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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

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Jesus treasured children and childhood, saying in Matthew's Gospel that we must all become like children to enter the Kingdom of God (Mt 18:10-14). To follow His invitation to become like a child, we must understand children and childhood. When we welcome children, we welcome Jesus in our midst.

Educator, Neil Postman wrote way back in 1985 that the stage of life we know as "childhood" in North America probably will not survive much longer. His forecast was based on a number of factors, but television, video games and social media were at the center. That medium, he believes, rapidly brings children into a world of experiences, visual images, language and attitudes reserved a generation or two ago for adults. Postman states that, childhood as a time of life is only a few centuries old. Prior to that time children were regarded as miniature adults and were often given adult responsibilities. In biblical times, children had no rights at all. They were seen but never heard. We all remember the plight of children like Oliver Twist and Tiny Tim in the stories of Charles Dickens. But even in our own country, children like my own grandmother, in the early 20th century were often forced to leave school and work in local textile mills until child labor laws prohibited it.

Today, childhood is threatened, not by the exploitation of child labor, but by the exploitation of their "innocence". Children are constantly bombarded by adult images of sex and violence on television and in the movies. Their entertainment is more adult than childlike, and we have little control because their access to this material is so easy, and our culture is so saturated with it. Children are exposed to problems and issues that children in the past never had to deal with. They are exposed to serious sin and vice, but they are rarely given the means to evaluate it. Most children, for example, are far too young to really understand the immoral and negative implications of the sexual exploits and relationships on their favorite TV sitcom. They do not know how to deal emotionally with all the violence in most action movies. Their video games are so realistic that nothing left to their imaginations and "creative" play is almost completely gone.

Jesus tells us that children are smiled upon by angels and that we should all cultivate the child-like qualities which make us more innocent, trusting, loving, teachable and dependent on another's love. If we want to help preserve these qualities in our children, there is much we can do to help. One of the most visible ways is to lend our hands to children and teach them. Our Religious Education Program offers opportunities for many volunteer teachers to make a real difference in helping the children of our parish live with Christian values which will last their whole lives.

Our Parish Religious Education Program is about to begin. For information, please call the office at 789-7682 and speak to our great Program Director of Faith Formation, MaryTheresa Conca.

Fr. Jack

rom the Pastor's Desk

A NOTE FROM FR. JACK

Although we announced last week that I was going to be replaced by another priest on the weekend of September 15th, and because this bulletin had to be prepared one week in advance, we have at this time not been able to find a priest who could take over as Administrator. We are still hoping to have good news about it soon. However, I ask that you continue to pray for me, and I thank you for the many ways you have made my stay here at St. Thomas More a very pleasant one. It may be that I will have to stay a few more weeks beyond the 15th, but that is no problem for me. I am happy to be with you a while longer.

Fr. Jack Unsworth



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September 21st & 22th

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*Feast of the
Nativity of the
Blessed
Virgin Mary*

This Sunday

September 8, 2024

6PM 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.



Our Lady's Guild
St. Thomas More Parish

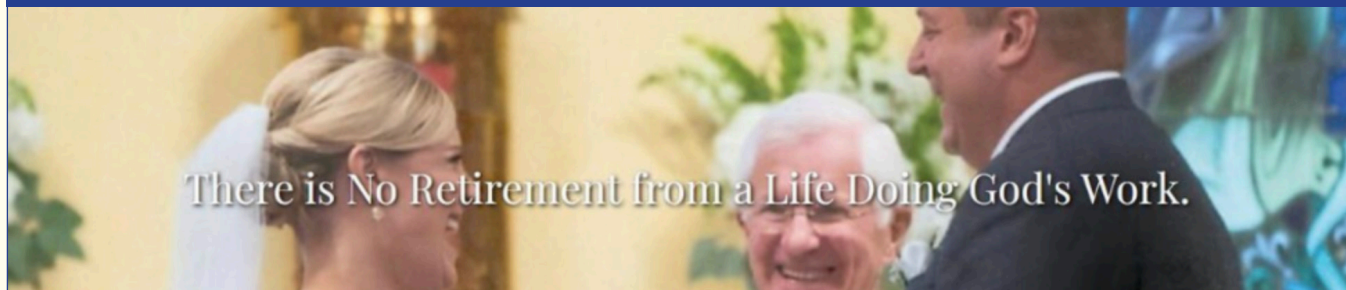


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DIOCESE of PROVIDENCE

Senior Priest Retirement Fund - September 14-15



“ The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus Christ.” - St. John Marie Vianney



Next Weekend
September 14 & 15

What is a priest?

“ Each morning we priests hold in our hands the Christ Who shed Blood from His veins, tears from His Eyes and sweat from His Body to sanctify us. How we should be on fire with that love, that we may enkindle it in others!” - Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen

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 14-15**, 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.



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!

Women,
Come & See What Endow Is All About
 on Tuesday, September 10th | 7:00 – 8:00 PM
 at St. Thomas More in the Parish Hall.

This is an introduction session.



St. Edith Stein

Seeker of Truth

This year's study introduces Edith Stein, one of the twentieth-century saints canonized by Pope St. John Paul II. Edith was raised in a Jewish family, became an atheist, and eventually converted to Catholicism. As a young German philosopher, Edith became one of the primary influencers of John Paul II's ideas about the feminine genius. Her life was a journey of continuous discovery, which eventually led to her martyrdom at Auschwitz. Studying the life of Edith Stein helps women to see how God leads them every step of the way. Her faithful witness will challenge them to push past their comfort zones as they seek the truth.

MASS *intentions*

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

- 4 PM – 4th Anniversary ~ Carol O'Neil
- 5 PM – Remembrance ~ Thomas & Joan King

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th

- 8:30 AM – for the soul of Steve Wrobel
- 10 AM – for the soul of Patricia O'Hara
- 11 AM – 2nd Anniversary ~ Timothy Carr Magill

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th

- 9 AM – for the souls of the living & deceased
members of the La Salle Academy Class of '63

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th

- 9 AM – for the souls of the deceased members of the
McGovern & Heran Families

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th

- 9 AM – for the soul of John McGovern

THURSDAY, SEPTMEBER 12th

- 9 AM – for the soul of Rosa Gloria Lema

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th

- 9 AM – for the souls of Teresa & Frank Heran

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th

- 9 AM – Special Intention ~ Community of Jesus
Crucified

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 & Patricia Winters

Second Collections

The second collection this weekend, Sept. 8th
is for Tuition Assistance
and next weekend,
Sept 15 & 16
will be for Priests' Retirement

Knights of Columbus Monthly Membership Meeting

Monday, September 9th - 7PM
St. Thomas More Parish Hall



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Our Lady's Guild Meeting

Wednesday, September 11th
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 at 401-996-3876
<https://stm-ourladysguild.weebly.com/>

Knitting Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, September 11th - 1:00 PM

St. Thomas More Parish Hall

All are welcome!

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



SILENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, September 12th

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

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 10AM 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

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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.

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

There is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to your grandchildren.

— POPE FRANCIS —



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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