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SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

May 25 - August 29

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

53 Rockland Street

DAILY MASS - 9:00AM - MON.- SAT.

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 5:00PM

SUNDAY - **7:30AM (Quiet Mass-no music)**

10:00AM

CONFESSION

SATURDAY - 4:00-4:45PM or by appointment

ST. VERONICA CHAPEL

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WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 4:00PM

SUNDAY - 8:30AM & 11:00AM

& 8:00PM Last Call Mass

(July 6- Aug 31)

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JUNE 1, 2025 - THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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This and That...

I want to begin by thanking the Knights of Columbus for last weekend's great May breakfast. And thanks to all of you who attended, as your generous support helped the Knights raise funds for those in need in our community.

As you may have read in a prior bulletin, we recently hosted one of the Diocesan marriage prep programs at St. Thomas More in the parish hall. There were sixty-two brides and grooms preparing for sacramental marriages throughout the diocese. Our presenting couples made us proud, and we have thirty-one reasons to believe the Lord continues to call and love couples to matrimony.

You may notice two new flagpoles at St. Veronica Chapel. These were installed as the final part of the parking lot expansion project and will fly the American and Vatican flags. Watch your mail for the "Summer Fest 25" flyer and raffle tickets! The event will occur on Sunday, June 29th, at the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul start with Mass at 11:00 AM, followed by a blessing of the flags and flagpoles; then, we will raise the flags for the first time. The BBQ celebration begins at noon and will include food, live music by the Driftwoods, and a magician for the children.

St. Thomas More will also be getting a flagpole that has been donated as a memorial, which will fly both flags as well. We hope to bless and fly the flags the weekend of July 4th. Thank you to the donor!

We saved two parking lot light poles from the old St. Veronica Parking lot that will be placed on the islands of St. Thomas More parking lot islands. The parking lot is dark at night, and more light is needed. We will fund this project with the last of the capital campaign funds. This should happen within a few weeks and will take about four days.

You may see some activity around the St. Veronica parking lot retention pond. The engineering company is making improvements. The parish is not responsible nor contributing to the costs of this project in any way.

Let's keep our hearts open, pews open, and parking places open to hospitality with smiles on our faces as the Lord brings so many visitors and pilgrims to South County!

Fr. Taillon





You're Invited ~ Mass for Anointing of the Sick

Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 11:00 AM

Our Lady's Guild is sponsoring the annual Mass for Anointing of the sick at St. Thomas More Church with a reception to follow in the Parish Hall.

All are welcome to pray for the sick, elderly or those with fragile health.

Please RSVP to the parish office at 789-7682 to let us know how many you think will be attending.

Mass will also be available via livestream at <https://livestream.com/stm>



Holy Mass of Installation

for

Most Rev. Bruce A. Lewandowski, C.Ss. R.

held on Tuesday, May 20 in the
Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul.



Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: In today's Gospel, Jesus prays for me. And for you. And for all the people who woke up this morning and headed to Mass because, while it's true that God is everywhere, the Body and Blood of Jesus is only found in one place.

That the World May Believe

I love today's Gospel because, in it, Jesus prays for me.

And you.

And the guy sitting next to you at Mass. And the priest, and the altar server, and all the people in all the churches in all the towns in all the world who woke up this morning and headed to Mass because, while it's true that God is everywhere, the Body and Blood of Jesus is only found in one place.

And he prays for the barista who will sell you your coffee later today and see your crucifix and hear you say, "God bless," and think, "That's a weird necklace, and I don't believe in God," but who will one day, at her lowest point, wonder if anyone ever truly loved her, and remember the sight of that broken and bloodied Corpus.

Today, Jesus prays for the person you passed on the way into the parking lot this morning, the one who doesn't go to Mass anymore but who always walks his dog on this street, on this morning, for reasons he can't explain.

He prays for your great-great grandparents and your great-great grandchildren.

"Those who will believe in me through their word." That's me. That's you. That's us. We're the ones who believe through the word of the Apostles, who bore witness to the life and death and Resurrection of the God-Man, Jesus Christ, and whose testimony to that life is an eternal flame illuminating the understanding of every human being who will ever say, "I believe."

But if we listen to what Jesus says today, we must understand: it's not just the Apostles' job, and it's not done. It's not a book that is closed. It's a mission that is alive and ongoing, and it's as much ours as it was theirs: *that the world may believe that you sent me.*

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is Lectio Divina, and how is it associated with the Benedictine Monastic tradition, whose founder, St. Benedict, we honor on July 11?

Answer:

Benedict desired his monks to live in community, praying the Liturgy of the Hours together, contemplating sacred texts, and doing manual labor. The monks developed a technique to facilitate a spiritual and devotional reading of the Bible known as Lectio Divina, the holy reading of a text. This method encourages the reader to hear the biblical text with an open heart and focus on whatever God wants to highlight and then apply it to daily life.

There are variations on Lectio Divina, but essentially, the technique consists of a three-step process of reflection. When the reflection is done with a group, the responses are shared by all the participants. Once the text is selected, it is read meditatively, and the following are then explored: a word or phrase that attracts you; how and where the content of this reading touches your life today; what you believe that God wants you to do during this coming week (month, year, lifetime).

Thanks to Benedict, the Christian community has been gifted with this special way of entering into the biblical text. This week, use the Lectio Divina process on one of the readings for the coming Sunday and make a note of the life connections you are making. How is this reflection on the biblical text drawing you closer to God and others?



Sacred Heart Holy Hour

June 25, 2025

6 PM

St. Thomas More Church

Collation in Parish Hall to Follow

An icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be the centerpiece of a special Sacred Heart Holy Hour

During the holy hour, an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome, will be displayed. This reproduction of the original image bears the blessing of Pope Francis and is one of more than 300 icons traveling across the world as part of the Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program.

The Sacred Heart Holy Hour will include readings from Sacred Scripture and reflections from Pope Francis on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as well as the Divine Mercy Chaplet, prayers to the Sacred Heart, and time for silent prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The prayer service will lead all present to grow in their love of God and devotion to his Most Sacred Heart.



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with Fr. Murphy- Saturday June 21st



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Join us for a day trip to Mount Wachusett in Princeton, MA. Mount Wachusett is the highest point in Massachusetts east of the Connecticut River. Hike begins at Balance Rock Trail, then on Old Indian Trail to the summit. Returning via Harrington Trail to Semuhenna Trail to Old Indian Trail to Balance Rock and then to Trail Head parking area. (Moderate hiking) Optional auto route to the summit is also available.

Carpools leaving St. Thomas More parking lot at 7:30 AM.

For more information contact Joe Robenhymer
jr@annobrienrealty.com or 401-741-5553

MASS *intentions*

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD SATURDAY, MAY 31st

4 PM – Anniversary ~ Lydia Coli
5 PM – for the soul of Marvin Doyal & for
the parishioners of St. Thomas More

SUNDAY, JUNE 1st

7:30 AM – for the soul Christine Johnston
8:30 AM – 3rd Anniversary ~ Joseph G. Dery
10 AM – for the soul of John Matuza
11 AM – for the soul of Thomas McCauley

MONDAY, June 2nd

9 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Joan Mulligan

TUESDAY, June 3rd

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Walter Pristawa

WEDNESDAY, June 4th

9 AM – for the soul of Donna Fodera

THURSDAY, June 5th

9 AM – for the souls of Sal & Terry DeGaetano

FRIDAY, June 6th

9 AM – for the living & deceased members of
LaSalle Academy Class of 1963 &
Providence College Class of 1967

SATURDAY, June 7th

9 AM – for the soul of Amy Jayne Brennan

PENTECOST SUNDAY

SATURDAY, June 7th

4 PM – 7th Anniversary ~ Nicholas Hanlon
5 PM – for the soul of Rita Notarantonio

SUNDAY, JUNE 8th

7:30 AM – for the parishioners of St. Thomas More
8:30 AM – for the soul of Dorothy Cook
10 AM – for the soul of Pamela Wilson Heverly
11 AM – 10th year Anniversary ~ Antonetta Corrente

Second Collection

The second collection next weekend
will be for Catholic Communications.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

Two new Masses added

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SAVE THE DATES!

Summer Bible Study
with Maryann Knag

The 2025 theme is:
“The Holy Spirit Across the Bible”



July 8 - Aug 26 ~ 9:30 AM

St. Thomas More parish hall



Devotions, Explained!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Our Lady of Perpetual Help is both
a title of the Blessed Mother as
well as a corresponding icon
that dates to the late Middle Ages,
both of which present Mary as a
source of strength and comfort
for Christ and his followers.

Happenings around the parish

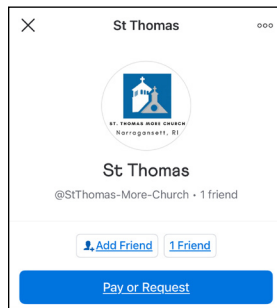
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Men's Bible Study

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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 Mon. - Sat. at 8:30AM at St. Thomas More. **All are welcome to join these activities.** To learn more, call Diane at 996-3876 or visit our [website](#).



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.

SUMMER FEST '25

Sunday, June 29th

St. Veronica Chapel

11:00 AM - Sunday Mass

12:00 PM - Summerfest Celebration

- hot dogs ● hamburgers
- ice cream ● magician ●
- live music by the Driftwoods ●

Our annual summer raffle to be drawn at the "Summerfest Celebration." **Proceeds from the raffle will keep this event free for everyone, provide the prize money, and support our Mother Teresa Fund.**

Your tickets should have arrived in the mail, please return to the parish office or drop in a collection basket.

Thank you in advance for your support!

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PSALM 37:5

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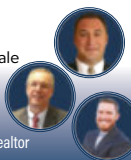
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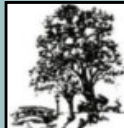
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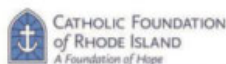
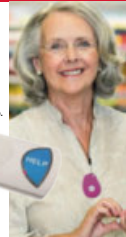
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