

#### **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)

#### Fr. Marcel L. Taillon, S.T.L.

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Pastor Emeritus

#### Deacon Joseph Clossick

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June 8, 2025 - Pentecost Sunday



### 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" 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 St. Patrick Academy in Providence to help provide a Catholic college-prep education to students, as well as new uniforms and lockers.
- Enable Bishop McVinney School in Providence to rent school buses for a field trip to the Roger Williams Park Zoo.
- Donations to the Emanuel House, a shelter for homeless men in Providence.
- 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





#### Our Lady's Guild Pilgrimage

to the

## Shrine of the Little Flower

at St. Theresa Church and Shrine, 35 Dion Drive, Nasonville, RI

Followed by a luncheon at Laura's Bar and Grille, 945 Douglas Pike, Smithfield

8:15 AM - Meet at STM - carpool to Nasonville

9:45 AM - Continental Breakfast & talk by Sister Grace Coffey

10:30 AM - Pray the Rosary in the Rosary Garden

11:00 AM - Tour the grounds & visit gift shop

12:00 PM - Adoration and Confessions

12:30 PM - Mass

1:00 PM - Depart for lunch at Laura's

#### Registration and payment by Monday, June 9

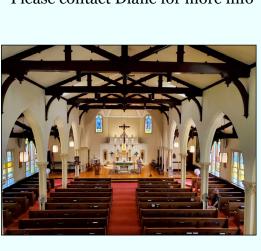
in the parish office.

Please specify if you can be a driver, or if will you need a ride.

Suggested donation - \$20 (includes breakfast)
Please make checks payable to: *Shrine of the Little Flower* 

#### All are welcome to join!

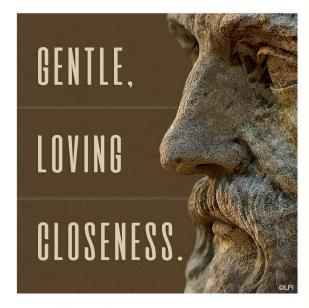
Please contact Diane for more info - 401-996-3876







### Worship & Meditation



### **Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture**

When I was a seminarian almost 20 years ago, a bank vice president taught us etiquette classes. She said, "Gentlemen, please make sure your breath isn't bad. Take some breath mints before you hear confessions, okay?" We nervously laughed because the proximity that makes breath noticeable (whether pleasant or not) can be a bit awkward.

When Jesus breathes on his Apostles (John 20:22), he must have been within inches of at least some of them. This closeness of his breath has a purpose: the purpose of forgiveness of sins. "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (John 20:23). Why in the world would the almost uncomfortable closeness of his breath forgive sins?

In the Bible, breath is spirit or wind. It comes from above and makes that which is below to have identity. To not have a single identity is to be multiple, divided. The word "sin" comes from an ancient word that means "to split" or "render asunder." Sin divides us sinners and the world around us; our spiritual "breath" leaves us and our identity splinters. Only breath from above restores. For example, a shattered vase is rendered whole because the craftsman breathes the spirit of the vase back into it when he repairs it. A human being shattered by sin is made whole by the breath of God, breathed by Jesus through his priests. His breath alone forgives sins. It's always done with his gentle, loving closeness.

Father John Muir

### Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

Why do we use incense at Mass?

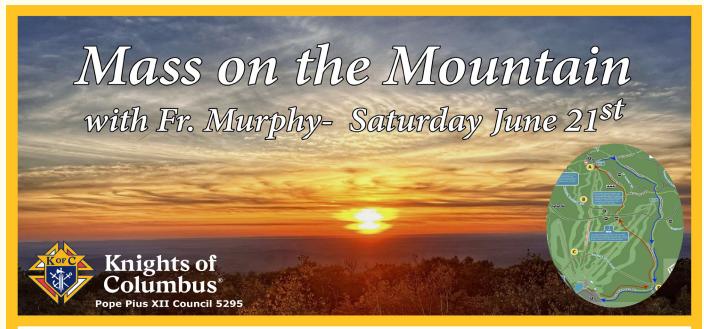
#### Answer:

The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).



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





## Sacred Heart Holy Hour

June 25, 2025

#### 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.



# MASS intentions

#### 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 Anniversary ~ Antonetta Corrente

#### MONDAY, June 9th

9 AM – for the deceased members of the McGovern & Heran families

#### TUESDAY, June 10th

9 AM – for the soul of Catherine Kitchell

#### WEDNESDAY, June 11th

9 AM – Special Intention ~ Mary Horan (Living)

#### THURSDAY, June 12th

9 AM – 60th Wedding Anniversary ~ Judy & Joe McGinn

#### FRIDAY, June 13th

9 AM – for the souls of Teresa & Frank Heran

#### SATURDAY, June 14th

9 AM – 2nd Anniversary ~ Eleanor Skenyon

#### THE MOST HOLYTRINITY

#### SATURDAY, June 14th

4 PM – for the soul of Bill Soles

5 PM – Birthday remembrance ~ Henry Delmonico

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 15th

7:30 AM – for the parishioners of St. Thomas More

8:30 AM – for the soul Amy Jayne Brennan

10 AM – 10th Anniversary ~ Brendan Tapley

11 AM – for the soul of Peter Corpus

#### **Second Collection**

The second collection this weekend will be for Catholic Communications.

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Two new Masses added

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#### **Knights of Columbus**

Monthly Council Meeting Monday, June 9th - 7PM St.Thomas More Parish Hall

New candidates, please contact Bernie Casey at berniecaseyjr@gmail.com.



### Knitting Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, June 11th - 1:00 PM
St.Thomas More Parish Hall
All are welcome!

For more info, call the parish office at 789-7682



### SILENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Thursday, June 12th

St. Thomas More Church from 6:30 - 7:30 PM with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

### Happenings around the parish

Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him."
- Jn 14:23

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

### 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



#### 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.



### Sunday, June 29th

St. Veronica Chapel

11:00 AM - Sunday Mass 12:00 PM - Summerfest Celebration

- hot dogshamburgers
- 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.

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