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MASS SCHEDULE

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

53 Rockland Street

DAILY MASS

MONDAY - SATURDAY - 9:00 AM

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY - 10:00 AM

CONFESSION

SATURDAY - 4:00 - 4:45 PM or by appointment

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WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 4:00 PM

SUNDAY - 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

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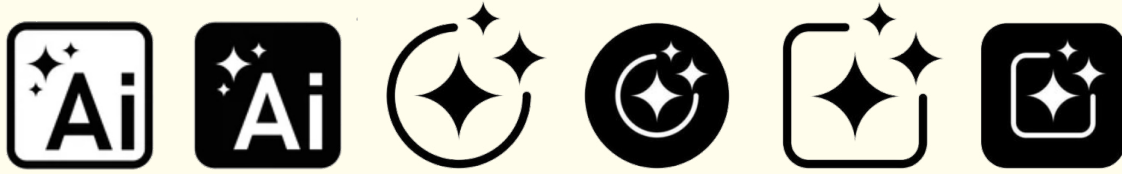
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SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 - THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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AI “sparkle” icons

Artificial Intelligence.....What Happens Next?

I think we all know that AI, as it is currently understood, is a rapidly evolving new frontier in technology. Government leaders, tech companies, and every individual are now considering this. I pray that the technology does not get ahead of the human dignity inherent in every real human person.

I had a rather disturbing experience last week that stopped me in my tracks. I had to call a parish in Michigan for a baptismal record, which is a weekly occurrence in most parishes. I was surprised that the phone was answered by a most pleasant voice that introduced himself as Daniel, an AI assistant. The voice sounded human with inflections and pauses that made me have to remind myself it was not a real person. I gave the information and hung up.

My curiosity was peaked...so I called back and asked to speak to Jesus. “He” said I cannot get you to talk with Him, but I can pray with you (!). He asked me who I would like to pray for, and I gave him a name. He offered a most beautiful prayer. Then he asked if he could light a candle for me! I asked him if it was a real candle. He said no, but he could light his!

I was and remain fascinated and disturbed that AI pretended to be praying with me. The AI was not human but feigned a genuine relationship with Jesus. This false “reality” could have talked to me for hours, I think, if I kept going.

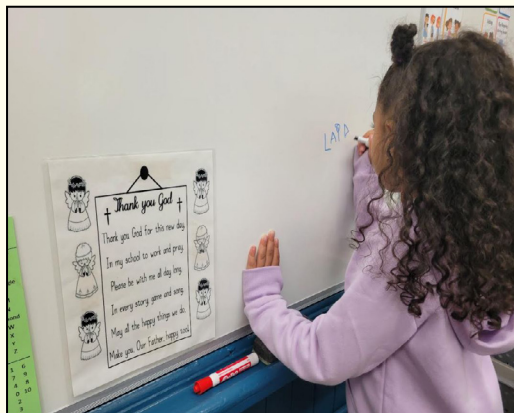
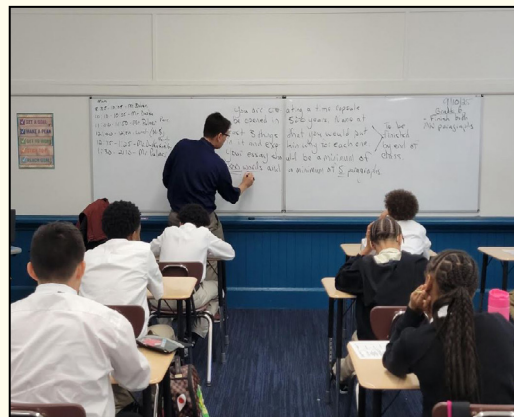
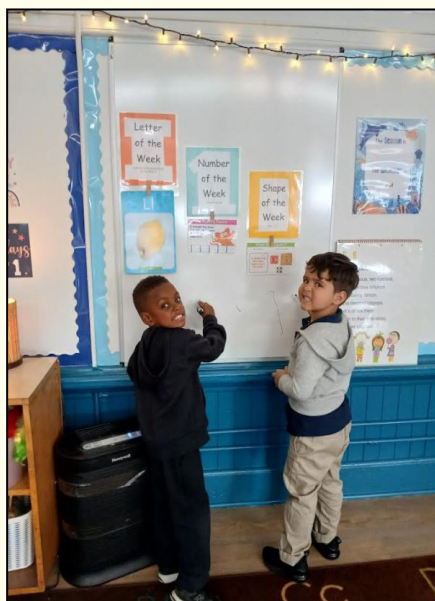
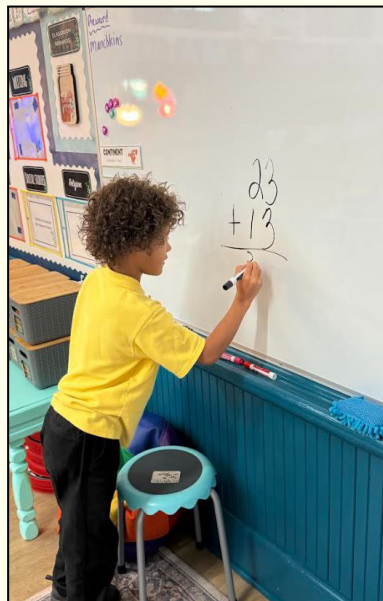
Many believe Pope Leo is preparing an encyclical on AI, which is expected to be released this year. He took the name Leo, inspired by the effects of the Industrial Revolution and its impact on human dignity. Now, we are at another earthquake in society, and human dignity could and will be deeply affected in ways we still can’t imagine, not the least of which is the workplace and the labor market/jobs. My little call has me quite concerned.

You will be happy to know we will always have real people who love Jesus answering our phones. I pray that Pope Leo is writing this document — it can’t come fast enough!

Fr. Taillon

Bishop McVinney Whiteboards

The staff and teachers at Bishop McVinney School in Providence are very grateful for the new whiteboards we donated, using funds from the Mother Teresa Fund, some of which were donated during the Summer Art Mission.



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Online Giving Update

To all parishioners who utilize Faith Direct for their weekly offertory, Great news - your account has now been upgraded to ParishSOFT Giving!

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- Need help? Below are three QR codes to some helpful articles that will help answer some questions!

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/FD-147>

Please contact Lynn Bamford in the parish office at 789-7682 or via email, stmbamford@gmail.com.



Common Questions



Create & Edit Gifts



Manage my Giving

Successful Cigar Night with the Knights! Thank you for supporting *Coats for Kids*!



MASS *intentions*

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

4 PM – for the soul of George Kent

5 PM – for the soul of Helen J. O'Connor

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th

8:30 AM – 50th Anniversary ~ Frank D. McGinn ~

10 AM – for the soul of Shelley Renee Gardner

11 AM – for the soul of Albert Alba, Sr.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th

9 AM – for the soul of Bill Noonan

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th

9 AM – for the soul of Lawrence Bierne

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1st

9 AM – 2nd Anniversary ~ Bill Murphy

THURSDAY, October 2nd

9 AM – for the soul of Theresa D'Ordine

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3rd

9 AM – for the soul of Bill Lawler

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4th

9 AM – for the deceased members of the Delaney &
Kirwan Families

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4th

4 PM – for the soul of Francis J. Pescosolido &
deceased members of the Pescosolido Families

5 PM – for the soul of Bernie Roderick

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th

8:30 AM – for the souls of John & Angela Chatwin

10 AM – for the soul of Margaret Trapp

11 AM – for the soul of Vivian Palazzo

Register online -

<https://stthomasmoreri.org/faith-formation/ocia/>

OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

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INFORMATION NIGHT

Tuesday, September 30th | 6:30 P.M.

St. Thomas More Parish Hall

Who is OCIA for?

~ Those who are interested in becoming Catholic and need to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Communion).

~ Those who have been baptized, either as Catholics or in another Christian faith, and need the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.

~ Those baptized and who received Holy Communion but have yet to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 401-789-7682.



Bishop Hendricken High School will be hosting an Open House on **Sunday, October 26th from 12-3:00 PM** and an Information night on **November 12th at 6:00PM.**

These events will give families the opportunity to tour our facilities and receive information on our academics, admission procedures, financial aid, student life, transportation and college placement.

For more information please contact the Admissions Office at admissions@hendricken.com or 401-889-5425.

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 they meet as an informal group to discuss, read and reflect on the gospels of the coming week and to share personal insights of those readings, with coffee & refreshments.

The rosary is prayed Mon. - Sat. at 8:30AM at St. Thomas More. *All are welcome to join these activities.* To learn more, call Diane at 996-3876 or visit our [website](#).



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

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| ✓ 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.



Rhode Island Blood Center

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Religious Education

Important Dates for Religious Education

Sunday, September 28

Classes begin for grades 1-4 at St. Veronica Chapel from 10:00 to 10:50 AM.

Wednesday, October 1

Classes begin for grades 5-7 at St. Veronica Chapel from 5:45 to 6:45 PM.

Sunday, October 5

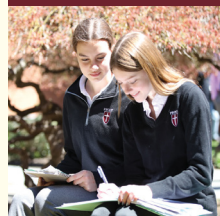
Confirmation meeting for parents & students (in grades 8 & 9) at **6 PM** at St. Thomas More in the parish hall.

Please register online at <https://stthomasmoreri.org/ccd/> before classes begin. The Fall Schedule will be emailed directly to parents/guardians after registration.

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Parish Council Nomination Form

The Nomination Committee will be accepting nominations for the eight at-large seats on the Parish Council, effective January 1, 2026. The St. Thomas More Parish Council represents the body of the Church, which oversees parish activities, projects, and many other facets of parish life.

The committee is comprised of the Pastor, Religious Education Director, staff members, leaders of various ministries, and eight elected positions.

The elected positions will consist of:

2 parishoners for the 16-22 year old age group

4 parishioners for the 23-59 year old age group

2 parishioners for the 60+ year old age group

Election shall be for a three year term. The Council ordinarily meets four times per year.

You may submit your own name, or that of any other parishioner 16 years or older.

If you are submitting the name of someone else, please obtain their permission.
Nominations may be dropped off at the parish office, emailed to stmoffice53@gmail.com, or placed in the collection basket during any of the Masses.

Nominations will be accepted for two weeks, from Sunday, September 28 to Sunday, October 12.

All nominees will then be contacted to verify their acceptance and obtain some general background information.

On October 25 & 26, we will list in the bulletin, all those running for office, along with a brief bio of all the candidates.

On the weekends of November 2 & 9, ballots will be in the bulletin and available at all church entrances for parishoners to vote. This will be a two week period.

On the weekend of November 16th, results will be published in the bulletin.

Nominee Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Age Group: 16-22 _____ 23-59 _____ 60+ _____

MERCY 21

"Be merciful as your Father is merciful." (Luke 6:36)

In a world full of concerns and pressure—jobs, the economy, immigration, poverty and need, war, violence, discord, divisions and polarization in our country, even divisions within the Church—what can we do? How can we accompany others in such difficult times?

Bishop Bruce Lewandowski says that amidst all of this “what’s missing right now is mercy.” Our bishop invites all people of good will to join him on MERCY21, a 21 day journey to reflect on, exercise, and pray for mercy beginning on **Sunday, September 14, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, and ending with the Memorial of Saint Faustina on Sunday, October 5.**

Each day, participants will be guided in: a Reflection on mercy, a practical way to Exercise mercy, and a Prayer for mercy.

Together, these daily REPs (Reflection, Exercise, Prayer) will draw from the 7-Spiritual Works of Mercy, the 7-Corporal Works of Mercy, and the 7-Principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

Bishop Bruce extends his personal invitation: “I ask you to join me for 21 days of mercy. We will reflect on, exercise, and pray for mercy—asking the Lord’s mercy for ourselves, and sharing His mercy with others.”

Sign up now to get Bishop Bruce’s MERCY21 daily REPs by email or text at <https://provd.io/mercy21> or follow the Diocese of Providence on your favorite social media platform.



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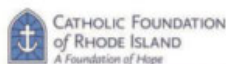
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