

MASS SCHEDULE

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

53 Rockland Street

DAILY MASS

9:00 AM - MON.- SAT.

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 5:00 PM SUNDAY - 8:00 AM & 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 - 9:00 AM & I I:00 AM

All masses available on Livestream

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APRIL 23, 2023 - THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER







Bishop Henning comes to Easter Vigil!

On Holy Saturday, Bishop Henning called and offered to attend our Easter Vigil. He was gracious, asking only that he attend, and not preside. He explained that he recently visited the URI Catholic Center where he had met Nick Iden (who was to be baptized) and Mackenzie Montoya (who was to be confirmed). Bishop Henning was deeply impressed by their faith journey, and it inspired him to join our Easter Vigil celebration. Since it is proper when a bishop is present that he administer the sacraments, Bishop Henning presided, baptized, and confirmed our candidates. He gave a lovely homily that you can still watch on our archived videos. Our seven RCIA candidates were so blessed as was our parish family.

The Vigil begins with the blessing of the Easter fire in complete darkness. The Pascal candle that is Christ's light is lit, and passed along to all others present, and then the Easter Exultet is sung by candlelight (also known as the Easter Proclamation). It is a special liturgy which I hope every Catholic will attend at least once in their lifetime.







Fr. Fisette, Chaplain/Director of the Catholic Center at URI (center with the Bishop), with students and FOCUS Missionaries.

We were also blessed to have five seminarians from Bismarck, North Dakota serve for Holy Week from St. John Paul II Seminary in Washington DC. This was the last year for Isaiah Jilik who is assigned to St. Louis, MI, and Joseph Richter who is assigned to Rome for their graduate seminary studies. We wish them all of God's blessings!

Pictured from left to right: Isaiah Jilik, Benjamin Weigum, Joe Schon, Dominic Schaefbauer and Joseph Richter.



2023 Catholic Charity Appeal

In-Pew solicitation April 22nd & 23rd



Parish Goal: \$130,000

Appeal Co-Chairs: Kathy Leonard & Lynn Notarantonio

The services provided by the ministries supported by the Catholic Charity Appeal range from...

- social service ministries providing direct support to the poor, the hungry and homeless
- immigration and refugee services
- emergency rent and medical aid
- prison ministry
- justice & peace education, to end inner city violence
- social service to State Department of Elderly Affairs
- child care voucher program for low income families
- a youth camp & two youth centers
- grants for other ministries like: RI Food Bank and RI Poverty Institute
- grants to "Keep The Heat On," for low income emergency heating assistance

WEEKEND

Celtic Folk Concert In Support of Veterans and Gold Star Families The Casino Theatre, Newport Friday, April 28, 2023 (7pm)



Join us for a special evening of Celtic folk music in support of The Unquiet Professional and Gold Star Sailing (non-profit Veteran Organizations).

Krista Simpson-Anderson, Founder of The Unquiet Professional and St Thomas More parishioner, shares, "There is nothing more beautiful than a community coming together. We are so fortunate to have people like Mary supporting us and bringing joy through her music."







Mary Pierce (Hurwitz), singer/songwriter of the band *Women Folk*, and parishioner of St. Thomas More/St. Veronica, will share her original Folk music and traditional Irish tunes along with Patrick Mangan, a 2-time All-Ireland Fiddle Champion, Riverdance and Broadway (Come from Away), Elias Cardoso (guitar), Lindsay Cohn (bodhran, Irish whistle, harmony) and her sister, Margi Gianquinto (piano, harmony). The show will also feature traditional Irish dancers from the Clann Lir Academy of Irish Dance.

Mary was recently presented with one of the top songwriting awards for one of her original songs by The Portsmouth Maritime Folk Festival and WICN Folk Revival Radio. She is finalizing her 4th album and her soothing, clear voice with Celtic-type qualities has been compared to Sarah McLachlan, Natalie Merchant, and Joni Mitchell.

Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased in advance at www.eventbrite.com (search Term- Honoring Our Veterans), by emailing info@musicofmarypierce.com, or by scanning the QR code. (General Admission- Doors Open at 6:15 pm)

MASS intentions

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 22nd (Vigil)

4 PM – 8th Anniversary ~ Marie Blanche Holmberg

5 PM – 1st Anniversary ~ Catherine Ranaldi

SUNDAY, APRIL 23rd

8 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Sr. Augustine Mageau, CP

9 AM – 14th Anniversary ~ Justin Monaghan

10 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Agnes Bisset

11 AM – for the souls of Charles & Helen Napolitano

MONDAY, APRIL 24th

9 AM – 3rd Anniversary ~ Dorothy Palombo

TUESDAY, APRIL 25th

9 AM – Special Intention ~ for Niko & Grace (Living)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26th

9 AM – for the soul of Inez Cote

THURSDAY, APRIL 27th

9 AM – for the souls of Donald & Geraldine Schenck

FRIDAY, APRIL 28th

9 AM – for the soul of Helen Leger

SATURDAY, APRIL 29th

9 AM – for the soul of Alison Fracassa

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 29th (Vigil)

4 PM – 10th Anniversary ~ Thomas F. Murphy

5 PM – 20th Anniversary ~ Robert T. Connaughton

SUNDAY, APRIL 30th

8 AM – for the soul of Stasia Guzik

9 AM – 2nd Anniversary ~ Meghan Kiernan

10 AM – for the soul of Inez Cote

11 AM – 21st Anniversary ~ Clement Palazzo, Jr.



Congratulations, baptized in Christ!

Deacon Clossick and Fr. Taillon with newly baptized Sofia Min-Soo Christina, daughter of Mollie Burke and Mark Christina, and with her Godparents.

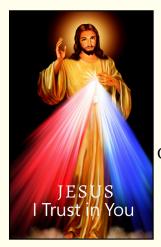


10 Day Pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain & Lourdes

October 15 - 24, 2023

with Spiritual Director Fr. Joseph Mappilamattel

For more information, please visit the website http://www.pilgrimages.com/frjoseph



Divine Mercy Sunday

Praying the Joyful, Sorrowful & Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary at the entrance of Narragansett Town Beach last Sunday.





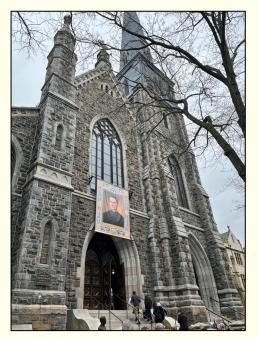








Praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy inside at St. Thomas More followed by Silent Eucharistic Adoration & Confession. Thank you to Fr. Joe for helping to make this day so special.

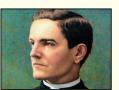


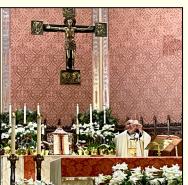


Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center, founder of the Knights of Columbus

Fr. Taillon led a Knights of Columbus sponsored pilgrimage to the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center in New Haven, CT, with Mass and veneration at St. Mary's Church where Fr. McGivney is entombed. Shown at the bottom are items viewed in the museum.











Original cross from St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.







Happenings around the parish



Religious Education

Grades 1-4 Sunday

9:05-9:55 AM St. Thomas More The last class is on Sunday, April 23rd

1st & 2nd-year Confirmation students

6:00-7:15 PM St. Thomas More Last Class on Sunday, April 23rd

First Holy Communion

Saturday, May 13, 2023 11:00 AM St. Thomas More

Confirmation

Sunday, May 21, 2023 12:00 PM St. Thomas More

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.

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.

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, inside the white fence.

Relevant Radio "Morning Air" Show

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

Weekly Food Collection

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



- Group Voice -Broadway Singing

AGES 8-10

6 Week Class: 5/8 to 6/19 (no lesson 5/29)

Time: Mondays, 5:00pm, 50 min

Cost: \$135.00

Students will learn vocal technique and improve their acting skills with fun and exciting musical theatre songs. Whether you want to get cast in your school's musical or improve your singing voice, this class will leave you feeling more confident in your performing than ever before.

TO ENROLL: visit maronimusic.com/contact or call or text 401–309–9197. Secure your spot with \$50 deposit by check or Venmo (@MaroniSings)

Instructor Abigail McNulty is a music major with a concentration in voice from Rhode Island College. McNulty has studied voice under Lisa Medici Buckley. Her focus now is studying Bel Canto voice with the Metropolitan Opera Singer, Lori Phillips. She has performed in various straight plays and musicals including, Consuelo in "West Side Story," Oona in "Chaplin: The Musical," Gargoyle in "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" and Ali in "Mamma Mia!"





Music for Minis

WITH MISS IZZY

Ages 18mos - 2yrs

Time: Mondays or Wednesdays, 9:30am, 40 min

Ages 2yrs - 3yrs

Time: Mondays or Wednesdays, 10:20am, 40 min

6 Week Class: Week of 7/8 to 8/14

Cost: \$135.00

Location: 172 Beacon Dr, North Kingstown, RI

Help develop fine and gross motor skills and boost brain development in this fun, interactive class. A socialization opportunity for both guardians and kids, Music for Minis will allow students to learn to play basic instruments and sing along with familiar songs. Students will have a blast using their imagination to create rhythm and tunes.

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St. Thomas More ENDOWMENT FUND



When someone returns to God, they leave a physical void in the parish and their family. When someone makes a planned gift to the endowment fund, there is a perpetual reminder of their importance to the faith community. It is a way to continue to support the parish they loved in life even after death.

Memorial and planned gifts to a parish endowment* have more than a one-time impact. Because they are endowed, these gifts help generations of parishioners -children, families, elderly. The value of these gifts extends beyond the initial monetary amount. The true value of these gifts is the fact that it will affect real lives whether it be the funding of religious education programming, assisting local ministries, mission trips to third world countries, or improvements to the physical parish plant and facilities.

We are called by God to be stewards of the gifts He has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure. When we include the parish in our estate plans, we commit ourselves to further the Kingdom of God. By helping to secure the long-term financial security of the parish family, our treasure is used to serve future generations. This is stewardship. This is evangelization. This is faith.

Keep the faith and the memories alive. Consider a personal designation to the St. Thomas More Parish Endowment Fund. For more information about memorial donations and legacy giving, please contact Lynn Bamford, Director of Stewardship 401-789-7682 or stmbamford@gmail.com.

^{*}An endowment is when monies are deposited into a fund never to be withdrawn. The beneficiary receives interest earned each year to fund various projects. All funds are secure and protected in perpetuity.

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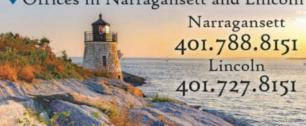


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