

#### **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

#### ST. VERONICA CHAPEL

1035 Boston Neck Rd.

#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

SATURDAY - 4:00 PM

SUNDAY - 8:30 AM & I I:00 AM

Please note: Updated Mass Schedule!

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

Pastor

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Pastor Emeritus

#### Deacon Joseph Clossick

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SEPTEMBER 7, 2025 - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



#### Living a Baptismal Life

Anyone who is baptized has "died "in Christ and now lives in Him. Most of us were baptized as infants and have come to grow and understand our baptismal life. In baptism, each person receives the commission to be a doer of the word and to use God's gifts of time, talent, and treasure in building His kingdom. We are called to know Jesus and to make Him known, after our encounters with Him.

This weekend, we are hosting our Ministry Fair after all Masses at both churches. The ministry fair is an excellent opportunity to be a steward of your faith ...gratefully and responsibly using God's gifts of time, talent, and treasure. By utilizing these gifts through participation in various ministries, we help build up the Church and bring God's love to others. I invite everyone to visit the fair, meet and greet fellow parishioners, and most importantly, learn about all the ministries.

Many come faithfully to Mass but have never volunteered for any ministry. Many others have faithfully ministered by serving at the Eucharist, singing in the choir, lecturing, ushering, and so on. There are many hidden ministries, such as visiting the homebound, knitting, and the Knights of Columbus, which labor in numerous ways, as well as funeral and social hospitality helpers, and the list goes on.

I think that at times, we all need to make a greater effort to invite others to join a ministry and to thank those who do. I have seen funeral altar servers and wedding coordinators start hesitant, but then soon after, feel and experience Jesus and the Church at work in loving ways, outside of Sunday Masses.

I ask that you pray to live out your baptismal life more fully by volunteering for a Ministry. Mother Teresa said, "We need to do small things with great love." Won't you take the first step? Jesus, thank you for the gift of baptism.

Fr. Taillon



### Please join us for a

# meet & greet & minis try fair



After all masses on

# September 6 & 7

#### Want to get involved?

This is a great opportunity to learn more about the many ministries available for you to join at our Parish, while mingling and enjoying some refreshments.

~ Consider joining one of these fulfilling ministries:

Adult Funeral Altar Servers ~ Altar Linens ~ Altar Servers ~ Bible Study ~ Choir & Musicians

Decorating ~ Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist for the Homebound ~ Finance Council

Frassati Young Adult Group ~ Gardening (outside decorating)

Hospitality (funeral collations & social events) ~ Knights of Columbus ~ Knitting

Lectors ~ Liturgy Committee ~ Men's Bible Study ~ Money Counters ~ OCIA

Our Lady's Guild ~ Parish Council ~ Prayer Chain ~ Pro-Life ~ Religious Education

Sacristans ~ Support Groups (Cancer & Bereavement) ~ Ushers/Greeters

Volunteers (i.e. big events, parish mailings, etc.) ~ Wedding Coordinators ~ Youth Ministry

 $\sim$  New Ministry ideas are welcome!  $\sim$ 

connect. grow. serve.



A Journey of Faith
INFORMATION NIGHT

Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> | 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).
- $\sim$  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.



### September 8, 2025

6рм at St. Thomas More Church

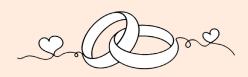
Join Deacon Clossick as we celebrate Our Blessed Mother's birthday.

Exposition of the Eucharist with benediction Litanies and Holy Rosary.

Cake in the parish hall immediately following.







Annual

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

to honor couples of the Diocese of Providence who will be observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and OVER 50 years wedding anniversaries in 2025

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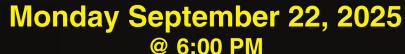
The celebration includes: Mass, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a reception for couples and their families.

#### Reservations must be made by September 14th,

using a <u>registration form</u>, available here or in the parish office, which must be signed by the pastor & submitted by the parish.







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Questions? Call Joe V. 401-265-6918

# 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!

# Open to Women of Every Age Come & See What Endow Is All About

on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> | 7:00 – 7:30 PM

at St. Thomas More in the Parish Hall



This is an information session to introduce a study on **St. Teresa of Avila**, led by MaryTheresa Conca, Director of Faith Formation. This study will meet twice a month (September through May) on Tuesdays with flexible sessions available in the morning and evening.

# MASS intentions

#### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th

4 PM – 4th Anniversary ~ Doris Holmberg

5 PM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Anthony Velone

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

8:30 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Bernie Casey Sr. & Doris Casey

10 AM – for the soul of Angela Aloi

11 AM – 3rd Anniversary ~ Timothy Carr Magill

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th

9 AM – for the soul of Prudence Laffan

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th

9 AM – Special Intentions ~ Edmond Lin (Living)

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th

9 AM – for the soul of Michael Nealon

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th

9 AM – for the soul of Saundra Rollo

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th

9 AM – for the soul of Bill Jollie

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th

9 AM – for the soul of Lidia Araujo

#### FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY **CROSS**

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th

4 PM – for the soul of David Mulanaphy

5 PM – for the soul of Rita Notarantonio

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th

8:30 AM – for the deceased members of the

Cunningham - Repoza families

10 AM – for the deceased members of the

Delaney & Kirwan families

11 AM – 2nd Anniversary ~ Vincent L. Greene, III

#### ~ This week begins a new mass schedule ~

NO 7:30 am Mass at STM NO Last Call Mass at STV

#### **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

This weekend there will be a special Diocesan collection to assist our brothers and sisters in Gaza and the surrounding areas.

Donations can be made via check, Faith Direct, or Venmo. Please note "Gaza Collection" on all donations. Thank you for your generosity.

Next Weekend 13 & 14 - Tuition Assistance



For more info contact Diane at 401-996-3876 https://stm-ourladysguild.weebly.com/

Knitting Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, September 10th - 1:00 PM

St. Thomas More Parish Hall

All are welcome!

For more info, call the parish office at 789-7682

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#### **Knights of Columbus**

Wednesday, September 10th

7 PM - Monthly Council Meeting

St. Thomas More Parish Hall

New candidates, please contact Bernie Casey at berniecaseyjr@gmail.com.



#### SILENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Thursday, September 11th

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

# Happenings around the parish





Fr. Taillon's Summer Mission, "Visio Divina" was well attended and well recieved. The two-night summer mission explored St. Peter's relationship with Jesus, using artwork from two famous artists; Rembrandt and Caravaggio. If you would like to watch, visit our website to the archived videos from St. Veronica Chapel Special Events.







#### 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### **Religious Education**

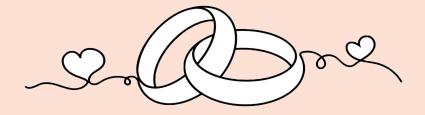
Registration is now open for classes. Forms are availble online at www.stthomasmoreri.org.

#### Now you can use Venmo for any donation.



#### @StThomas-More-Parish

Be sure to look for the steeple logo. Use this QR code to access. Last 4 digits (if needed) - 5099



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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.

<u>Giving is easy:</u>

#### To Donate online:

- 1. Go to: FaithDirect.net. click box "Give Now"
- 2. Enter our **Church Code: RI147** click "Give Now"
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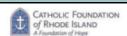
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