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St. Thomas More Church

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Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More Church

Vigil Mass - Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 10:00 AM

Daily Mass - Monday - Saturday: 9:00 AM

Confession - Saturday: 4:00-4:45 PM

St. Veronica Chapel

Vigil Mass - Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses

8:30 AM

11:00 AM



FEBRUARY 16, 2025 - THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMS OF HOPE

WELCOME TO JUBILEE YEAR 2025!

“Hope does not disappoint”

- Romans 5:5

WHAT IS A JUBILEE YEAR?

A jubilee year is a time of joy, repentance, and forgiveness. As the etymology of the word denotes, every jubilee year calls for rejoicing, especially in the goodness of God. Just as a person might celebrate a milestone birthday with particular solemnity, so does the Church rejoice at appropriate moments in time. In the Catholic Church, ordinary jubilee years occur every quarter century. The Holy Father can also inaugurate an extraordinary jubilee year, which Pope Francis did in 2016 under the title the “Jubilee Year of Mercy.”

In the papal bull, *Spes Non Confundit*, Pope Francis inaugurated the Jubilee Year of 2025, which he named the Jubilee of Hope.

During a jubilee year, Christians cooperate with the bounty of divine grace as they strive to enter through the door of salvation, which is Jesus Christ. During

this time, the Church invites the faithful to benefit from her “treasury of grace,” won by the merits of Christ. This principally occurs through conversion in the Sacrament of Penance and the remission of the temporal punishment due to sin through plenary indulgences, applied either for oneself or for others (such as deceased relatives or friends).

WHAT IS THE HISTORY OF THE JUBILEE YEAR?

In the Old Testament, the Jewish people celebrated a jubilee year every 50 years, as recounted in the Book of Leviticus (Lv 25:8-13). God intended the jubilee as a time to re-establish his chosen people’s right relationship with Himself. The jubilee included the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land, liberty for captives, and a fallow period for agriculture.

In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII inaugurated the first jubilee year, or holy year, for the universal Church. The frequency of holy years changed over time: at first, they were celebrated every 100 years; later, in 1343 Pope Clement VI reduced the gap between jubilees to every 50 years, and in 1470 Pope Paul II established that jubilees would be celebrated every 25 years.

WHAT IS A HOLY DOOR?

In the Catholic tradition, the holy door represents the path to new and eternal life, which was opened to humanity by Jesus, who is himself the door to salvation. In 2025, Pope Francis will open five holy doors beginning with the holy door at the Basilica of St. Peter at the Vatican and concluding with the other papal basilicas in Rome and an Italian prison. Cathedrals will not have special holy doors as they did in 2016 during the Jubilee of Mercy. Nevertheless, diocesan cathedrals and other “jubilee sites” will serve as places of pilgrimage and pious visits for the faithful, who can gain the same plenary indulgences under the normal conditions.

“We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire...”

- Pope Francis' letter announcing
Jubilee 2025

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WHAT IS AN INDULGENCE?

An indulgence is the remission of temporal punishment due to sin, which is won by the merits of Christ and dispensed through the treasury of grace, which is the Church. An indulgence is applied partially or fully for oneself or for another.

When a person celebrates the Sacrament of Penance, that person obtains forgiveness for his sins. This includes having contrition for one's sins, confessing those sins to a priest, receiving absolution, and promising to make satisfaction (through an assigned Penance). Although one's sin may be absolved and a person is free of eternal punishment, some effects of sin still remain. Those effects require additional satisfaction. Consider a helpful analog: in the natural order, if I steal my neighbor's bike, he might forgive me, which makes us friends again. But in order for our relationship to be fully restored, I need to return the bike to my friend. In the same way, we must return to God what belongs to him—right praise and worship, which we have sullied by our sins.

The Church therefore teaches that all who die in God's grace and friendship, but are still imperfectly purified—while assured of their eternal salvation—must undergo purification after death in order to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church calls this temporal punishment Purgatory. A partial indulgence remits some of the temporal punishment due to sin, whereas a plenary indulgence remits all of the temporal punishment due to sin.

An indulgence is a favor befitting the magnanimity and goodness of God who never ceases to pardon. We are not “owed” indulgences; they are gifts from the treasury of the Church for the benefit of the faithful.

HOW CAN I OBTAIN A PLENARY INDULGENCE?

Although several pious actions (such as praying before the Blessed Sacrament for thirty minutes or reciting the Holy Rosary in a church) render one disposed to receive a plenary indulgence during any time, there are several more opportunities to benefit from a plenary indulgence during the Jubilee Year of 2025.

In order to obtain a plenary indulgence, **one must perform some “indulged action,”** such as a pious visit, pilgrimage, or work of mercy as determined by the Church (these actions are listed below), **and also fulfill the following conditions:**

1. Receive Holy Communion
2. Receive the Sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion (usually within 8 days), or after receiving Holy Communion (if one does not labor under mortal sin—again, usually within 8 days)
3. Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (typically, by saying an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be; though any simple prayer suffices)
4. Be properly disposed through detachment from all sin, both mortal and venial



SAVE THE DATES FOR TWO UPCOMING LENTEN ACTIVITIES



Parish Lenten Mission

Sunday, March 9th

Monday, March 10th

6:00-7:00 at St. Veronica Chapel

Fr. Alex Wyvill,
St. Bartholomew Church, Bethesda, Maryland

*"Drawing Them Near:
Walking with Those who Struggle with Faith"*

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

Pasta Dinner

LUNCH or DINNER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

DETAILS TO FOLLOW



Rhode Island
Blood Center

February 26th
2:00 to 7:00 PM

Blood Drive



St. Thomas More Parish Hall
To schedule: www.popepiusxii.org/blood-drive



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THIS WEEK!

Mass of Thanksgiving & first Priestly Blessing



**Please join us at 9 AM Mass
Thursday, February 20th**

as Fr. Colin Lane offers his First Mass of Thanksgiving
followed by his first Priestly Blessings.

Fr. Colin Lane is currently the Parochial Vicar of both
Most Holy Trinity Parish and Resurrection Parish
in Wallingford, CT.

Born in Orlando, FL, raised in Hamden, CT.,
Fr. Lane was ordained to the priesthood on June 22nd,
2024 (the Feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher)
for the Archdiocese of Hartford, CT.

During his seminary formation, he completed studies at
both Our Lady of Providence Seminary in Providence, RI
and Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, MI.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – IN THE END, DOES IT MATTER?

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: Jesus was radical in his teaching that the “stuff” in life wasn’t all that important. It was radical for him to say that the worldly signs of success did not amount to a whole lot in the grand scheme of things and that suffering could sanctify us. Are we ready to be radical, too?

In the End, Does it Matter?

When I was a teenager, the priest I would go to for confession used to tell me, over and over: “In the end, we all get the same dirty hole in the ground.”

What he meant was, it doesn’t matter how rich or smart or well-liked we are. We’re all heading to the same place. This life comes to an end for every man. All the money he earns, all the stuff, all the worldly esteem, will at some point be of no further use. We all get the same dirty hole in the ground.

It was an important message for me to hear, because at the time, it all seemed so important: my after-school job and my FAFSA application and my grades. The admiration of my friends and teachers. I was so consumed with what I was going to become that I wasn’t spending a lot of time thinking about who I was going to become. But the who is the only thing that lasts until the next life.

And to be honest, it’s all still too important to me. Avoiding sadness and disappointment. Saving money and being liked. Focusing on “the five-year plan” when it comes to career, house plans, and a whole bunch of other things I can’t take to my dirty hole in the ground.

Jesus was radical in his teaching that the “stuff” in life wasn’t all that important. It was radical for him to say that the worldly signs of success — wealth, popularity, pleasure — did not amount to a whole lot in the grand scheme of things and that suffering could sanctify us. It was radical in the ancient world, and it’s radical today.

Are we ready to be radical, too?

MASS *intentions*

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15th

4 PM – for the soul of Rita Travis

5 PM – for the deceased members of the
Del Monico & Russo Families

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16th

8:30 AM – 6th month Anniversary ~ William Donohue

10 AM – for the soul of Thomas Mulhearn

11 AM – for the parishioners of St. Thomas More

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17th

9 AM – for the soul of Jane Frances Fair

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18th

9 AM – 12th Anniversary ~ John Cook

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19th

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Ellie Cooke

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20th

9 AM – 2nd Anniversary ~ Deacon Kevin Masse

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21st

9 AM – for the soul of Catherine O'Brien

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd

9 AM – for the soul of Geraldine Egan

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd

4 PM – 6th Anniversary ~ J. Neil Murphy

5 PM – for the soul of Richard J. Bourbonnais

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd

8:30 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ John L. Holmberg, Jr. &
for the parishioners of St. Thomas More

10 AM – for the soul of Joao Ramos

11 AM – 19th Anniversary ~ Dorothy Cook

The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday, February 17th for Presidents' Day.

LITTLE SISTERS of the POOR

17th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Fundraiser

The Old Grist Mill Tavern

Monday, March 17, 2025

The Little Sisters of the Poor Jeanne Jugan Residence
of Pawtucket will hold its 17th annual St. Patrick's Day

Dinner & Fundraiser at The Old Grist Mill
Tavern, 390 Fall River Ave. in Seekonk, Mass.,
on Monday, March 17, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

This annual event supports the Little Sisters'
mission of caring for the elderly poor and includes
a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner.

Go to www.littlesistersofthepoorpawtucket.org
to download the order form for dinner tickets,
"Pot of Gold" tickets and the Little Sisters' famous
homemade scones, which must be pre-ordered.

Dine-in or carry-out tickets are \$25 per adult
and \$12 for children younger than 12.

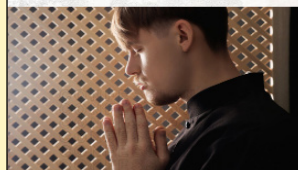
Tickets are limited and usually sell out
before the March 1 deadline.

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AND RESOLVE
TO SIN NO MORE!**



**3 TIPS
FOR HAVING A GOOD**

**CONFESSION
EXPERIENCE**



CONFESSION TIP 1

Look up confession
times before you go
and make a plan so
you aren't rushed.



CONFESSION TIP 2

Write down what you
want to confess and
any prayers you don't
have memorized so
you don't forget
in the moment.



CONFESSION TIP 3

Be humble, sincere,
and entire. These are
the chief qualities of
a good confession.



Happenings around the parish

Thankful for our prayer warriors who prayed a rosary at the beach last Sunday!



Join the Choir at St. Thomas More Church

Looking for New Members

Rehearsals: Mondays at 7

Email: maronising@gmail.com for more information

Join us in singing traditional and contemporary hymns under the direction of Marissa Maroni. Through her extensive training in voice, our members get to work on vocal technique while learning new repertoire that is sung at Mass each week.



Weekly Food Collection - organized by the Knights

Many families in our area struggle with food and welcome your donations in the baskets located by all entrances. Ideas include: peanut butter & jelly, beans, vegetables, rice, pasta, soup, spaghetti sauce, whole grain cereal, and healthy snacks. Thank you for your generosity!

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 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/>

Religious Education

There are no Religious Education classes the week of February 16th for the Presidents' Day Holiday.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.

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Event Notice

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- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Flight bag & PDF digital confirmation of all travel documents

Sample Daily Itinerary**Day 1, Sun, Nov 16: Depart for Rome**

Make your way to your local airport, where you will board your overnight flight(s). Your meals will be served on board.

Day 2, Mon, Nov 17: Arrival in Rome

Welcome to Rome, also known as "The Eternal City." Upon landing at Rome airport, claim your baggage and proceed to the Arrivals Hall, where your tour guide and/or driver will greet you. Following check-in at the hotel, enjoy some free time to unpack, relax, or explore Rome on your own. Your tour escort may suggest places to visit. Later this afternoon, your group will meet in the hotel lobby for a meet-and-greet with fellow pilgrims and your priests. You will depart together for Mass, and following Mass, you will attend a welcome dinner. After dinner, you have to opportunity to join in a walk to St. Peter's Square for the Rosary (optional).

Day 3, Tue, Nov 18: Rome - Assisi- Rome

This morning, we will head to Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis. You will start your tour at the St. Francis Basilica, visit the tomb of St. Francis, and view a series of frescoes depicting his life, along with a few of the saint's possessions. Followed by a visit to the Santuario Della Spogliazione where Saint Carlo Acutis' tomb is placed. From there, you will continue a walking tour through this picturesque town, including the birthplace of St. Francis, and end with a tour of the Church that honors St. Clare, the foundress of the Poor Clare Sisters. After lunch, you will board the bus, which will take you outside of the walls of Assisi, to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. This is where St. Francis spent most of his life. This Basilica is made up of two structures, both of which you will visit. The first structure is the "Porziuncola", where St. Francis founded his order of the Friars Minor (Franciscans). The second is the "Capella del Transito", which is the place of St. Francis' death. During your time here, you will have the opportunity to visit the beautiful Rose Garden where St. Francis and other friars lived, as well as the cave where the Saint retired to pray. Return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight.

Day 4, Wed, Nov 19: Rome: Papal Audience - Vatican Museum - Trevi Fountain

This morning, we will attend the Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square or at the Audience Hall. The Audience is celebrated each Wednesday by His Holiness, Pope Francis (pending the papal schedule). Next, you will visit the Vatican Museum, where you can see the Tapestry Gallery, Raphael Rooms, and Sistine Chapel. Next Trevi Fountain area for some free time. Dinner and overnight.

Day 5, Thu, Nov 20: St. Peter's Basilica - Basilica of St. John the Lateran - Holy Stairs - Basilica of St. Mary Major - Colosseum - Roman Forum

Today, we will tour St. Peter's Basilica, built on the site where St. Peter the Apostle was martyred. Here, you'll be able to view Michelangelo's Pieta sculpture and pray at the tombs of Pope Benedict XVI and St. John Paul II. Then visit the oldest of the four major Basilicas in Rome, the Archbasilica of St. John the Lateran, the cathedral church, and the seat of the Bishop of Rome. Cross the street to the very steps that lead up to the praetorium of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem which Jesus climbed on His way to trial during his Passion. The Holy Mass will be celebrated by our priests at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. After lunch, visit the Colosseum, also known as the Flavian Amphitheater was built in the first century AD and was the largest amphitheater in the Roman Empire. Christians were often persecuted in the Roman Empire, and many of them were martyred in the Colosseum. Some of the most famous Christian martyrs who died in the Colosseum include Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Saint Polycarp, and Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicitas. The Colosseum is a reminder of the persecution that early Christians faced, and it is also a symbol of their faith and courage. The Roman Forum was the heart of ancient Rome, and it was the site of many important government buildings, temples, and shops. It was also the place where public meetings were held and where the laws were debated and passed. The Roman Forum was a bustling place. It was home to a wide variety of people, from wealthy aristocrats to poor laborers, and it was a place where people from all walks of life came together. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 6, Fri, Nov 21: Rome - Monte Cassino - San Giovanni Rotondo

This morning, you will board the bus and enjoy the scenic route to the Abbey of Monte Cassino, the principal monastery of the Benedictine Order, founded by St. Benedict around 530 A.D. Continue to San Giovanni Rotondo, where St. Pio of Pietrelcina (St. Padre Pio) lived for many decades and where thousands of people have flocked to be closer to this great saint and Our Lord. Visit the Old Church of Our Lady of Grace, and see the confessional from where St. Pio spent innumerable hours listening to confessions. Dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo.

Day 7, Sat, Nov 22: Depart Home

Depart for Rome Airport for your trip back to the USA.

***206 Tours Disclaimer:** *Though every effort will be made to follow the itinerary, it should be considered as an indication, rather than a contract of places to be visited. Occasionally local religious holidays, national days, weather, traffic conditions and other events may necessitate changes in the sequence of visits or the missing of certain visits.*

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Heavenly Father,

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You have poured upon the Diocese of Providence.

As we await the appointment of a new bishop, we entrust
this process to Your loving care and guidance.

Send Your Holy Spirit to those involved in discerning and
selecting our new shepherd. May they be filled with wisdom,
insight, and fidelity to Your will. Bless the one You have chosen
to lead us, that he may be a man of deep prayer, strong faith,
and courageous love, devoted to serving You and the people
of this diocese. Prepare his heart to embrace this mission
with humility and joy and grant him the grace
to guide us in truth and unity.

May he be a faithful teacher, a compassionate pastor,
and a courageous witness to the Gospel,
drawing us closer to You in all that we do.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church,
and our patron saints, St. Thomas More and St. Veronica.

May they guide and protect our diocese as we
await this important moment.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Catholic Masses for Recovery

Masses for Recovery are an opportunity for people to come together
in faith to seek God's loving kindness and grace,
with special prayer intentions for those in recovery,
or for those with drug and alcohol issues, or mental health distress.

2025 Schedule

St. Anthony Church

2836 E. Main Rd, Portsmouth, RI

Saturday, January 25, 2025..... 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 26, 2025.....4:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 26, 2025..... 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 25, 2025.....4:00 p.m.

The Hope & Cope Support Group

Do you have a family member or a friend who is dealing with drugs, alcohol, addictions, or mental Health distress? Are you wrestling with these issues yourself?

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2025 Schedule

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Sunday Evenings, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

February 16, 2025 August 24, 2025

March 23, 2025 September 21, 2025

May 18, 2025 November 16, 2025,

June 29, 2025 December 21, 2025

**For information regarding the Masses for Recovery
or the Hope and Cope Support Group, contact: Deacon John Silvia
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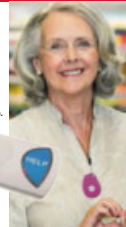
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