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St. Thomas More Church

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St. Veronica Chapel

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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

ST. VERONICA CHAPEL

1035 Boston Neck Rd.

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 4:00 PM

SUNDAY - 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

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DECEMBER 7, 2025 - THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Reflections on our Mission Trip to Jacobs Ladder

The two weeks leading up to our Missionary Teams' departure for Jacobs Ladder in Jamaica offered many questions for us. Category 5 hurricane Melissa had blown through Jamaica, causing much devastation. Thanks to the power of prayer, proper preparation, the foresight and bravery of caregivers, residents of the Mustard Seed Communities Apostolates were all safe. Yet we still had concerns about whether we would be of help to residents and staff or be in the way. Fr. Garvin assured Fr. Taillon that our presence would be a gift to residents and staff, not a hindrance.

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, off we went and had one of the best Mission Trip experiences. Our resident friends and caregiver friends warmly greeted us. These "Angels on Earth" as Msgr. Gregory calls them, were blissfully ignorant of all that has gone on around them, and were genuinely happy to see and have visitors. Three movie nights, bingo night, Special Olympics, and the true highlight - the arrival of Santa Claus- made our time with the residents very special.

Oh, and yes, we completed some work projects. Our team created a new clothesline system, completed an interior cottage demo, painted, and is nearing completion of a new roof on the cottage.

Fr. Garvin and Fr. Ernest offered daily Mass, providing gospel reflections and the opportunity for personal prayer and reflection. The prayers and good wishes of our parish family here at St. Thomas More are always most appreciated, thank you!

Looking forward to our Mission trip again next year, maybe this is the year you will consider joining us?

Grateful to be part of this faith-based community.

Ed McLaughlin



Seminarians from Bismarck North Dakota who study at John Paul II Seminary in Washington, DC and joined us for Thanksgiving.

Above L to R:

Aidan Schaeffbauer, Aaron Ripplinger,
Preston Barbie, Fr. Taillon,
Brady Hendrickson and, Dominic Schaeffbauer.

An Advent Day of Reflection

Presented by

Reverend Robert Forcier

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

8:30 am to 3:30 pm

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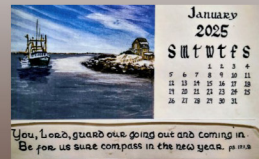
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Tuesday, December 2nd in the STM Office

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The Christmas Pageant
at St. Thomas More is scheduled for

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th
following the 10 AM Mass at St. Thomas More



The practice schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, December 9th, 4:15-5:15 PM at St. Thomas More Church
Wednesday, December 10th, 4:15-5:30 PM at St. Thomas More Church
Friday, December 12th, 4:15-5:30 PM at St. Thomas More Church

Santa will visit & refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after the pageant.

Students in Kindergarten through grade 6 may participate in the pageant. We'll need students in Grades 7 through 9, as well as parents, to assist with the practices and on the day of the pageant. Please contact Miss Conca in the parish office to sign up.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24th

4:00 PM Vigil - St. Veronica Chapel - 3:15 PM Music Prelude

5:00 PM Vigil - St. Thomas More - 4:40 PM Music Prelude

Wednesday, December 25th - Christmas Day

9:00 AM - St. Veronica Chapel

10:00 AM - St. Thomas More - 9:40 AM Music Prelude

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 31

5:00 PM Vigil - St. Thomas More

Thursday, January 1

9:00 AM - St. Thomas More



Latest Catholic News

Beirut, Lebanon, Nov. 30, 2025



- Pope Leo XIV arrives in Lebanon, bringing a message of peace to a nation scarred by war.
- Pope Leo says Erdogan talks focused on Gaza and Ukraine sees Turkish role in peace efforts.
- Pope Leo XIV calls Lebanon to tenacity, hope, and reconciliation.



Congratulations, baptized in Christ!
Maxwell Robert Booth was baptized November 26th.
Pictured are parents, Tess and Jeff Booth, godmother, Ashley Hopkins Shack and Max's big sister, Camille.
Max is the grandson of Terri and Jim Hopkins.



Congratulations, baptized in Christ!
Deacon Clossick baptizes his great nephew, Joseph Henry Notarantonio on November 30th.
Pictured with Henry are his parents, Joe and Hailey Notarantonio and his godparents, Lynn Notarantonio and William Kisseberth.

MASS *intentions*

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6th

- 4 PM – for the deceased members of the McLaughlin Family
- 5 PM – 6th Anniversary ~ Honorable Joseph F. Rodgers, Jr.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th

- 8:30 AM – for the soul of Ronald Hey
- 10 AM – for soul of Kevin Martin
- 11 AM – for the soul of Cathleen Naughton

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8th

- 9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Jacob Hanson
- 7 PM – for the soul of Andrew Raucci

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9th

- 9 AM – for the soul of Gene McGuinness

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10th

- 9 AM – for the soul of Dorothy Marciniak

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11th

- 9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Harrison Goodwin

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12th

- 9 AM – for the soul of Vi Hopkins

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13th

- 9 AM – for the soul of Robert Sansone

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13th

- 4 PM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Gus Andolfo
- 5 PM – Anniversary ~ Anne Del Monico

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th

- 8:30 AM – for the soul of Evelyn Burnham & for the parishioners of St. Thomas More
- 10 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Dr. Thomas McCauley
- 11 AM – 12th Anniversary ~ Matthew Gagne

Second Collection

The 2nd collection next weekend, December 14 will be the Retirement Fund for Religious.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**OH MARY,
CONCEIVED
WITHOUT SIN,
PRAY FOR US
WHO HAVE
RECOURSE
TO THEE.**



Holy Day of Obligation
Masses - Monday, December 8th
9:00 AM - St. Thomas More
7:00 PM - St. Veronica

Knights of Columbus

Monday, December 8th
7 PM - Monthly Council Meeting
St. Thomas More Parish Hall
New candidates, please contact Bernie Casey at
berniecaseyjr@gmail.com.

Stay tuned...

Parish Council results coming next week.

Thank you!



Thank you to our decorating teams at both churches who have begun the new liturgical year with Advent, the weedend after Thanksgiving. We appreciate your efforts and look forward to the coming of Christmas!

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.

Religious Education

Sunday, December 7

Grades 1-4 have class from 10:00 to 10:50 a.m.

at St. Veronica Chapel

Students in Confirmation Prep have class from

6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at St. Veronica Chapel

Wednesday, December 10

No class for Grades 5-7

Strike our Chest: Penitential Act

Question: When we say the Penitential Act at Mass, why do we strike our chest three times?

Answer:

Our rituals and liturgical celebrations are filled with a variety of symbols, some of which also relate to our gestures and physical postures (e.g. kneeling, sitting, processing, making the Sign of the Cross). The custom of striking our breast three times during the "I Confess" of the Penitential Act of the Mass is one of those gestures that is loaded with symbolism.

The tradition of Christian's striking the breast (above the heart) is rooted in the image of Sacred Scripture, especially texts like Psalm 51 which speak of a "humbled contrite heart" or how God heals broken hearts, binding up our wounds (see Psalm 147:3). Early Christian writers like Saint Augustine of Hippo & St. Jerome also refer to this custom in their writings.

Ultimately, this practice is an expression of our sorrow for those times when we have been guilty of faults and a sign that we are willing to take responsibility for our sins and failings. That we all perform this gesture together is also an act of solidarity, recognizing that none of us, regardless of where we are on our journey of faith, is without fault and the need for grace and forgiveness.

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