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Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More Church

Vigil Mass - Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday Mass: 10:00AM

Daily Mass - Monday - Saturday: 9:00AM

Confession - Saturday: 4:00-4:45PM

St. Veronica Chapel

Vigil Mass - Saturday: 4:00 PM

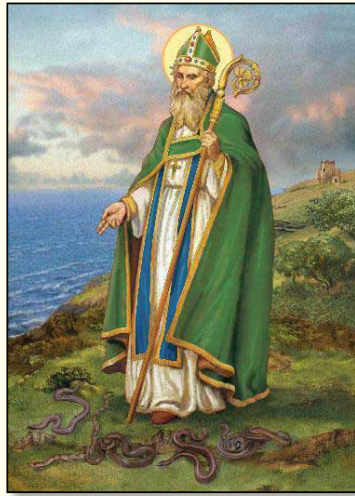
Sunday Masses

8:30AM

11:00AM



MARCH 17, 2024 - THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

This year St. Patrick's Day is on a Sunday which is a blessing, as Sundays are not days of fasting during Lent! No corned beef and cabbage issues! What remains the same is that we as friends of Jesus and all who respect and treasure Irish culture and tradition, need to enter more deeply in to Saint Patrick's life. We hear of green beer and rivers and many wear green. Live Irish music is the best of all.

I thought I would share some things about the traditions you may not know. First, St. Patrick's Day was a dry holiday in Ireland from 1903 to 1970. It was a "holy" day of sorts so all the pubs were closed.

- The shamrock is not the symbol of Ireland but the harp is. King Henry VIII used the harp on coins as early as 1534. The harp was also used on Irish flags and coats of arms. When Ireland gained independence in 1921, it adopted the harp. The shamrock is indeed an Irish cultural symbol. There is a 1 in 10,000 chance of finding a three leaf clover. The shamrock was used by Patrick to preach and teach the Trinity, three persons and one God, one substance that we pray in the Creed every Sunday.
- There are 34 million Americans who claim Irish ancestry in the US and only 4.3 million living in Ireland.
- Brace yourself but Patrick was not Irish! He was a Roman citizen preaching in the empire either from England or Wales. I think it is even more special that Jesus Christ brought him there to ground the Irish in Jesus. He was captured at 16 by Irish raiders and lived as a slave for several years. He escaped and fled to England and joined a Monastery where he lived for 12 years growing closer to God, later being called to priesthood and to return to preach to the Irish. What a grace he was so forgiving.
- The reason St. Patrick's Day is March 17th is because it is the day of his death, the anniversary of him meeting Jesus and returning to Him.

While we may have a green beer and wear green, lets make this St. Patrick's day a "holy" day again. Lets meditate on his life as a bishop and teacher of the faith.

St.Patrickpray for us!

Fr. Taillon

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, March 31st

Following the 11 am Mass

St. Veronica Chapel

Begins in Msgr. Halloran Hall

For children 12 years old and under.
(rain or shine)



PASCHAL TRIDUUM:

The Easter Triduum which begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, reaching its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday, is the summit of the Liturgical Year.

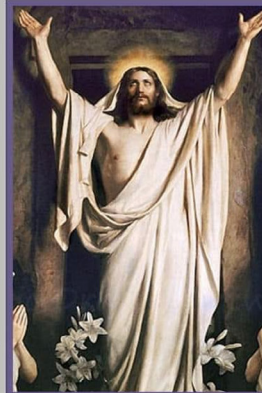
It commemorates Christ's Paschal Mystery, The **PASSION**, **DEATH** and **RESURRECTION** of Jesus.

PASSION



DEATH

RESURRECTION



What is the Easter Triduum?

The holiest days of the liturgical year begin next week. What exactly is the Easter Triduum?

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—
from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday.

Though three chronological days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

The liturgical services that take place during the Triduum are:

Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday

A reception of the oils, blessed at the Chrism Mass, are carried in procession by members of the parish during the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Stations of the Cross at 12 noon & 3:00 pm and an evening Service, including veneration of the cross.

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord - Easter Vigil Mass

The Easter Vigil begins and ends in darkness. Fire is blessed and the paschal candle is lighted to illumine the night so that all may hear the Easter proclamation and listen to the word of God proclaimed in the Scriptures. The paschal candle is the symbol of the light of Christ, rising in glory, scattering the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord - Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday, the rite of the renewal of baptismal promises may take place after the homily, followed by the sprinkling with water blessed at the Vigil.



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 24th:

St. Thomas More Masses

5:00 PM Vigil & 10:00 AM

St. Veronica Chapel Masses

4:00 PM Vigil, 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM

Holy Thursday, March 28th:

St. Thomas More

7:00 PM ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper

Institution of Priesthood & Holy Eucharist

8:30 PM - 11:00 PM ~ Adoration of Eucharist in the church

Good Friday, March 29th:

St. Thomas More

12:00 PM ~ Stations in the Streets (rain or shine)

3:00 PM ~ Traditional Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM ~ Service ~ Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday, March 30th:

St. Thomas More

Please Note:

7:30 PM ~ Easter Vigil (blessing of fire, receptions)

NO 4:00 PM Mass at St. Veronica Chapel

NO 5:00 PM Mass at St. Thomas More

Easter Sunday, March 31st:

St. Thomas More Masses

10:00 AM

St. Veronica Chapel Masses

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

MASS *intentions*

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 16th

4 PM – for the souls of Rocco & Adelaide Ferolito

5 PM – for the soul of Patricia Murray

SUNDAY, MARCH 17th

8:30 AM – for the soul of Mary Pat Bamford

10 AM – for the soul of Bernice McCormick

11 AM – 23rd Anniversary ~ Pamela Holmberg

MONDAY, MARCH 18th

9 AM – for the soul of Guido S. Aidjian

TUESDAY, MARCH 19th

9 AM – for the soul of Jean Ann Mescher

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20th

9 AM – for the soul of James Ford

THURSDAY, MARCH 21st

9 AM – for the soul of Carl Gillette

FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd

9 AM – for the soul of Geraldine Eagan

SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd

9 AM – for the soul of Richard Narcessian

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd

4 PM – for the soul of James Sheridan

5 PM – for the deceased members of the Andersen &
Wojciechowski Families

SUNDAY, MARCH 24th

8:30 AM – for the soul of Lindsay Lindean

10 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Kevin Mulholland

11 AM – for the souls of Charles & Helen Napolitano

Second Collection

The 2nd collection next weekend will be for Rice Bowl & Catholic Relief Services.

Mark your calendars!

Save the date for a
Mass and send-off reception for Fr. Taillon
on Sunday, April 7 - 11:00 AM
St. Veronica Chapel

POPE JOHN PAUL II: WORDS TO LIVE BY

Mercy is able to reach down to every prodigal son, to every human misery, and above all to every form of moral misery, to sin. When this happens, the person who is the object of mercy does not feel humiliated, but rather “restored to value.”

ENCYCLICAL: ON THE MERCY OF GOD,
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Alpha Returns April 4th

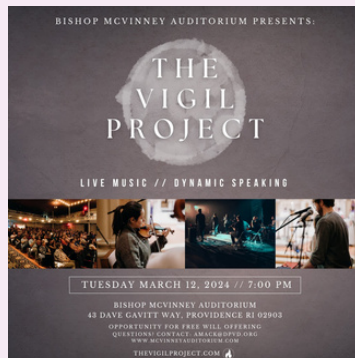
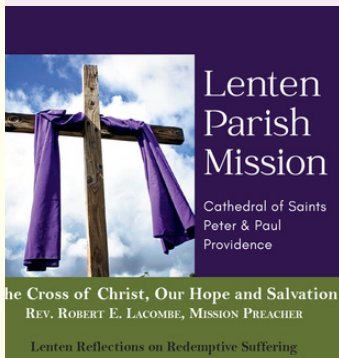


Mark your calendars to participate in this year's Alpha program! Alpha is an opportunity to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join you and members of our parish family in exploring life's biggest questions through the Catholic faith. It's a series of interactive sessions that begin with a delicious meal followed by a short film and small group discussions to intentionally create space for the Holy Spirit to lead people to a personal encounter and relationship with Jesus. Alpha is free-of-charge and anyone is welcome to join. Click on the QR above to register.

Alpha begins Thursday, April 4th at 6:30 PM at St. Francis of Assisi and will run for eleven consecutive weeks.

HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S
DAY

LENTEN EVENTS HAPPENING AROUND OUR DIOCESE



Mar 11-13 **Parish Lenten Mission:**
"The Cross of Christ, Our Hope and Salvation"

Where: Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence
What: Join us for 'Lenten Reflections on Redemptive Suffering', Confessions from 6-6:45 p.m., and Holy Mass at 7 p.m.

Mar 12 **McVinney Auditorium Presents:**
The Vigil Project

Where: McVinney Auditorium, 43 Dave Gavitt Way, Providence
What: Family-friendly event featuring renowned musicians and offering inspiring music to elevate your Lenten journey! Come and encounter God through music!
More: provd.io/TheVigilProject

Mar 16 **Be refreshed in the faith!**
Faith Formation Convocation

Where: Bryant University in Smithfield from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
What: Our day begins with Holy Mass at 8:30 a.m., followed by Keynote Speaker Matthew Leonard, then experience dynamic presenters and informative sessions on topics including scripture, our faith, and more. Lunch included; Confession available.
More: www.faithformationconvocation.com

Mar 26 **You and yours are cordially invited to:**
The Chrism Mass

Where: Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence at 7 p.m.
What: This special Mass, presided by Most Rev. Richard G. Henning, Bishop of Providence, brings together priests and deacons from across the diocese.
More: provd.io/ChrismMass

READ MORE ONLINE: Scan the QR code



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Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati



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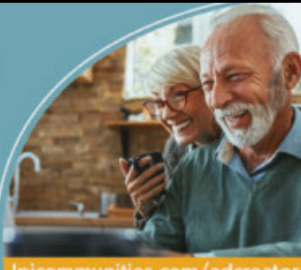
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