa Conca
Director of Faith Formation

Cigar Night with the "Knights"



Monday September 25, 2023 @ 6:00 PM
Sea Craft • 113 Ocean Road • Narragansett, RI

Join the Knights of Columbus and Father "T" for this fundraising event.

All proceeds benefit our **Coats for Kids** program, providing new winter coats for deserving Rhode Island children.

Tickets are \$80 per person.

Includes 3 course meal & 3 premium cigars. Cash bar & raffle available.



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September 16th & 17th

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Endow

*Educating
on the
Nature & Dignity
Of Women*

LADIES,

COME & SEE WHAT ENDOW IS ALL ABOUT

on Tuesday, September 19th

7:00 - 7:30 PM

at St. Thomas More in the Parish Hall

This is an information session.



Through Endow study groups, women encounter their identity as daughters of God, enabling them to grow in their faith and ultimately discover their mission in life.

This study group will focus on St. John Paul II's *Letter to Women*.



Bonnet Shores Fire District

On August 30, Fr. Taillon blessed the new Bonnet Shores fire engine #3.

Congratulations!



Deacon Clossick and Fr. Joe pictured with Charles and Ann Short and their children, Daniel and Julia, after renewing their wedding vows on the occasion of their 50th wedding Anniversary, August 19, 2023.

2023 Annual Collection for the Senior Priest Retirement Fund Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence

After decades of faithful service, many retired priests continue to serve where they are needed, while others require assisted living, or nursing home care. Since priests are paid a very modest wage, they cannot rely upon Social Security to make ends meet. No longer able to rely upon parishes for basic living needs, senior priests depend on support from this fund. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many who have served faithfully for many years in ministry - some of whom continue to serve well after their 'retirement.'

At Masses on September 16-17, our parish will join others throughout the Diocese in a special second collection in support of the Senior Priest Retirement Fund.

The collection is also our way of saying "thank you" for that service. Please consider a generous donation in support of our senior priests. To learn how this fund benefits senior priests or to make an online donation, please visit www.srpriestri.com. Thank you for your support of this worthy endeavor.



Event Details

**Friday, October 13, 2023
at the Dunes Club - 6:00PM**

A Jazz Night themed event with music, cocktails, dinner, silent and live auctions.
Donations will benefit the February 2024 mission trip to the
Community of Jesus Crucified in St. Martinville, Louisiana



Hold your cell phone
camera over this image
and click on the website
link that pops up.

Tickets

Tickets will be sold online through the Jazz Night website.
If you do not have access to a computer, the office can assist you
with your purchase. Please use this QR code or the link below
which can also be found on the website, facebook and Instagram:

[https://stthomasmoreri.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/JazzNightforthePoor/
tabid/1387227/Default.aspx](https://stthomasmoreri.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/JazzNightforthePoor/tabid/1387227/Default.aspx)

Donations

We welcome your donations of any of the following:

- Ready-made baskets - any kind and any theme. Be creative!
- Items to go into a basket that the team will create, plus empty baskets
- Gift certificates of any amount to be included inside baskets
 - Wine bottles for Wine n' Surprise
 - Gift certificates for Wine n' Surprise

MASS *intentions*

THE TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th (Vigil)

4 PM – for the soul Carol Silven

5 PM – for the soul of Fr. Joseph Henry

SUNDAY, SEPTMEBER 10th

8 AM – for the soul of Doris Lavoie Hannon

9 AM – for the souls of the Jenard & Costa Families

10 AM – for the soul of Mark Nailor

11 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Timothy Carr Magill

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th

9 AM – for the souls of Violet & Paul O'Brien

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th

9 AM – for the souls of John & James O'Brien

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th

9 AM – for the souls of Ida & John Boitano

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th

9 AM – for the soul of Joseph Manning

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th

9 AM – for the souls of Claire, Eloise, & Roberta O'Brien

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th

9 AM – for the soul of Raymond Rao

THE TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th (Vigil)

4 PM – for the soul of Everett Federici

5 PM – for the soul of Bernard McSally

SUNDAY, SEPTMEBER 17th

8 AM – for the soul of Christopher White

9 AM – for the soul of Theresa M. Radican

10 AM – for the soul of Kate Ann Taylor

11 AM – for the souls of Winifred Cox and
Woodrow & Gloria Haley

2nd Collections

The 2nd collection **THIS** weekend, Sept. 10
will be for Tuition Assistance.

The 2nd collection **NEXT** weekend, Sept. 17
will be for Priests' Retirement.

Knights of Columbus Monthly Membership Meeting

Monday, September 11th- 7PM

St. Thomas More Parish Hall



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Our Lady's Guild Meeting

**Wednesday, September 13th
10:00 AM**

All are welcome to join at
St. Thomas More Parish Hall

"God wishes to establish in the world, devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If people do what I tell you, many souls will be saved and there will be peace."

For more info contact Diane 401-996-3876

Knitting Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, September 13th - 1:00 PM

St. Thomas More Parish Hall

For more information, call the parish office
at 789-7682. All are welcome!



SILENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, September 14th

St. Thomas More Church - 6:30 - 7:30 PM
with Exposition and Benediction of
the Blessed Sacrament

Happenings around the parish



SILVER ROSE

PRAYER SERVICE FOR RESPECT FOR LIFE

Join the Knights and Deacon Clossick
for this National pilgrimage stop, on
the way to Our Lady of Guadalupe

St. Thomas More Church

7PM Friday September 22nd

Reception to follow service



Mother of Life Pregnancy Center's Rose Gala - Friday, September 15th

Quidnessett Country Club in N. Kingstown.
Cocktails, appetizers, client testimonies, sit-down
dinner, paddle raise and dancing. Gather your
friends & family to fill a table of 10. Tickets \$75
or \$50 for students. Reserve seats by September 1.
Call Gail at 401-421-0821 or visit the website at

motheroflife.org/donate

You may purchase tickets by mail by sending a
check to: Mother of Life Pregnancy Center,
400 Atwells Ave, Providence, RI 02902



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To register, visit www.ribc.org/locations
or call 401-453-8383

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

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 en-
velope 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

Weekly Food Collection

Many families in our area struggle with food and welcome
your donations in the baskets located by all entrances.
Ideas include: vegetables, pasta, soup, spaghetti sauce,
whole grain cereal, and healthy snacks.

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.

Giving is easy:

To Donate online:

1. Go to: FaithDirect.net. - click box "Give Now"
2. Enter our **Church Code: RI147** - click "Give Now"
3. Enroll in Recurring eGiving or make a One-Time Gift

Your donations can be one-time, weekly or monthly and can be easily monitored by you at faithdirect.net.



The Babies Have Needs!

Please help us re-stock our shelves with the following:

- New clothes for newborn to 6 month, for boys and girls.
- Toiletries for babies: lotion, wash, diaper cream
- New or gently used clothes for boys, sizes 9M - 2T
- Diapers, sizes 5 & 6

Collaborate with parishioners, family and friends and then call Colleen at 401-421-0820 or email colleen@motheroflifecenter to arrange for our grateful reception of your contributions and our admiration for your goodness!

Thank you for your continual donations to the Center.
Your blessed generosity sustains our clients.

***With perpetual gratitude, in Christ Jesus,
The Staff of the Mother of Life Pregnancy Center***

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