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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

### **ST. VERONICA CHAPEL**

1035 Boston Neck Rd.

#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

SATURDAY - 4:00 PM

SUNDAY - 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

**Fr. John E. Unsworth**

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*Part-time Associate Pastor*

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*Pastor Emeritus*

**Deacon Joseph Clossick**

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*Pastor, on temporary leave of absence*

*Interim Vocation Director, Archdiocese for the*

*Military Services, USA, Washington, DC*



SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 - TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## *A Word From Fr. Unsworth*

As you all know, back in April, when Fr. Taillon requested a leave of absence to serve the Archdiocese of the Military Ordinariate, Bishop Henning asked me to serve here as the Temporary Administrator until mid-September. I would then be replaced by another Administrator until Fr. Taillon's scheduled return in mid-December. I am still expecting to be replaced within the next 2 weeks, but the priest who will replace me has not yet been named. I can assure you of this: I know the priest who is being considered and I feel that he will be a very good "temporary Pastor" for the entire parish. We hope to be able to name the new administrator within the next few weeks.

In the meantime, I will be happy to continue with you and I will make sure that the parish is running smoothly. I feel that I have been blessed to serve you. You all have been so kind and welcoming to me, that I want to be sure that my replacement is worthy of you and this great parish. Please keep me in your prayers as I prepare to return to the State of Retirement.

Fr. Jack

### *St. Thomas More Cancer Support Group*

As many of you may know, I have worked in the Pharmaceutical Industry for over 28 years. For over 18 of those years, I worked in our company's Oncology Division selling various chemotherapies, targeted therapies and most recently immunotherapies. I have had a call during prayer for some time now to start a cancer support group here at STM.

Starting on Thursday, October 3rd at 4:00 pm in the parish hall, I will offer a Cancer Support Group for any parishioner dealing with cancer. This group will provide parishioners with a faith-based, secure, and friendly setting to discuss their individual experiences at various stages of their battle with cancer. The group is open to all types of cancer patients, including pre-treatment, in-treatment, and post treatment survivors.

It can be difficult not to feel alone and isolated when undergoing cancer treatment, as your priorities and schedules can drastically change after a cancer diagnosis. A person may feel that they have entered an alternative universe, having to learn a new language of terms, customs, and routines. A major theme of the Cancer Support Group will be "*You Are Not Alone.*"

The group meetings will provide attendees with the opportunity to meet informally and gain strength and encouragement from mutually supportive conversation. I hope to bring in various guests to speak on relevant and up to date issues that are important to cancer patients.

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.

The Cancer Support Group will meet in the Parish Hall on the first Thursday of every month beginning October 3rd, 4:00-5:30 pm. The meetings will always be announced in the previous weekly bulletin.

For more information or any questions, please feel free to contact me at [joseph.clossick@bms.com](mailto:joseph.clossick@bms.com). In the meantime, let us pray for all those people in our parish who have cancer and for their care givers.

May God Bless You,

*Deacon Clossick*





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*(Fr. Shemek, August 31st)*



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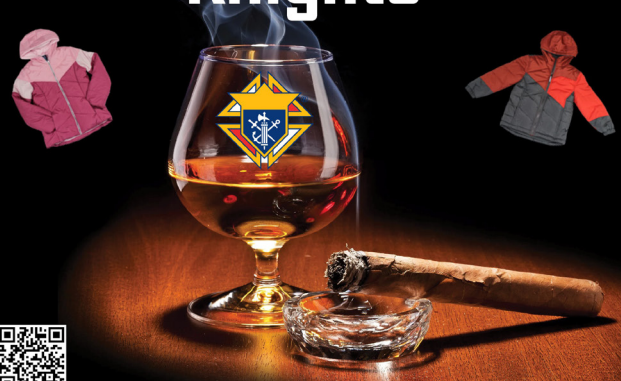
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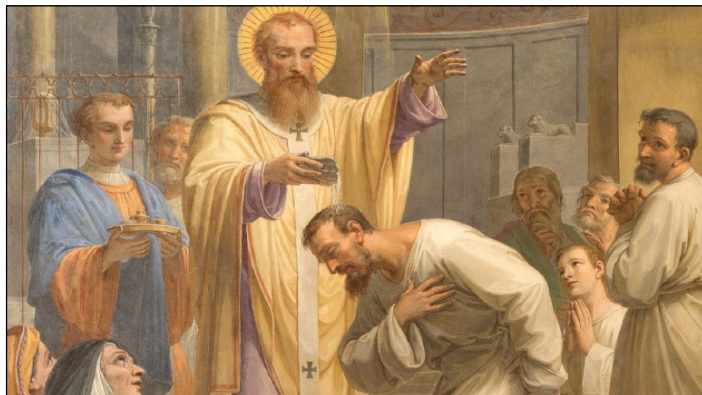
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 Questions? Call Joe V. 401-265-6918

# RCIA

*a journey of faith*



At the Easter Vigil each year, our parish has been blessed to welcome several adults into the Catholic Church. This happens in parishes worldwide, and in the United States alone, thousands come 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 have been baptized, either as Catholics or in another Christian faith, and need the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.
- ☐ It’s for those baptized and who received Holy Communion but have yet to receive 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 you 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 on **Tuesday, October 1st at 6:30 PM in the parish hall at St. Thomas More**. It is an honor for our parish RCIA team to accompany those on their faith journey!

God bless,  
*MaryTheresa Conca*  
Director of Faith Formation





Frassati Young Adult Group BBQ on September 7th.



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# MASS *intentions*

## THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th

4 PM – for the souls of the deceased members of the  
Synwoldt extended Family

5 PM – for the souls of Mr. & Mrs. John D. McNeill

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th

8:30 AM – for the soul of Richard Browne

10 AM – for the soul of Julie Varca

11 AM – 54th Wedding Anniversary ~ John & Patrica Winters

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th

9 AM – for the soul of Evert Federici

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Donald Pepin

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th

9 AM – for the soul of Keith Erikson

THURSDAY, SEPTMEBER 19th

9 AM – for the soul of Robert Flynn

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th

9 AM – for the soul of James Scazzaro

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st

9 AM – for soul of Al Ledger

## THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st

4 PM – for the souls of the deceased members of the  
Cunningham Families

5 PM – for the souls of Carl Mueller & Margery Mueller

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd

8:30 AM – for the soul of Geraldine Egan

10 AM – Special Intentions ~

Delaney & Kirwan Families (Living)

11 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Robert Riccio

### Second Collection

The second collection this weekend will be  
for Priests' Retirement.

## SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Dear St. Thomas More Summer Bible Friends,

I want to thank you for your kind and thoughtful  
gift and cards. Paul and I will use them when we  
visit Iceland in October.

I am grateful to God for each and every one of you.  
You are all His friends that He lovingly shares with  
me. Reading the Apostolic Fathers, the Didache,  
the Epistle of Hermas and lastly the First Apology  
of St. Justin Martyr was so uplifting for me.  
Without all of you and your continued interest,  
I would not have ventured down this wonderful  
path. So, thank you too for that!

I pray for your intentions and that you have a  
healthy fall, water and spring and that I will see you  
all again in summer 2025 for Acts of the Apostles.

Love in Christ,  
Maryann



A heartfelt thank you, St. Thomas More Parish,  
for your generous support of our community  
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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 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

Class registration is now open!

### Important Dates for Religious Education

#### Sunday, September 22

First Holy Communion meeting for parents & students after the 10 AM Mass at St. Thomas More in the parish hall.

#### Sunday, September 29

Classes begin for grades 1-4 at St. Veronica Chapel

Confirmation meeting for parents & students at 6 PM at St. Thomas More in the parish hall.

#### Monday, September 30

Classes begin for grades 1-4 at St. Thomas More

#### Wednesday, October 2

Classes begin for grades 5-8 at St. Veronica Chapel

### PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. JOSE to SOUTH AMERICA October 16 - 31, 2024

Please join Fr. Jose Parathanal on a pilgrimage to Brazil, Argentina, Peru-Machu Pichu on October 16-31, 2025, visiting the Basilica and Maximus Convent of Nuestra Senora del Rosario - the final resting place for three important Peruvian saints: San Juan Macías, Santa Rosa de Lima and San Martín de Porres (the continent's first black saint). For more details, contact Bernadette Corpuz at 323-547-6618 or email at [bcorp1114@gmail.com](mailto:bcorp1114@gmail.com).

### CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: Name the prayer typically recited as the final prayer of the rosary.

Answer: Hail Holy Queen.



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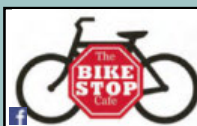
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