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**Pray for our Mission Team
in St. Martinville, LA
February 17-24th**

Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More Church

Vigil Mass - Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

Daily Mass - Monday - Saturday: 9:00AM

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

St. Veronica Chapel

Vigil Mass - Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses

8:30AM

11:00AM



FEBRUARY 18, 2024 - THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Congratulations

**Bishop -Elect James Ruggieri,
Diocese of Portland Maine**

Blessed Lent!

As you read this our whole mission team is in Louisiana serving the poor of St. Martinsville in your name. Please keep us in your prayers.

I encourage you to “make” a good Lent by intentionally entering into the three pillars of lent; prayer, fasting and almsgiving. I hope many of you can incorporate attending daily Mass whenever possible. We also have the rare Saturday morning 9:00 AM Mass for those who work during the week. We have stations of the cross at 7:00 PM on Friday evenings. This is about 25minutes and a wonderful devotional.

I hope you can join us on Sunday, March 10th to pray for vocations to the Military Archdiocese. I thought it important to pray for vocations, especially in this new ministry. The Eucharist will be exposed in the monstrance. These holy hours are very grace filled.

Our Lenten Mission is March 3-5th. Fr. James Sullivan is an outstanding preacher and priest. This opportunity is what I call a busy person’s retreat!

Remember or discover that St. Thomas More church is open daily until at least 2:00 PM, sometimes later through the side door at the parking lot. Stop in to visit Jesus as often as you can.

Thank you for all your support with regard to the new ministry in vocations to the military archdiocese. It is not something I ever saw coming but the need is so great. I will rely on your prayers while I am away and need them now as the ministry to soldiers and seminarians has certainly already begun.

I am also elated that Fr. James Ruggieri is now Bishop-Elect of Portland Maine. This is such a great choice for the people there. Please pray for him in this transition.

We place ourselves and those we love in the Lord’s heart and hands.

Blessed Lenten journey!

Fr. Taillon

Lent 2024

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).

St. Thomas More Parish Lenten Mission with Dominican Friars, Province of St. Joseph

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March 3, 4 & 5th

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

Fr. James Sullivan, O.P.

Fr. Jonah Teller, O.P.



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Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent

7:00PM

St. Thomas More

At St. Thomas More

Daily Mass Monday–Saturday at 9:00AM

The Rosary each day following morning Mass
& on Saturday following the 9AM Mass


Confessions - Saturdays from 4:00-4:45PM
at St. Thomas More or by appointment.

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Some excellent CD's & pamphlets are
available in the racks located
at the entrance of both Churches.
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March 10th
St. Veronica Chapel
6- 7pm
Praise and worship
Holy Hour
to pray for vocations
in the
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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 for the poor
which is collected on Palm Sunday, March 24th.





Pray for our 2024 Missionary Team, leaving on Saturday, February 17th.
Front Row - Lynn Bamford, Carolyn Killian, Angela Figueroa, Lauren Dyer, MaryTheresa Conca,
Jack Harris, Kelsey Hurwitz, Dan Shaw
Back Row - Domenic Vacca, Johan Brito Moya, Aaron Montoya, Father T, Sofia Di Biasio,
Brady Hazard, Martha Landry, John Donnelly
Missing - Jack Barry, Kevin Barry, Zach Brunelli, Colby Corson, Chet Swiszc



Rosary at the beach, Sunday, February 11th.



Happy 90th birthday to parishioner Margherite Garrahy!

Gates of Heaven!

Last week we saw the installation of the gates at St. Veronica Chapel, the final steps of our parking lot enhancement project.



From the lower exit to Carol Lane



Boston Neck Rd.



From the upper exit to Carol/Joy Lane



MASS *intentions*

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17th

4 PM – 3rd Anniversary ~ Jack Sullivan

5 PM – for the souls of the Russo family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18th

8:30 AM – 11th Anniversary ~ John Cook

10 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Jim Provensal

11 AM – for the souls of Bill & Sheril Murphy

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19th

9 AM – Month's Mind ~ Patricia Maciel

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20th

9 AM – for the soul of Deacon Kevin Masse

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21st

9 AM – for the soul of Gerald Morisseau

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd

9 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Inez Cote

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd

9 AM – for the soul of Bill Murphy

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24th

9 AM – 18th Anniversary ~ Dorothy Cook

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24th

4 PM – for the soul of Donna Gunning

5 PM – for the souls of the Del Monico Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25th

8:30 AM – for the souls of Dee & Alan Clarkin

10 AM – 4th Anniversary ~ Joanne Freeman

11 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Patricia Sullivan Lynch

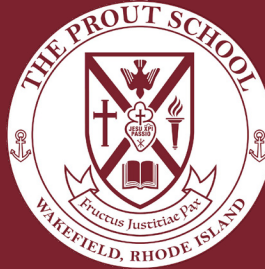


**Cross Catholic
OUTREACH**

Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope to the Poorest of the Poor

This weekend our parish welcomes two visiting priests, Fr. Farrell McLaughlin and Fr. Alan Bower who will be sharing their experience in the Cross Catholic Outreach ministry.

The parish office will be closed on
Monday, February 19th
in observance of Presidents' Day.



**Mission Trip
Opportunities
"Urban Challenge"**

This April, Junior and Senior Prout students have an opportunity to go on a mission trip, to experience the "Urban Challenge" at the Oscar Romero Center in Camden, NJ, and visit the Saint Anthony's Shelter of Renewal in New York City. This promises to be a wonderful opportunity for our students to understand and develop empathy for those living in poverty in the United States and to have meaningful encounters with those in need. The experience is focused on faith, service, and community with time for prayer, reflection, and fellowship with peers and residents in the community. Please keep the Prout students and chaperones in your prayers as they prepare for this powerful experience.

Thank you for your support for the Prout students to help us revitalize our mission trip opportunities. We appreciate your generosity and prayerful support of this new opportunity for our students which we hope to provide for students for many years to come.

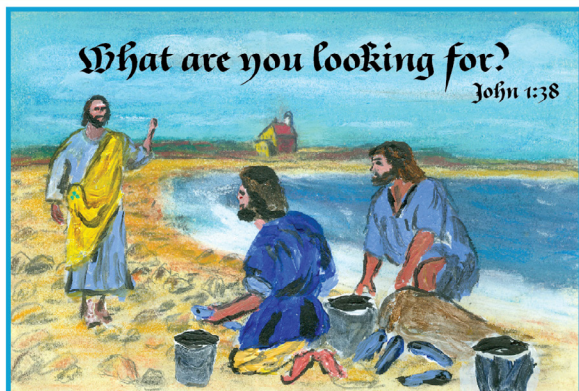
**LENT
PREPARE
THE WAY OF
THE LORD**



Happenings around the parish

Men's Retreat

April 19th - 20th, 2024



Join us for our annual men's retreat on beautiful Enders Island in Mystic CT. Msgr. John Halloran will lead us in prayer and reflection. Reconciliation and Holy Mass will be offered.

For additional details, visit:

www.popepiusxii.org/men-s-retreat

Space is limited.



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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 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 and welcome to join.

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.

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Religious Education

Religious Education Schedule

There are no classes the week of February 18th for Winter Break.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

It is fashionable, or at least usual, that when in the first few months of a pregnancy doctors do studies to see if the child is healthy or has something, the first idea is: "Let's send it away." We do the same as the Nazis to maintain the purity of the race, but with white gloves on.

POPE FRANCIS

Pray the Rosary

All are welcome to join, any time. The rosary is prayed Mon.- Sat. after the 9:00AM Mass at St. Thomas More.

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

Using the envelope provided, broken beads may be put in the box in the foyer with your name and contact info. You will be contacted within a few weeks when 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.

FROM YOUR DIOCESE

FEBRUARY 2024

FROM BISHOP RICHARD G. HENNING

In November, I had the opportunity to attend a meeting with Governor Daniel McKee and his staff concerning his Learn365RI initiative. The Governor explained his deep concern for the young people of our state and outlined the post-covid challenges for education. While I was aware of these challenges in general, I was still shocked by the data the Governor presented. Far too many of the young people in our state have not fully returned to school following the pandemic. The rates of chronic absenteeism are much too high in many districts, particularly in urban and poor neighborhoods. The Governor explained his efforts to reduce absenteeism and the significant progress to date. He also explained his Learn365RI initiative to involve the wider community and provide young people with broader opportunities for learning year-round.

I thanked Governor McKee for his leadership in identifying this critical need and striving to improve the odds for our young people and for our wonderful State of Rhode Island. I fully support his efforts to convince families and students to give priority to their education. I applaud the Governor's understanding of the need to make the entire community aware of the gift of our young people and his invitation for churches and community organizations to assist in creative ways. I will be looking for ways that the Diocese of Providence and our parishes might assist these worthy efforts.

As we get further from the pandemic crisis that gripped the world in 2020, I hope that we are willing to examine our choices and learn from them. I am sorry to say that I think that the lockdown efforts failed the young in very significant ways. I realize that many of the choices made in those early months were driven by a lack of knowledge and a high degree of fear. I am not trying to point fingers or score partisan points. Hindsight is 20/20, as the saying goes.

Precisely that hindsight is what matters now. Children and young people have suffered the effects of isolation, and many missed critical moments of development and learning. They deserved better from us, and they deserve our honest accounting and efforts to improve now.

One lesson emerges from the experience of Catholic schools across the United States and here in Rhode Island. In many places, Catholic schools adapted to the lockdown more rapidly than other schools. They also reopened sooner than most, unless impeded by local strictures. The dedicated teachers and engaged parents helped to make the best of extremely difficult circumstances. As a result, Catholic schools across the U.S. maintained their learning and testing standards and even saw modest improvements even as the overall educational endeavor lost ground on an epic scale. As too many districts in Rhode Island suffer even now with high rates of chronic absenteeism, Catholic schools see daily attendance rates above 95%, a number that reflects ordinary absences for illness and family matters.

It is curious to me that this more successful navigating of the crisis occurred in schools that generally have much more limited resources than public schools, charter schools, and private schools. It tells me that money may not be the only or even most important factor in the mix. The federal government and many state and local governments set aside large resources to help schools during the pandemic. Early on in the emergency, they even shared some resources with Catholic schools. Over time the usual stance reasserted itself. Scandalously, some states later denied health and safety funds to children in Catholic schools.

I believe that Catholic schools achieved different results because of the culture of the schools. Catholic schools certainly strive for academic excellence, but there is something more to their

character that becomes apparent almost from the moment you enter one. Catholic schools have a sense of mission and a desire to educate and form the whole person. They teach integrity, faith and charity. They practice reverence for each and every human person. Parents are an integral and trusted part of the school family as they are the first and best formators of their children. Catholic schools forge a culture of love where children thrive as students and as persons.

I thank Governor McKee for his commitment to our young people and I encourage all to heed his call to take responsibility for forging a culture of education across this state and its many schools and religious and community organizations. I also express my gratitude to those who have devoted themselves to teaching and forming the young in every type of school.

After celebrating Catholic Schools Week, I would like to express my particular gratitude to the teachers and administrators in the Catholic schools of Rhode Island. I know that you make significant sacrifices to devote yourselves to this mission. The results you achieve speak for themselves.

I ask all of you who read this column to consider the choice for Catholic education in your family and to support this good work of forming a new generation in wisdom, integrity and faith.



MOST REVEREND RICHARD G. HENNING, S.T.D.
Bishop of Providence

Catholic Schools Week took place from January 28 to February 3. Please visit catholicschools.org for more information about open houses and other events.

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HOW TO LENT

FASTING



Catholics aged 18 through 59 are obligated to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means, at most, consuming one small meal and two smaller “collations” or snacks (which together wouldn’t equal one meal).

ABSTINENCE



Catholics 14 and older are obligated to abstain from consuming meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday. On Fridays of the rest of the year, U.S. Catholics are permitted to substitute a different penance in lieu of abstinence from meat.

PRAYER



We are called to devote ourselves to more prayer during Lent. Consider attending Daily Mass or Adoration of Blessed Sacrament, adding a daily rosary, or praying the Liturgy of the Hours.

ALMSGIVING



Another important pillar of our Lenten practices, we are called to give more of our money and goods and perform other acts of charity during Lent.

PENANCE



Lent is an opportunity for us to prepare ourselves spiritually for the Great Solemnity of Easter. Examining one’s conscience and making a good sacramental confession are great ways to make this preparation. Check your local parish which may have expanded times for confession.

ON VALENTINE’S DAY AND ASH WEDNESDAY



FROM BISHOP RICHARD G. HENNING

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th. Most of us associate the date with Saint Valentine, and “Valentine’s Day” has become a major secular custom. I have no objections to the celebrations of the saint or even the celebration of romance in the secular observance. However, I must remind all that Ash Wednesday takes precedence over the custom. This solemn day of fasting and abstinence inaugurates the season of Lent. It recalls the faithful to a stance of humility towards God and openness to repentance. It reminds us of the Grace of the Lord Jesus and the saving power of Divine Love. For 2024, it is not a day for feasting.

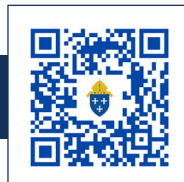
Fortunately, the day before is Mardi Gras, “Fat Tuesday.” While it is not a feast of the Church, it is long standing custom to feast and celebrate on that day before the long season of Lenten preparation. I respectfully ask couples to consider celebrating Valentines on that day and leave Ash Wednesday to the eternal value of Christ’s love for us. May God’s love bless and keep you every day of the year!

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