

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

9:00 AM - MON.- SAT.

FRIDAY - 6:30 PM (During Lent Only)

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY - 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

SATURDAY - 4:00-4:45 PM

OR BY APPOINTMENT

ST. VERONICA CHAPEL

1035 Boston Neck Rd.

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 4:00 PM

SUNDAY - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

All masses available on Livestream

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FEBRUARY 26, 2023 - THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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Spiritual Traditions of the Catholic Church

I hope your Lenten Journey is going well. To make our Lent more spiritual, we are planning a couple of talks on spiritual traditions of the Catholic church. Our spirituality includes the various ways in which Catholics live out their Baptismal promise through prayer and action. The primary prayer of all Catholics is the Eucharistic liturgy in which we celebrate and share our faith together, in accord with Jesus' instruction: "Do this in memory of me." Along with this, many additional forms of prayer have developed over the centuries as a means of animating one's personal Christian life.

Each of the religious orders and congregations of the Catholic church, as well as lay groups, have specifics to its own spirituality – its way of approaching God in prayer to foster its way of living out the Gospel. During our Lenten season, we will be dealing with different spiritual traditions such as Carmelite, Dominican, Ignatian, Franciscan and Jesuit spirituality etc. All of these spiritual traditions are means developed by founders of these Religious Orders, to reach our final destination which is Heaven. This week we will start with Carmelite Spirituality.

Origin of Carmelites Order

The origin of the order can be traced to Mount Carmel in northwestern Israel, where a number of devout men, apparently former pilgrims and Crusaders, established themselves near the traditional fountain of Elijah about 1155. Their rule was written between 1206 and 1214 by St. Albert, Latin patriarch of Jerusalem, and approved in 1226 by Pope Honorius III. The monks hoped to continue on Mount Carmel the way of life of the prophet Elijah, whom early Christian writers depicted as the founder of monasticism.

Carmelite Spirituality

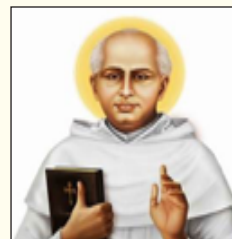
Carmelite Spirituality is characterized by interior detachment, silence, solitude, the desire for spiritual progress, and insight into mystical experiences. Saints John of the Cross (1542–1591) and Teresa of Ávila (1515–1582) were Carmelite mystics whose writings are spiritual classics. In *Ascent of Mount Carmel*, John of the Cross teaches that purgation of the soul through mortification and suppression of desires, is necessary for the transition through darkness to divine union with God. Teresa of Avila emphasized the importance of mental prayer which she defined as "spending time with a friend whom we know loves us." The early Carmelites were hermits: they lived in separate cells or huts and observed vows of silence, seclusion, abstinence, and austerity.

The first general chapter (legislative meeting) of the Carmelites was held in England in 1247 under St. Simon Stock. Of all the movements in the Carmelite order, by far the most important and far-reaching in its results was the reform initiated by St. Teresa of Ávila. After nearly 30 years in a Carmelite convent, in 1562 she founded a small convent in Ávila, where a stricter way of life was to be observed. Teresa's order became the order of Discalced Carmelite Nuns (O.D.C.).

Please join us for our first Lenten talk, "Carmelite Spirituality" on Sunday, February 26 from 2:30pm - 3:30pm in our parish hall with small refreshments to follow. All are welcome.

Happy Lent,

Fr. Joe Mappilamattel



Carmelite saints: Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Terese of Lisieux and St. Chavara Kuriakose.

Lent 2023

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

Jesus Crucified and Eucharist Revival

March 12th, 13th, & 14th

6:00 PM - St. Veronica Chapel

Fr. Michael Champagne

*Jesus Christ Crucified Community,
St. Martinville, LA*



New for 2023

6:30 PM Mass
Every Friday before
Stations of the Cross.



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent
7PM - St. Thomas More

Sunday Movie, March 5th

Mother Teresa - "No Greater Love"

2:00 PM - St. Thomas More Parish Hall

Daily Mass

St. Thomas More:

Monday–Saturday at 9:00AM | Friday at 6:30 PM

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.

Lectures Series - 2:30 PM - St. Thomas More Parish Hall (30 min.)

February 26th - "Carmelite Spirituality" by Fr. Joe

March 26th - "Jewish Roots of the Eucharist" with Fr. Taillon

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. Contributions will be collected on Palm Sunday, April 2nd.



Parish CD/Pamphlet Book Rack:

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

MASS *intentions*

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25th (Vigil)

4 PM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Angela Hanrahan Chatwin

5 PM – for the deceased members of the Del Monico family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26th

8 AM – for the soul of Geraldine Egan

9 AM – for the soul of Solange A. Sullivan

10 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – for the soul of Alfred Cafaro

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27th

9 AM – for the soul of Bob Mello

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28th

9 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Jack Freeman

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1st

9 AM – 6th Anniversary ~ Joseph Baffoni

THURSDAY, MARCH 2nd

9 AM – Special Intention ~

Fr. Michael Andrew Colello (LIVING)

FRIDAY, MARCH 3rd

9 AM – for the souls of Charles & Ann McMahon and
their daughter, Catherine

6:30 PM – for the soul of Deacon Kevin Masse

SATURDAY, MARCH 4th

9 AM – for the soul of Irene Lavallee

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 4th (Vigil)

4 PM – 2nd Anniversary ~ Jack Sullivan

5 PM – for the soul of Francis J. Hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 5th

8 AM – Vocations to the Priesthood

9 AM – for the souls of Esther & Umberto Capuano

10 AM – Pro Populo

11 AM – for the soul of Patricia Sullivan Lynch

**New
this year!**

**Friday 6:30 PM Mass
Every week during Lent
Before Stations of the Cross**

**Mass 6:30 PM
Stations 7:00 PM**

~Lenten Activities in nearby parishes ~

Lenten Mission at Our Lady of Mercy Church

**“Our Relationship with Jesus:
The Pearl of Great Price”**

Join us for a Lenten Mission preached by Fr. Justin Brophy, OP, a Professor of Political Theory at Providence College. Fr. Brophy will preach all the weekend Masses at Our Lady of Mercy the weekend of March 4/5, 2023. The Mission continues each night during the week with Mission talks at 7:00PM each night on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (March 6-8). Confessions are heard each night of the Mission on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 6:00pm with Four Confessors.

All-Day Confessions

Saturday, March 25, 2023 - 9:00am-3:00pm

Our Lady of Mercy Church, 65 3rd Street
East Greenwich, RI

“Do not be afraid of Confession”-Pope Francis

Four Confessors available all-day in
traditional Confessional Boxes. Eucharist
Adoration during the hours of Confession.

*For more info, go to www.olmparish.org or
contact the OLM Parish Office at 884-4968
or via email at parish@olmparish.org
Our Lady of Mercy Church, 65 3rd Street,
East Greenwich, RI 02818.*

Earthquake Relief for Turkey and Syria

The death toll has reached 36,000 & continues to rise after two earthquakes struck central Turkey and northwest Syria. Catholic Relief Services is working with Caritas Turkey, Caritas Syria, and other local partners to provide emergency relief.

To donate: <https://www.crs.org/>

*A good idea for your Lenten plan,
Attend a daily Mass*

**During this Lenten Season
Fast & Feast**



Fast from judging others.

Feast on Christ living in them.

Fast from harsh words.

Feast on works that build up others.

Fast from discontent.

Feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger.

Feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism.

Feast on optimism.

Fast from worry.

Feast on God's care.

Fast from complaining.

Feast on appreciation.

Fast from bitterness.

Feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern.

Feast on compassion for others.

Fast from discouragement.

Feast on hope.

Fast from facts that depress.

Feast on facts that uplift.

Fast from suspicion.

Feast on truth.

Fast from thoughts that weaken.

Feast on promises that inspire.

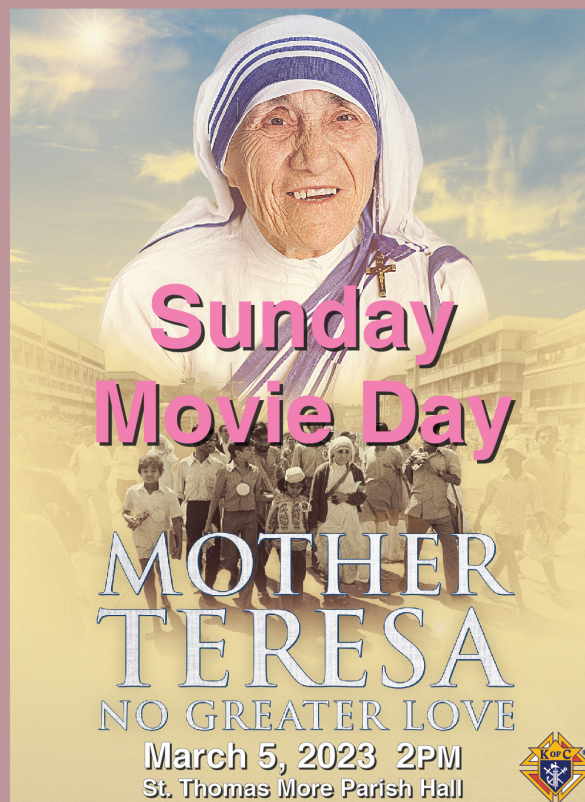
Fast from idle gossip.

Feast on silence with a purpose.



Baptized in Christ!

*Fr. Joe with Simon Bryan Sousa, child of
Alexandria Pelosi and Bryan Sousa and with
Godparents, Rebecca Micheletti & Joseph Pelosi.*



Happenings around the parish



New materials have begun to arrive at St. Veronica to continue with the water damage restoration.

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 our 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 to join.

Pennies for the Poor

The small donation boxes on the church walls labeled "Pennies for the Poor" goes to the Diocesan Dire Emergency Fund in South County, which helps with rental assistance, utilities and prescriptions. Thank you.

Prayer Chain Ministry

If you know someone who would like extra prayers, please call Jean at 783-3403 to express your request. Volunteers are needed and welcome to join this important ministry.

Pray the Rosary

The rosary is prayed Monday - Saturday after the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas More. All are welcome.

Rosary Repairs

Drop broken beads in the box in the foyer using the envelope provided. Include your name and contact info. You will be contacted within a few weeks when your repair is 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

Religious Education

Sunday, February 26th

Grades 1 - 4 at 9:05-9:55 AM

St. Thomas More

No class for 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation

Monday, February 27th

Grades 1 - 4 at 4:10-5:00 PM

St. Thomas More

Wednesday, March 1st

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

St. Thomas More



Fr. Joe teaching grades 5-8 about Lent

10 Day Pilgrimage to Fatima, Spain & Lourdes

October 15 - 24, 2023

with Spiritual Director Fr. Joseph Mappilamattel

For more information, please visit the website

<http://www.pilgrimages.com/frjoseph>

WEEKLY PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Current Needs

- ✓ Natural Peanut Butter
- ✓ Low Sugar Jelly
- ✓ Baked/Black/Kidney Beans
- ✓ Whole Grain Cereal/Crackers/Pasta & Jarred Pasta Sauce
- ✓ Low Sodium Canned Veggies
- ✓ Canned Fruit in 100% Juice
- ✓ Healthy Snacks

Collection baskets are located at the entrance of both churches.



First few days of the Mission Trip to St. Martinville, LA. Meeting Fr. Champagne and the brothers and sisters, attending Mass then out into the community, shopping for the sisters and beginning hard work replacing a floor.

