

# ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH

St. Thomas More Church

53 ROCKLAND STREET, NARRAGANSETT, RI 02882-3620



St. Veronica Chapel

1035 BOSTON NECK ROAD, NARRAGANSETT, RI 02882

## **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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Venmo now!

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

*Pastor*

*Chaplain, Narragansett Police Department, Chaplain,  
Narragansett Fire Department,  
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*Temporary Parochial Vicar  
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**Msgr. John C. Halloran**

*Pastor Emeritus*

**Deacon Joseph Clossick**

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## Little Black Books

This weekend there will be baskets by all the church entrances with little black books, intended to be your Lenten companion. Please start reading on Sunday, Feb 15 (*the Sunday before Ash Wednesday*). Just two pages per day, it offers explanations of the passion and reflections along the way with a variety of quotes, information and thoughts centered around the virtue of hope.



**FEBRUARY 15, 2026 - THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are anticipating the release of the Rhode Island Attorney General’s report on his six-and-a-half-year historical review of clergy sexual abuse in Rhode Island dating back to 1950. Our diocese entered into this review voluntarily in 2019 in the interest of transparency and so that broader societal good could come from our experience, from the failures and successes of the past.

The report does not contain any new cases of abuse and much of its content has already been widely publicized in the media over the decades. For many, this report will undoubtedly be a difficult and painful retelling of historical cases of abuse in our diocese. Catholics and members of the wider community alike have understandably been scandalized, demoralized, and angered by these heinous sins and crimes of the past.

I take this opportunity to apologize to the victim-survivors for the failures of Church personnel and others in past decades to protect them and keep them safe. I pledge to continue our support for them through our Office of Outreach and Victim Assistance programs.

I am confident that our diocese has robust and effective policies and practices in place. We have a sacred duty to protect children and vulnerable people. I take this responsibility very seriously. Our diocese meets and exceeds its obligations under the law in reporting allegations, cooperating with law enforcement, transparency, and most importantly ensuring safe environments for children in our parishes, schools, and ministries—which are thriving.

There are no accusations against clergy who are in active ministry today. Our clergy in Rhode Island are good and holy men, serving with devotion, and giving their lives to Christ and His Church. I am grateful to them for their witness and their ministry.

We will have additional information to share with you when the report is made available to the public by the Attorney General. Until then, know that I am praying for healing for victim-survivors who suffered grievously from clergy sexual abuse, and praying, too, for our diocese and the Church. I invite you to also join me in praying earnestly for these intentions. May God bless you all.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Bruce A. Lewandowski, C.Ss.R.  
Bishop of Providence

THE PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE  
ANNOUNCES A NEW MONTHLY TALK SERIES

Hello! My name is Peter Colosi and I have been a member of St. Thomas More since 2015. I am currently a co-chair of the Pro-Life Committee, and my fellow co-chairs are Peg and Jack Fair. We are taking over the reigns from the founder of the Pro-Life Committee, Diane Wilkens, and we hope to honor her great legacy as we continue the important work she and the committee members do – and we invite you to consider becoming a member!

The Mission Statement for the Pro-Life Committee reads:

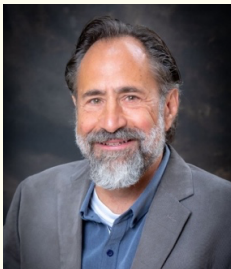
The members of the St. Thomas More Pro-Life Committee, in response to the Gospel of Life, commit ourselves to prayer, education, and action in defense of life. It is our mission to foster in our parish community an awareness of the dignity and sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural death. We are dedicated to observing and promoting the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church on all life issues, including abortion, euthanasia, infanticide, assisted suicide, and stem cell research.

I would like to tell you about one of the pillars mentioned in the mission statement, namely, education. On Thursday, February 19, from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the parish hall, we will begin a monthly talk series sponsored by the Pro-Life Committee dealing with Catholic teachings on moral and social issues related to the dignity of human persons and the preciousness of human life. The first talk will be on *Charity and Clarity* and will set the foundation for the series; we will explore the best ways to engage in meaningful discussion about hot button issues using the virtues of listening and respect while not shying away from the tough questions. That first talk will also introduce the concept of Church Teaching and what is known as the Magisterium of the Catholic Church. This is the idea that for over 2,000 years the Catholic Church has developed wisdom on the moral questions that arise in society and has published beautiful and deep thoughts in Papal and other Church documents about them. Many Catholics are unfamiliar with these Church writings. And many people, Catholic or not, have the misconception that Church teaching is nothing but a list of prohibitions. Yet, one famous saying found in one of these Church documents reads,

Behind every “no” in the difficult task of discerning between good and evil, there shines a great “yes” to the recognition of the dignity and inalienable value of every single and unique human being called into existence.

During the monthly talk series, we want to cover a few of the so-called hot button topics in our world to understand the underlying reasons behind the Church’s pronouncements and to gain an in-depth understanding of the truth and beauty of them which will enable us to see and understand their inner goodness with our own eyes. We will then be able to truly understand the connection of Church teaching to true human happiness, meaningful relationships, and flourishing communities. Even though we may find this or that moral teaching difficult, if we understand the goodness behind it, we can become inspired to strive to live according to it, even – or especially – when that involves sacrifice; in fact, only when the link between truth and goodness becomes clear via understanding, can the pain of sacrifice begin to be experienced also as a joy.

The wealth of Church teachings touch on almost every topic under the sun, and we invite you to come and learn about the profound wisdom and beauty contained in them!



Peter Colosi, PhD is a professor of philosophy at Salve Regina University





On February 8th, former NBA star Gordon Hayward gave a witness talk about his conversion to Catholicism at Providence College. Pictured above is Gordon with his wife Robyn, Fr. Taillon, seminarians and parishioners of St. Thomas More.

# Lent 2026

## St. Thomas More Parish Lenten Mission



Sunday & Monday  
**March 8th & March 9th**

St. Veronica Chapel ~ 6:00 PM

**“We are all brothers and sisters.”**

Fr. John Joseph,  
Community of Jesus Crucified, LA.

### Fasting and Abstinence Reminder

Church law requires abstinence from meat (*for those 14 and older*) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. In addition, Ash Wednesday, and Good Friday are fast days: Those between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less – no solid food between meals only one full meal and 2 smaller ones. (*One's health can excuse you from these rules*).

**Pasta Dinner** ~ pasta, meatballs, salad & zeppole



### March 19th - St. Joseph's Day

~ save the date ~

TWO SEATINGS - choose one:

Lunch 12:00-2:00 PM

Dinner 6:00-8:00 PM

Tickets will be available soon.

Live  
music!



### St. Thomas More

#### Daily Mass

Monday - Saturday 9 AM

#### Rosary

Daily at 8:30 AM

#### Confessions

Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:45 PM  
or by appointment.



### Every Friday during Lent

at St. Thomas More

6:00 PM Mass

followed by

Stations of the Cross

6:30 PM

### Parish Pamphlet Racks

Some excellent pamphlets are available in the racks located at the entrance of both churches. Children's books are also available.

### Operation Rice Bowl

Families are encouraged to eat a 'poverty meal' once a week and then place the money saved in a "Rice Bowl" as a contribution to the poor which is collected on Palm Sunday, March 29th.

# MASS *intentions*

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14th

- 4 PM – 10th Anniversary ~ Patricia Normandin
- 5 PM – for the deceased members of the Russo & Del Monico families

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15th

- 8:30 AM – for the soul of Helen Soderlund
- 10 AM – for the soul of Bill O'Brien & for the deceased members of the O'Brien family
- 11 AM – 7th Anniversary ~ J. Neil Murphy

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16th

- 9 AM – for the soul of Paul Bettencourt

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th

- 9 AM – for the soul of Ellen Myers

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th (Ash Wednesday)

- 9 AM – 13th Anniversary ~ John Cook
- 12 PM – for the soul of Lawrence Gemma
- 7 PM – for the soul of Theresa D'Ordine

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19th

- 9 AM – for the soul of Mary Beecher O'Brien

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20th (First Friday of Lent)

- 9 AM – for the soul of Kevin Masse
- 6 PM – Month's Mind ~ Susan Donat

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st

- 9 AM – for the soul of Patricia Maciel

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st

- 4 PM – for soul of Vincent Walsh
- 5 PM – 1st Anniversary ~ Francis Marvin Doyle

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd

- 8:30 AM – for the soul of Geraldine Egan
- 10 AM – for the soul of Patrick McQueeney
- 11 AM – Anniversary ~ Frank Maiorano

### Special Collection

There will be a collection this week on Ash Wednesday.

## Knights of Columbus Meeting

Monday, February 16th - 7 PM

St. Thomas More Parish Hall

New candidates, please contact Bernie Casey  
at: [berniecaseyjr@gmail.com](mailto:berniecaseyjr@gmail.com)



## Ash Wednesday February 18, 2026



### MASS SCHEDULE

St. Thomas More - 9 am & 12 noon  
St. Veronica Chapel - 7 pm

## Saint Thomas More Lazarus Bereavement Support Group

This group will meet in the St. Thomas More Parish Hall following the 9:00 AM Mass, on the **third Wednesday** of each month.

The next meetings will be:

**February 18, March 18 & April 15**

with Dennis Dillon, facilitator

covering some of the following topics:

- ~ Opening our Hearts ~ Encountering Loss
- ~ Common Experiences in Our Grief
- ~ Recognizing shared experiences and emotions
- ~ Relating to the Outside World
- ~ Our Relationships with God, Ourselves, and Our Grief with Balanced Living

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

## Happenings around the parish

Rhode Island  
Blood Center

# Blood Drive



### St. Thomas More Parish

**Wednesday, February 25**  
**2:00pm - 7:00pm**

St. Thomas More Church Parish Hall  
53 Rockland Street, Narragansett

#### Prepare to donate

- Eat well and hydrate
- Bring a photo ID
- Feel good and symptom free
- Must be 17+ or 16 with parental consent form
- Meet minimum weight requirements

For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit [ribc.org/eligibility](http://ribc.org/eligibility).



Sign up at [ribc.org/drives](http://ribc.org/drives) and use code 0626



### The St. Thomas More Music Ministry is looking to rebuild the choir

We would love for you to join, all are welcome!

Rehearsals will be once a week.

If you are interested, please email me, I look forward to hearing from you!

**Michael Tellier, Music Director**  
**[michaeltelliermusic@gmail.com](mailto:michaeltelliermusic@gmail.com)**



## Join Us in Praying the Rosary

**Sunday,**  
**February 15**  
**1 - 1:45 p.m.**

**Narragansett Town Beach**  
**(Seawall Entrance)**

- Free parking in the town lot
- Rain or shine
- Bring chairs & blankets
- Extra Rosaries provided

## WEEKLY PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

### Current Needs

- ✓ Canned Soup
- ✓ Brown Rice
- ✓ Canned Chicken and Tuna
- ✓ Whole Grain Cereal, Pasta, Crackers, and Granola Bars
- ✓ Pasta Sauce
- ✓ Canned Fruit in 100% Fruit Juice

Collection baskets are located at the entrance of both churches.

### ~ Two easy ways to donate ~



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