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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

1035 Boston Neck Rd.

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 4:00PM

SUNDAY - 8:30AM & 11:00AM

& 8:00PM Last Call Mass

(July 6- Aug 31)

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JUNE 22, 2025 - THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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The Feast of Corpus Christi – The Body and Blood of Christ. Amen means, “I believe it!” Do we?

“Very truly I tell you, unless you eat my body and drink my blood you have no life in you”, John 6:53.

Catholics have professed and believed in the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist since the Last Supper. Sadly, many “cradle Catholics” haven’t really reflected on the reality and what it means. I just read that 1.5% of the population in America is a convert to Catholicism. Teaching OCIA (classes) throughout all of my priesthood has me reflecting on the Eucharist, which is sometimes a stumbling block on the way to the fullness of Christ, but most often it is the draw.

Several years ago, a best man that came to St. Thomas More felt the Real Presence during the wedding Mass. He was a lapsed Protestant. Shortly afterward, he entered OCIA at St. Thomas More and was confirmed at our parish at the Easter Vigil.

I was blessed last year to walk with Gordon Hayward, a Lutheran who also came to believe that the Eucharist is really Jesus. There is a saying, “converts make the best Catholics”. While not always the case, this Feast of Corpus Christi is an opportunity for us to reflect on the gift of the Real Presence. Some say, why didn’t Jesus just remain here with us? We know now He would have been in a particular place at one time, now in the Eucharist, he is physically present all over the world and so close to us.

Many have the older tradition of blessing themselves when they pass by a Catholic Church and reverence the presence. Might this be something you try to discover? Maybe we slow down our genuflections, so our interior self and our intellect can also genuflect with our body.

May I suggest you read John chapter six. This is the discourse of Jesus about the Eucharist. Would you be able to explain to a protestant the difference between a Eucharistic theology that is symbolic rather than the Real Presence?

Perhaps google a litany of the Eucharist and pray it today. Jesus, we thank you for dying, rising and instituting this way to stay with us. We love, honor and adore you.

Fr. Taillon

SUMMER FEST 25

NEXT WEEKEND!

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 will 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.

Please return to the parish office or drop in a collection basket.
Thank you in advance for your support!

Our Lady's Guild Pilgrimage to Nasonville, RI to the Shrine of the Little Flower



The day began with breakfast and a talk by Sr. Grace Coffey about St. Theresa. Afterwards, Sr. Grace led a procession to the Shrine and beautiful gardens where they prayed the Joyful Mysteries. After exploring the grounds with the saints, garden and holy stairs, they visited the book store and ended with a Holy hour, confessions and Mass. A luncheon was enjoyed by all, including the priests.





St. Thomas More Parish Annual Collection

July 5th & 6th

On July 5 & 6, we will have our Annual Collection, which supports both St. Thomas More Church and St. Veronica Chapel. ***This is the central collection for the year and we depend on it.***

Your support will be used for special projects, and for general help with expenses that get us through the leaner months of winter. This year we will be installing automatic door openers at the handicap entrances of both churches. Both entrances have been challenging, especially St. Veronica, and we hope to improve the situation with these new electronic doors.

We thank you for your steadfast expression of faith reflected in your weekly presence at liturgies and for your willingness to offer your time and talents to our parish programs. Your loyal financial support to our beloved parish is greatly appreciated.

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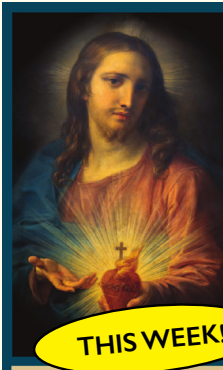
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THIS WEEK!

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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MASS

intentions

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

SATURDAY, June 21st

- 4 PM – for the soul Peter McLaughlin & for the parishioners of St. Thomas More
- 5 PM – for the souls of James & Virginia Cosgrove

SUNDAY, JUNE 22nd

- 7:30 AM – for the soul of Theresa D'Ordine
- 8:30 AM – for the soul of Geraldine Egan
- 10 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Claire Wayland
- 11 AM – 4th Anniversary ~ Robert Gagne

MONDAY, June 23rd

- 9 AM – for the soul of Robert Osmanski

TUESDAY, June 24th

- 9 AM – for the deceased members of the McGovern & Heran Families

WEDNESDAY, June 25th

- 9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Gertrude Huntley

THURSDAY, June 26th

- 9 AM – Anniversary ~ Inman Riley Family

FRIDAY, June 27th

- 9 AM – 4th Anniversary ~ Patrick Michael Mannix

SATURDAY, June 28th

- 9 AM – 9th Anniversary ~ Anna Bova

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES

SATURDAY, June 28th

- 4 PM – 3rd Anniversary ~ John Lennon
- 5 PM – 10th Anniversary ~ Calvin Bamford

SUNDAY, JUNE 29th

- 7:30 AM – for the parishioners of St. Thomas More
- 8:30 AM – for the soul Patty Wheeler-Livesey
- 10 AM – for the soul of Rose DiGiacomo
- 11 AM – for the souls of Hunter Eric Chartier & Edith & William Lafazia

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(Begins July 6 - Aug 31)



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
class details will follow.

**ROSARY
AT THE
BEACH
SUNDAY
JUNE 22
5:30 PM
NARRAGANSETT
BEACH**



- * Seawall Entrance * Free parking in the town beach lot
- * Rain or shine * Bring chairs, blankets
- * Extra rosaries provided

Happenings around the parish

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 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.

WEEKLY PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Current Needs

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|--|------------------------------|
| ✓ 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.



Rhode Island Blood Center

Every Donation Can Save Up To 3 Lives

Consider donating blood at any Rhode Island Blood Center donor center throughout the state.

To register, visit www.ribc.org/locations or call 401-453-8383

When donating, please be sure to use parish Sponsor Code 0626.

On Wednesday, June 25,

Fr. Taillon will be appearing on the **Inner Life Show** to discuss Fortitude!

Tune in at 12 noon or listen here:

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YOUNG ADULT

BBQ & ROSARY

WITH BISHOP LEWANDOWSKI



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SAT. JUNE 28
6:30-8:30 PM

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FATIMA CHURCH

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**rosary will be held at
the outdoor shrine**

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MOTHER TERESA FUND

*"It's not how much we give but
how much love we put into giving."*

Mother Teresa

During challenging times, especially over the past year or so, most of us have most likely felt the "pinch" one time or another with escalating costs for food, gas, utilities, medical bills, etc. Having to pick and choose which bills to pay each month is very stressful, and for some, it's a weekly or monthly issue.

Through our Catholic faith, we show our love for Jesus by helping others in many ways. Mother Teresa was a beautiful example of how to show love by helping those in need. In response to the generosity of the parishioners over the years wanting to help those in need, St. Thomas More established the "The Mother Teresa Fund" in XXXX to enable parishioners to quietly donate to causes that aren't seen by us every day. The help can be as simple as providing a food or gas card, paying for a past-due utility bill, or supporting the Providence inner-city schools that are struggling to stay open. Below are some examples of how the Mother Teresa Funds have been used:

- Food and gas card assistance regularly throughout the community
- Partnering with St. Vincent DePaul Conference, St. Francis of Assisi, Wakefield, to provide aid to Narragansett and South Kingstown residents who have fallen behind on bills, rent, etc., for various reasons.
- Donating to the "Kitchen of Hope" – a non-profit volunteer organization that provides free, hot, nutritious meals to the underserved in Narragansett and South Kingstown.
- Assisting with St. Patrick Academy in Providence to help provide a Catholic college-prep education to students in Providence (maybe mention lockers & uniforms?)
- Enable Bishop McVinney School in Providence to rent school buses for a field trip to the Roger Williams Park Zoo.
- Donations to the Emmanuel Center in Providence (what is the Emmanuel center?)
- Sound System for St. Charles Church in Providence

Showing our love for Jesus by helping those in need can be expressed by prayer, helping with a task, or sharing your "treasure" with a donation to the Mother Teresa Fund. All funds that come into St. Thomas More, are noted for MTF, and are deposited into a restricted account set up specifically to help those in need. A financial gift, no matter how large or small, will be greatly appreciated.

As Mother Teresa said... *"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."*

Lynn Bamford,

Director of Stewardship, St. Thomas More



Bishop McVinney field trip.



St. Patrick Academy



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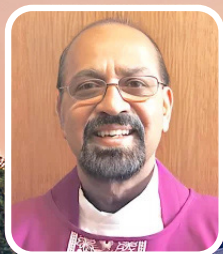
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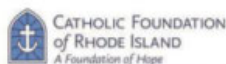
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