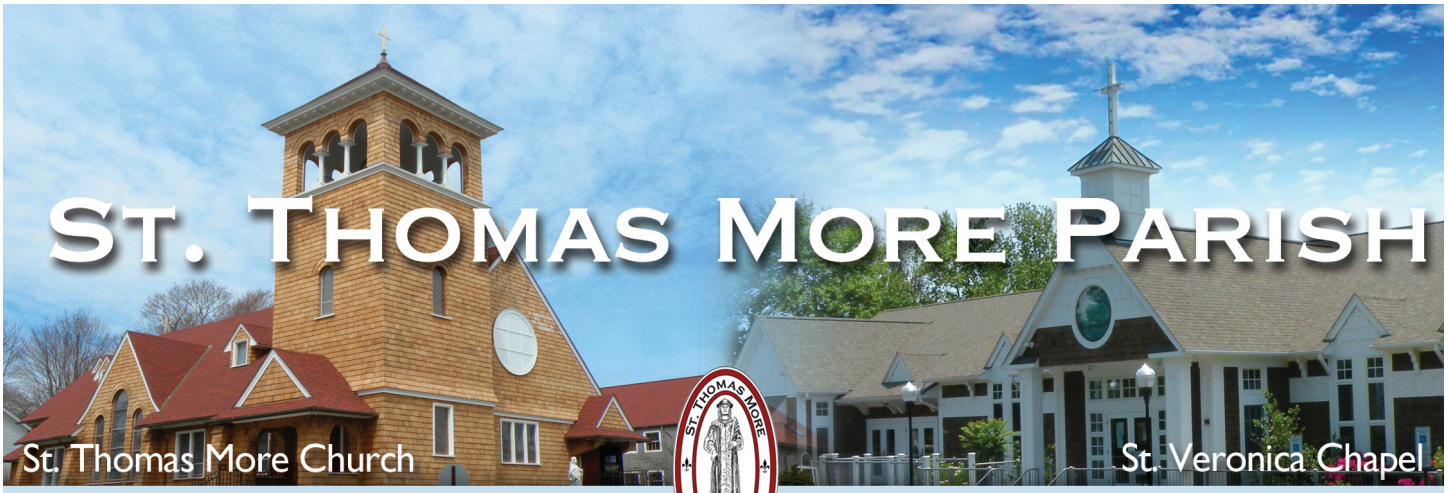

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September this and that...

A word of thanks to all who made our summer such a busy and grace filled community! Special thanks to the musicians, readers, sacristans, and amazingly committed parish staff.

Congratulations to Margherite Garrahy for having received the Lumen Gentium Pro Life award from Bishop Tobin. The Lumen Gentium awards are given to those who have lived out the life of discipleship in the present days. Marguerite has been a steady presence and force in the prolife movement. She is part of our daily Mass community and we thank her for all her witness on behalf of the unborn.

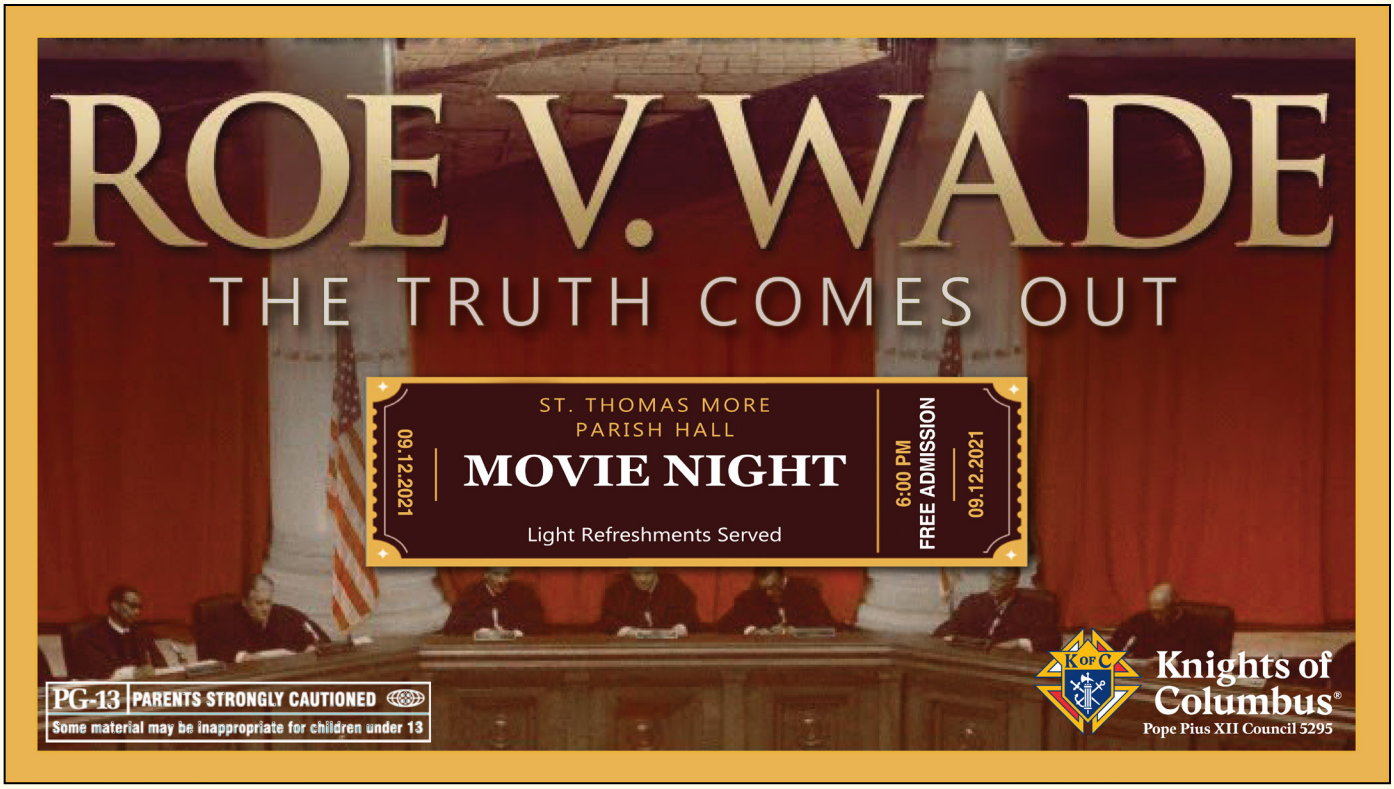
Calling all hands on deck! Oktoberfest at the Dunes Club is coming fast and we need everyone to pitch in as best you can. Options are to donate something to our auction or wine & surprise and by coming to this event that will help us to reach out to the needy next February. Check the bulletin for the many ways you can help but especially by putting a table together.

Please note that the "Last Call" Mass has completed its summer cycle and for the time being a 5 PM Mass will resume at St. Veronica Chapel on Sundays. We will be continuing our Mass head count practice and will adjust the schedule as we see fit, balancing the need for Masses and the availability of priests, which is becoming less as the years go on.

Let's pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life!

Fr. Taillon

HAPPENING SUNDAY - FREE EVENT - 6 PM - JOIN US!



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Project Rachel/Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

Post-Abortion Support

A journey to healing for anyone that has been touched by abortion

A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is…

…a supportive post-abortion weekend retreat that provides participants an opportunity to process their pain and sorrow, to form spiritual connection with their child(ren), to experience the compassion and forgiveness of Jesus and to begin a journey toward healing.

We offer retreats in English and Spanish. **Our next retreat opportunity is Friday October 29 through Sunday, October 31, 2021.**

For more information or to register to participate in one of these offerings, call Lisa Cooley at 401-278-2518. Our services are provided by a team of trained individuals, a Catholic therapist and trained clergy. *All calls are kept strictly confidential.*

MASS *intentions*

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th (Vigil)
4:00 PM – 20th Anniversary ~ David & Lynn Angell
5:00 PM – for the souls of Peter J. & Catherine M. Cunningham
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th
8:00 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Helen Mulholland
9:00 AM – for the soul of Mary Jeannotte
10:00 AM – for the soul of Stephen Lynch
11:00 AM – for the soul of Robert Barney
5:00 PM – for the souls of Maurice & Anna Szarko

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th
9 AM – Special Intention ~ for the Delaney & Kirwan Families

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th
9 AM – 25th Anniversary ~ James L. Ricci

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th
9 AM – for the soul of Claire Taillon

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th
9 AM – for the soul of Sally Ann Healy

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th
9 AM – for the souls of Marion & Brian Gillcrist

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th
9 AM – for the soul of Paul Mageau

Rest In Peace
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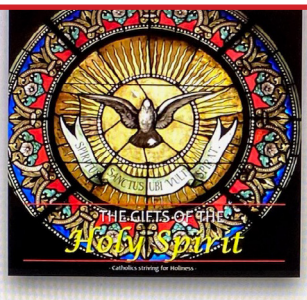
~ Second Collection September 19th ~
Next weekend there will be a second collection for Priests' Retirement.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION is NOW OPEN

Registration for the 2021-22 program for students in 1st through 10th grade is now open. Registering early is especially important to ensure your child(ren) has a spot and will also help us to better prepare for September. ***Please note: We require that you register your child(ren) each year.*** Registration forms are available on our website and in the parish office. Please complete the form and mail it in or drop it off at the office.

Join St. Thomas More Parish for a fun evening with the 2022 Mission Team!

ST. THOMAS MORE MISSION
"Oktoberfest FUN-raiser"

Friday, October 1, 2021

6:00 Cocktails
7:00 Dinner
Silent & Live Auctions
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WE ARE IN NEED OF:

- **Wine Bottles** (good quality red or white)
- **Gift Certificates**
  (no amount too small or too large!)
- **Items for gift baskets**
- **Items for our Silent Auction**
- **Empty baskets** (gently used)

Be creative, use your imagination!
Make your own baskets.
Please drop in the Parish office. Thank you!

Become a part of our mission...

Be listed in our program and on our social media platforms as we host guests at The Dunes Club on October 1st.

Thank you!

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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Corporate Sponsorships are also available. Please call the parish office - 789-7682.

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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 for your help.

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.

Relevant Radio " Morning Air" Show

Join Fr. Taillon at 550 AM every Wednesday at 8:00 AM or listen on relevantradio.com.

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.

Weekly Food Collection

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

ministry matters

Altar Servers

This ministry is to involve the youth of our parish and is open to those 4th grade and older. The purpose is to assist priests for Masses and other liturgies. Training will be provided as needed. Please note, due to COVID restrictions, only one server (or siblings from the same household) will serve at a time. For more information please the parish office at 401-789-7682.

BLOOD EMERGENCY
URGENT DONATIONS NEEDED

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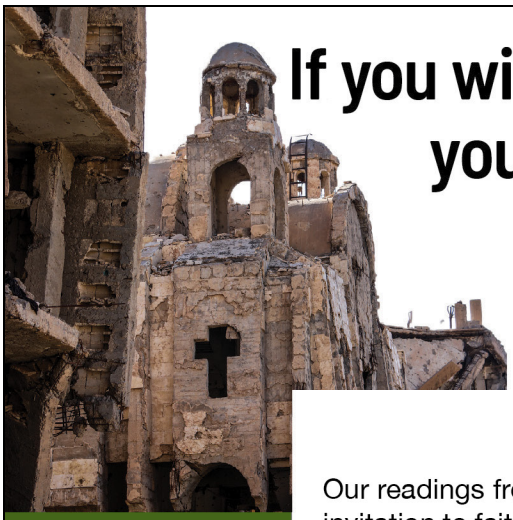

If you wish to come after me you must deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me.

Mark 8:34

SUFFERING, HOPE, AND LOVE

Our readings from Isaiah and from the Gospel of Mark confront us with the fact that the invitation to faith leads us into suffering. In Isaiah, the prophet accepts pain and shaming from others, as he trusts in God. In Mark, Jesus is blunt about this: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." When we embrace faith, we are confronted with our own fears about suffering and about losing comfort, status, and control over our lives. Life has plenty of suffering already, so why choose to add to it? Jesus points to a response: avoiding our fears and clinging to illusion and superficial comforts will not give us what we really want from life. Jesus offers a better, deeper life, a life grounded in God's love. It is lived in hope of resurrection and the final triumph of this love.

A DIFFERENT LIFE

The Gospel of Mark reaches a turning point in today's passage. About halfway through Mark, Jesus' disciples begin to understand Jesus as the Messiah (or Christ). And Jesus begins to spell out just what is expected of those who follow him. The story then shifts to learning just what being Christ, and following Christ, actually means. Jesus shatters the expectation of a political or military power defeating Israel's oppressors, and reveals a different kind of Messiah. The disciples later come to see that this different Messiah offers a different understanding of power, and of life itself.

We inhabit a world that honors power over others, through wealth or achievement or violence. Jesus invites us into a community and a way of life that honors the power of love and service to others. Lived fully, it is truly a different way of life. It is marked by great suffering and great joy, because it embraces the fundamental pattern of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

A "LARGE" FAITH

The letter of James is designed to enlarge your faith. James knew that his community faced trials that could lead them to abandon the faith, or perhaps to reduce faith to a comfortable, manageable size. In today's passage, James calls the reader to resist reducing faith to safe, intellectual assent to teachings, and instead to expand one's faith to actively engage in good works, especially in service to the poor.

To have a "large" faith is to move from apathy toward others' sufferings to empathy and to action. A large faith leads to a large heart, where we can take in the enormity of suffering in the world around us, not become overwhelmed by it, and do what we can to relieve it. With a large heart, we can even squarely face our own sufferings, accepting our own tragedies with forgiveness and hope, and walking in empathy with all who share in suffering.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 50:4c–9a
Psalm 116:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 8–9
James 2:14–18
Mark 8:27–35

Twenty-fourth
Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 12, 2021

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Narragansett Police Department

2021

Citizens Police Academy

Commences:

Wednesday September 29th, 2021

6:00- 9:00 p.m.

The Citizens Police Academy is a 9 week program that consists of classroom discussions and field demonstrations by members of the Narragansett Police Department and other law enforcement professionals. **The academy will begin on September 29th, 2021 and will conclude with a graduation ceremony on December 1st, 2021 (date subject to change)**. All classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00- 9:00 p.m. at the North Beach Clubhouse, located at 79 Boston Neck Rd, Narragansett.

Course Description: Patrol Operations, DUI and Drug Investigations, Crime Scene Investigations, Motor Vehicle Stops, Criminal Law, Use of Force, K-9 Demonstration, and a Tour of the Police Department

CPA Coordinator: Sergeant Ryan McGovern

Applications Available Online: http://www.narragansettri.gov/571/Citizens-Police-Academy

Email: rmcgovern@narragansettri.gov

Contact number: 401-789-1091 ext. 314

Or

Applications are also available at the Narragansett Police Department. Applications can be hand delivered to the Police Station, emailed, or mailed to:

40 Caswell Street, Narragansett, RI, 02882: Attention Sgt. McGovern

All applications must be received no later than September 24th, 2021.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Christ our Hope in every Season of Life in all circumstances . . .
Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat *"A journey to healing for anyone after abortion"*

When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed."

- Mark 27-28

Many women and men have walked down the same path as you and have experienced the mercy, compassion and healing power of Jesus through a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is an opportunity for any woman, man, couple, grandparent or sibling struggling with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. The weekend provides the time and space to enter the grieving process, to identify effects of the abortion, and to release deep feelings of anger, shame or guilt.

Upcoming Retreats
In English: Friday-Sunday, October 29-31
In Spanish: Friday-Sunday, October 29-31

*For more information on a retreat **or** for a confidential consultation, contact:*
English Retreat - Lisa, 401-278-2518
Spanish Retreat - Loren, 401-742-1510 or Rosa 401-688-4687
Project Rachel Help Line - 1-888-456-HOPE

Remember, Jesus is reaching out with open arms to all who are hurting from an abortion experience!

Rachel's Vineyard is a post-abortion support program of the
Diocese of Providence's Office of Life and Family
One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903
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STOP TAXPAYER ABORTION

Contact Congress!

OVERVIEW

What:

Powerful Members of Congress are trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.

How:

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years, *saving 2.4 million babies*. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that *both* Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century.

What happens without these protections?

Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

How to stop taxpayer-funded abortion:

A *massive* number of people contacting their Members of Congress

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TAKE ACTION!

Call your Members of Congress using the information provided below. Tell them to save innocent lives by protecting the Hyde Amendment.

WHAT TO SAY

- I'm a constituent of Representative / Senator _____.
- Regardless of where one stands on abortion, there's been a long-standing, bipartisan agreement that taxpayers shouldn't have to pay for it.
- I urge Representative / Senator _____ to protect the Hyde Amendment and to oppose any bill, including appropriations bills, that expand taxpayer-funding of abortion.

OUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

- **Senator** Sheldon Whitehouse
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  Capitol Office Phone: 202-224-2921
- **Senator** Jack Reed
  District Office Phone: 401-943-3100
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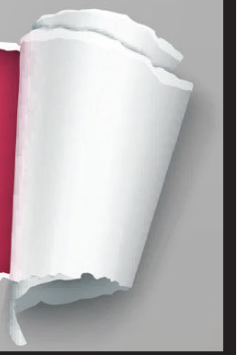

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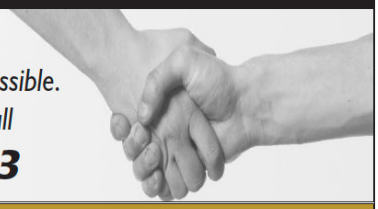

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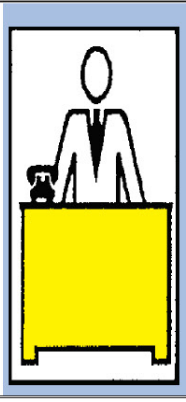

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