

# ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH

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 23, 2025 - THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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# From RCIA to OCIA

Currently, several people are in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - the process by which adults formally enter the Catholic Church. They have been attending sessions since October and will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, April 19. As of Ash Wednesday, March 5, there will be a slight change in the name of this process. Two years ago, in November of 2021, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the change to OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults).



*Pictured above: Bishop Henning baptizing Nicholas Iden during the Easter Vigil, April 8, 2023.*

Why the name change?

Saint John Paul II initiated the change when he published *Liturgiam Authenticam* in 2001. According to the *National Catholic Register*, "This document set in motion a translation effort aimed at preserving the closest wording of the Latin liturgy."

You may remember some of these changes in the Mass. For example, when the priest says, "The Lord be with you," we would respond: "And also with you." Under the new translation, the response is "And with your spirit." This comes from the original Latin, "Et cum spiritu tuo." In The Profession of Faith - Nicene Creed, we would speak of Jesus as "one in Being with the Father." Now we say "consubstantial with the Father." Another example of reverting to the original Latin is in the Eucharistic prayer just before communion; the words were, "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed." Now we say, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."

Little by little, the bishops have been updating each of the books to be more faithful and accurate to the Latin text. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the latest book to undergo translation. Moving from the word "rite" to "order" is common in the translations since the Latin word is "ordo."

The word "order" also better expresses the progressive nature of this spiritual journey. OCIA is not a one-time event but a journey with distinct stages. The process itself is not one "rite" but many. Whether we grew up Catholic or converted to the faith, this is a good reminder that we are all called to ongoing conversion, which is a lifelong journey!

God bless,  
MaryTheresa Conca, Director of Faith Formation



# Congratulations!



Baptized in Christ! Kenneth James with his parents, Andrew & Lynnsey Pichette and with Fr. Taillon, who is the Godfather of Andrew!



Chloe Romi Maroni  
Born on February 13, the third child of the St. Thomas More Music Director, Marissa Maroni.



**THIS WEEK!**

**February 26<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 to 7:00 PM**

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# Liturgical Life

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## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** It saddens me that Christians have somehow gained this reputation as a people who judge, who condemn. Today's Gospel is an invitation for us to consider how we engage with people who disagree with us — or maybe even actively dislike us.

### **Judgment and Love**

"Oh, well. I'm going to hell anyway, right?"

I have a few family members and friends who are not practicing Catholics who say this to me from time to time. It's always spoken in a teasing manner, with a wink and a shoulder shrug, usually to explain away some sort of minor misbehavior they feel guilty about.

It saddens me that Christians have somehow gained this reputation as a people who judge, who condemn. I think in part it stems from a misunderstanding on the part of unchurched people (and lots of churchd ones, too) regarding what constitutes "judging." It is absolutely not "judging" someone to disagree with a personal decision, whatever that decision may be, or to decline from participating in that decision. We all have functioning consciences; we are all supposed to discern the moral goodness of any action before we take it.

But it is judging someone if we allow their decisions to impact how we treat them.

Today's Gospel is an invitation for us to consider how we engage with people who disagree with us — or maybe even actively dislike us. Much is said these days of the "culture wars." I certainly don't disagree that it can often feel like you're fighting a war when you're trying to live as the Church teaches. The forces against you often seem overwhelming and nefarious. And guess what? They are.

But we need to remember who the enemy really is. The enemy is not other children of God, even if they are children of God who are actively promoting ideas that are wrong. Perhaps these people are misguided and mistaken. Perhaps they are misled by the devil. Have we not all been misled by him at some point?

We must interact lovingly with people who think differently and live differently from us. The Christian life absolutely demands it.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## **Why do we do that?**

### **Catholic Life Explained Question:**

Is Ash Wednesday a holy day of obligation?

### **Answer:**

Despite the often packed churches, you may be surprised to hear that the answer is no! Holy days of obligation commemorate a particular event (such as the birth of Christ at Christmas) or celebrate particular people (such as Mary's Immaculate Conception or the feast of All Saints). Ash Wednesday is a day of penance, fasting, and abstinence to begin the season of Lent. In a sense, it focuses on a concept rather than something particular and concrete.

Of course, repentance ought to be reflected in particular, concrete ways! That's one of the reasons that attending Mass on Ash Wednesday is a very good idea. It marks the beginning of a solemn season of penance. Despite all its comparisons to the desert, Lent can be very fruitful for our spiritual growth! Beginning this season with the celebration of Mass and the reception of ashes is a sign of our commitment to God and to spiritual growth.



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

"Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp,  
I would not harm the LORD's anointed." (1 Sm 26:23)

### Psalm:

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

### Second Reading:

Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one,  
we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one.  
(1 Cor 15:49)

### Gospel:

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Jn Lk 6:36)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus' message today is one of radical generosity and abundant mercy, and it scandalized the people of his time. It shook them to their core. It should do the same for us. Are we ready to live as Jesus lived? Are we ready to offer love in the face of hate?

## Observances for the week of February 23, 2025

**Sunday:** 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Thursday:** St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

**Next Sunday:** 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Devotions, *Explained!*

Fasting was practiced by righteous men and women of the Old Testament and later by Christ himself. It remains an important part of the Christian devotional life today, being most strongly associated with the penitential season of Lent.

## Prayer of Christian Life

Dear Jesus,  
Help me to pray for and bless everyone I encounter, whether that be easy or hard. Help me to act in the mercy I have known through you. Help me to demonstrate generosity, as you have given so much to me. Amen.

# MASS *intentions*

## 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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24th

9 AM – for the soul of John Miller

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25th

9 AM – for the soul Inez Sherman

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th

9 AM – for the souls of Marion & Brian Gillcrist

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27th

9 AM – for the soul of Diane Randolph

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28th

9 AM – for the soul of John Buckley

SATURDAY, MARCH 1st

9 AM – for the soul of John Miller

## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, MARCH 1st

4 PM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Richard J. Donahue

5 PM – for the soul of Emilia Provensal & for the  
parishioners of St. Thomas More

SUNDAY, MARCH 2nd

8:30 AM – for the soul of Pasquale Ruggieri

10 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Mary Pat Bamford

11 AM – for the soul of Mary J. Whalen



## Open House Sunday, March 9

Bishop Hendricken High School will hold an Open House on Sunday, March 9th from 12-3 PM. Families will have an opportunity to tour our facilities and receive information on our academics, admission procedures, financial aid, student life, transportation and college placement. For more information please call the Admissions Office at 401- 889-5425 or [admissions@hendricken.com](mailto:admissions@hendricken.com).

## Little Black Books

Next 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, March 2 (*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.



## 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](http://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.



# Happenings around the parish

## WEEKLY PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

### Current Needs

- |  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| ✓ Natural Peanut Butter                                  | ✓ Brown Rice                 |
| ✓ Low Sugar Jelly  | ✓ Canned Fruit in 100% Juice |
| ✓ Baked/Black/Kidney Beans                               | ✓ Whole grain wheat flour    |
| ✓ Whole Grain Cereal/Crackers/Pasta & Jarred Pasta Sauce |                              |

Collection baskets are located at the entrance of both churches.



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### 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

### Sunday, February 23rd

Grades 1 -4 at 10:00-10:50 AM

St. Veronica Chapel

Confirmation Prep at 6:00-7:15 PM

St. Thomas More

### Wednesday, February 26th

Grades 5-8 at 5:45-6:45 PM

St. Veronica Chapel

## Join the Choir at St. Thomas More Church

*Looking for New Members*

Rehearsals: Mondays at 7

Email: [maronising@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### 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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# Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to ROME

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- Transfers as per itinerary
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- Breakfast daily, 5 Dinners
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- Whisper headsets
- Assistance of a professional local Christian guide
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- 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.

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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





# YOU CAN OBTAIN INDULGENCE(S) BY COMPLETING INDULGENCED ACTIONS

*Indulged Actions include:*

## MAKE A PILGRIMAGE

The faithful will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if they undertake a pious pilgrimage to any of the Jubilee sites (e.g., one of the four major basilicas in the city of Rome, one of the three basilicas in the Holy Land, or the Cathedral Church or another church designated by the local Ordinary). **In the Diocese of Providence, the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, Providence, will serve as the local Jubilee site.**

*Upon making the pilgrimage, the faithful can:*

1. Participate in any Holy Mass, including, but not limited to: Jubilee Mass, Votive Mass for Reconciliation, or a Mass for the conferral of the sacraments of Christian Initiation or the Anointing of the Sick
2. Participate in a celebration of the Word of God; the Liturgy of the Hours (office of readings, lauds, vespers); the Via Crucis; the Holy Rosary; the recitation of the Akathist hymn; a penitential celebration, which ends with the individual confessions of the penitents.

## MAKE A PIOUS VISIT TO A SACRED PLACE (SUCH AS OUR CATHEDRAL)

The faithful can obtain the jubilee indulgence if, individually or in a group, they devoutly visit a Jubilee site (such as **the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul**, Providence), and for a suitable period of time:

3. Engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation
4. Conclude adoration with an Our Father, the Profession of Faith, and invocations to Mary, the Mother of God

In the Diocese of Providence, the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, the local Jubilee site, offers Eucharistic adoration every Sunday from 12 noon-1 p.m., at which time Sunday Mass commences. Adoration is also offered on the First Friday of each month beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The Cathedral offers the Sacrament of Penance Monday-Friday 11-11:45 a.m., Saturday afternoon from 4-4:45 p.m., Sunday morning from 9-9:45 a.m., Sunday afternoon from 12-12:45 p.m., Sunday evening from 5-5:45 p.m. and by appointment by calling 401-331-2434.

## PERFORM WORKS OF MERCY AND PENANCE

The faithful will also be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if they visit, for an appropriate amount of time, their brothers and sisters who are in need or in difficulty (the sick, prisoners, lonely elderly people, disabled people), thus making a pilgrimage to Christ present in them. The faithful can repeat these visits throughout the Holy Year, acquiring a plenary indulgence each time.

## PARTICIPATE IN A MISSION, SPIRITUAL EXERCISE OR FORMATION ACTIVITY

The faithful will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if, with a devout spirit, they participate in "popular missions, spiritual exercises, or formation activities on the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church," held in a church or another suitable place, according to the mind of the Holy Father.

## WHAT IF I AM HOMEBOUND?

The faithful who are truly repentant of sin but who cannot participate in the various solemn celebrations or pious visits for serious reasons (especially cloistered nuns and monks, the elderly, sick, prisoners, and others who provide continuous care for the sick), can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence under the same conditions if, united in spirit with the faithful taking part in person, they recite the Our Father, the Profession of Faith, and other prayers in conformity with the objectives of the Holy Year, in their homes or wherever they are confined, offering up their sufferings or the hardship of their lives.



## PARTICIPATING IN THE JUBILEE YEAR IN THE DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE

### VISIT THE JUBILEE SITE IN RHODE ISLAND

Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, Cathedral Square,  
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401-331-2434 | providencecathedral.org

### ADORATION AT THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

1. Sundays from Noon to 1 p.m.
2. First Friday of each month beginning at 12:30 p.m.  
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; 2 p.m.  
Recitation of the Holy Rosary; 2:45 p.m. Divine Mercy  
Chaplet; 3 p.m. Reposition

### CONFESSION AT THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

3. Monday through Friday 11 - 11:45 a.m.
4. Saturday afternoon 4 - 4:45 p.m.
5. Sunday morning 9 - 9:45 a.m.
6. Sunday afternoon 12 noon to 12:45 p.m.
7. Sunday evening 5 - 5:45 p.m.
8. Or by appointment by calling 401-331-2434

## HOW TO GAIN AN INDULGENCE DURING THIS JUBILEE YEAR

### 1. Perform an indulgenced action:

- Pious visits to jubilee sites (e.g., Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul)
- Pilgrimages to jubilee sites (e.g., Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul)
- Works of mercy and penance
- Formation or Spiritual Exercises

### 2. Go to Confession

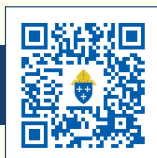
### 3. Receive Holy Communion

### 4. Pray for the Intentions of the Holy Father

### 5. Remain detached from venial and mortal sin

For a deeper understanding of the Jubilee of Hope information above, as well as videos, prayers, resources, and more for this Holy Year, we invite you to read the Jubilee 2025 Q&A from the Diocese of Providence's Office of Divine Worship at <https://provd.io/jubilee>.

READ MORE ONLINE: Scan the QR code



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# 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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The Hope & Cope Support Group is a faith-based, recovery group that meets to pray, reflect, and if desired, share their stories, feelings and experiences with the group, as well as discuss recovery resources, topics and insights.

## **2025 Schedule**

### **St. Barnabas Church**

1697 East Main Road, Portsmouth,  
in the Chapel Meeting Room (under the little Chapel

**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  
401-683-1343, ext. 208 / email: [deaconjohn@jsilvia.com](mailto:deaconjohn@jsilvia.com)**



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## *Heavenly Father,*

We come before You with gratitude for the many blessings  
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.

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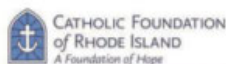
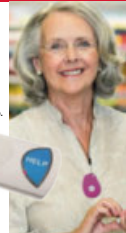
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