

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

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

Pastor

Chaplain, Narragansett Police Department

Chaplain, Narragansett Fire Department

Chaplain, South Kingstown Police Department

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Associate Pastor

mappilajoseph60@gmail.com

Msgr. John C. Halloran

Pastor Emeritus

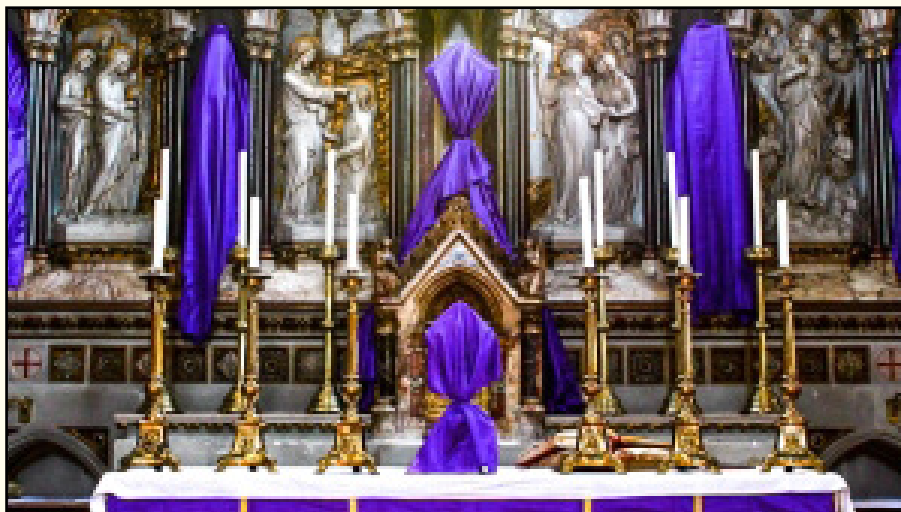
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MARCH 19, 2023 - THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Why do we cover statues at the end of Lent?

Next week we will cover our statues of Jesus and Mary as well as the crucifixes. This is an ancient tradition that is an option pastors/parishes can take as we do here at St. Thomas More. It is counter-intuitive to cover the statues that remind us of heaven and our ultimate goal. As we get ever closer to Holy Week we cover them to sort of “jolt” our senses. Covering the statues usually makes one ask, especially children, “What is going on?”.

Veils or veiling remind us too, of heaven. We think of a bride that until recently arrived to the covenant veiled or hidden from her groom. The veil pointed to the longing for convent and the purity and virginity of the bride. We veil the Easter flowers until our Vigil, raising the anticipation of the resurrection of Jesus. Girls wear veils at First Communion reminding us that the church is the bride of Christ at Holy Mass.

Sometimes we veil a new portrait or painting from view that serves only to deepen the longing to see what is hidden. The same is done for sculptures or statues at dedications.

Of course in Jerusalem there was a veil in the temple in the Holy of Holies, that we read in scripture was torn in two, as Christ died exposing heaven to earth and earth to heaven. Christ has lifted the veil as now in the Incarnation we can experience and see the face of Jesus.

Here in our parish we veil them in purple for the fourth week of Lent and red for Holy Week.

I would recommend you could do this in the domestic church of your home. If you have a crucifix or statue/s in the house, covering them the fifth week of Lent until the Easter Vigil is a similar but different practice of placing the baby Jesus in the manger on Christmas morning.

Fr. Taillon



Lenten Lectures Series

“JEWISH ROOTS OF THE EUCHARIST”

Fr. Taillon
Sunday, March 26th
St. Thomas More Parish Hall - 2:30 PM

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).

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

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.

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, collected on Palm Sunday, **April 2nd**.

Daily Mass

St. Thomas More:

Monday–Saturday at 9:00AM

Friday at 6:30 PM

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.

MASS *intentions*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 18th (Vigil)

4 PM – for the soul of Robert E. Sullivan

5 PM – 1st Anniversary ~ Albert Ferraro

SUNDAY, MARCH 19th

8 AM – for the soul of Benito Conca

9 AM – for the soul of Matthew Sotnik

10 AM – 13th Anniversary ~ Rita Travis

11 AM – 22nd Anniversary ~ Pamela Holmberg

MONDAY, MARCH 20th

9 AM – 3rd Anniversary ~ William Kovacs

TUESDAY, MARCH 21st

9 AM – for the souls of Brian & Marion Gillcrist

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22nd

9 AM – Special Intention ~ the Delaney & Kirwan families

THURSDAY, MARCH 23rd

9 AM – Special Intention ~ Karin Ann Feist (LIVING)

FRIDAY, MARCH 24th

9 AM – Special Intention ~ Niko & Grace (LIVING)

6:30 PM – Birthday Remembrance ~ George Buerry

SATURDAY, MARCH 25th

9 AM – for the soul of Geraldine Egan

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 25th (Vigil)

4 PM – 1st Anniversary ~ Carmel Paradise

5 PM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Bob Winward

SUNDAY, MARCH 26th

8 AM – Month's Mind ~ Inez Cote

9 AM – for the soul of Mary Langon

10 AM – for the soul of Albert Rendine

11 AM – for the souls in Purgatory



Such a blessing to have four Seminarians visiting with us last week. Pictured with Fr. Taillon from L to R: Domenic Re from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, WV, Joseph Richter from the Diocese of Bismarck, ND, John Paul Shanahan from the Diocese of Richmond, VA and Daniel Morrison from the Archdiocese of Washington, DC.

Knights of Columbus Monthly Membership Meeting

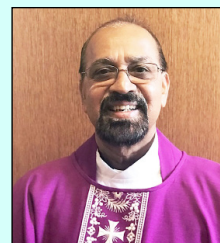
Monday, March 20th- 7PM

St. Thomas More Parish Hall



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Did you know?



Fr. Joe Mappilamattel
is available for counseling -
both personal and spiritual, confessions
and home blessings.

Please call the parish office at 789-7682 to
schedule an appointment or email Fr. Joe at
mappilajoseph60@gmail.com

Bishop Hendricken Open House

Bishop Hendricken High School will be hosting an
Open House on Sunday, March 19th from 12-3: PM.

Tour the facilities and receive information on
academics, admission procedures, financial aid,
student life, transportation and college placement.
For more info call the Admissions Office at 889-5425.



Fr. Michael Champagne did not disappoint!

Education about the importance and meaning of the Eucharistic Revival and the Mass, mixed with a perfect dose of humor, our Lenten Mission at St. Veronica Chapel was greatly received by our parish.

Please visit our website to view all three nights. <https://livestream.com/stm/stv-special>



Requesting your help ~ next two weekends!

Dear Parishioners,

My name is Avery Hurwitz. I'm the sacristan at St. Veronica and a senior at North Kingstown High School. For my senior project I have chosen to support the Emmanuel House, a men's homeless shelter, run by the Diocese of Providence.


The Diocese has been running the homeless shelter for more than a decade and has provided shelter, food, and services for thousands of Rhode Islanders. Homelessness in Rhode Island is at an all-time high and I feel it is our job to help the people who need it the most.

The desired items for this drive are non-perishable foods, socks, men's underwear, t-shirts, gloves, and other clothing items. We will be collecting these items before and after **Mass on March 25th, 26th, April 1st and 2nd**. It would be greatly appreciated if you are able to donate and support the Emmanuel House.

Avery Hurwitz's Senior Project
(St. Veronica Sacristan)

Necessity Drive for the Homeless

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO DIRECTLY TO
EMMANUEL HOUSE
(MEN'S HOMELESS SHELTER IN PROVIDENCE)



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DIOCESE of PROVIDENCE

Dates

March 25th and 26th
April 1st and 2nd

Items Needed

- Nonperishable Foods
- Socks
- Underwear (Men's)
- T-Shirts
- Gloves

Collection boxes

St. Thomas More
St. Veronica

For any questions, please email me at avery_hurwitz@students.nksd.net and for more information on the Diocese visit dioceseofprovidence.org.

Thank You,
Avery Hurwitz

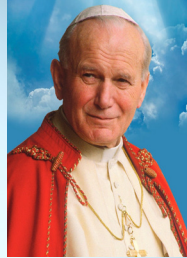
Happenings around the parish and surrounding area

A DISCUSSION ON THE THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

**FEATURING: Dr. Peter J. Colosi
and Deacon Timothy P. Flanigan**

St. Barnabas Respect Life Ministry cordially invites you to an informative evening for anyone who is interested in educating themselves on St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body.

**"MARRIAGE IS THE OLDEST REVELATION
OF GOD'S PLAN." - ST. JOHN PAUL II**



**WEDNESDAY MARCH 22, 2023
6:30PM**

**ST. BARNABAS CHURCH HALL
1697 EAST MAIN RD PORTSMOUTH RI**



All are welcome.
Light refreshments will be available.

A donation of any size of diapers will be gratefully accepted to benefit St. Gabriel's Call Ministry, (a ministry of the Office of Life and Family, Diocese of Providence, RI, helping mothers in need)

We will also be accepting a free will offering to cover incidental expenses for the evening.

Kindly, RSVP to Caroline at redcmd@verizon.net

Last minute attendees are most welcome but a prior RSVP would be appreciated by Sunday, March 19.

Religious Education

Sunday, March 19th

Grades 1 - 4 at 9:05-9:55 AM | St. Thomas More
No class for 1st & 2nd Year Confirmation students

Monday, March 20th

Grades 1 - 4 at 4:10-5:00 PM | St. Thomas More

Wednesday, March 22th

Grades 5 - 8 at 5:45-6:45 PM | St. Thomas More



Relevant Radio "Morning Air" Show

Join Fr. Taillon at 550 AM every Wednesday at 8:00 AM
or listen on relevantradio.com

PRESENTATION MARCH 28, 2023

From Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Ph.D.
Topic: Transgender Issues and Gender Dysphoria

Hosted at St. John Neumann Parish
157 Middleboro Rd., East Freetown, MA 02717
Event starts at 7:00pm / \$20 per registration

*Refreshments will be provided by Circle of Life Ministry



To register please visit the homepage at fallriverdiocese.org
or reach out to Irina Robinson, Family and Respect Life Director
Phone: (508) 669-7946 Email: irina@fallriverdiocese.org
*SCAN QR CODE WITH CAMERA IN YOUR SMART PHONE THEN CLICK THE LINK.
To register by mail please complete the form below.

SECRETARIAT
EVANGELIZATION

Rev. Tad March Event 2023 Please Print Clearly

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parish: _____ Parish City/Town: _____

Return to:
Family and Respect Life Office
Diocese of Fall River
423 Highland Ave.
Fall River, MA 02720

Check Payable to:
Diocese of Fall River
Memo Line:
Rev. Tad March Event

The Porn-Proof Family Learn to Defend Minds, Nurture Hearts & Save Lives



When: March 22nd 2023

7pm - 9pm

Where: St. Clare's Parish Center

The Rhode Island Family Institute (RIFI) cordially invites parents, grandparents and others concerned for the well-being of youth to attend this presentation.

Dr. Michelle Cretella, a local parent, pediatrician spokesperson for the Catholic Medical Association and past executive director of the American College of Pediatricians, will explain how our children are harmed mentally, emotionally, spiritually and even physically by our pornographic culture. She will share how parents must protect children beginning at home and at increasingly younger ages. Handouts with links to parent resources will be provided.

Mr. Robert Chiaradio, a local parent and child advocate, will share evidence to demonstrate how our youth may be exposed to pornographic material in public schools without parental knowledge, and will review local efforts to remedy this.



**Saint Philomena School
OF THE SACRED HEART**

**SAINT PHILOMENA SCHOOL OF THE SACRED HEART
MIDDLE SCHOOL THEOLOGY TEACHER**

Position: Middle School (Grades 6-8) Theology Teacher (Full-time Exempt)
Start: August 2023

Saint Philomena School of the Sacred Heart, a Catholic independent Sacred Heart Preschool through Grade 8 school in Portsmouth, RI, is hiring a faith-filled, mission-driven, passionate and knowledgeable educator who loves all children, supports families and works collaboratively with colleagues to foster courage & confidence in students while inspiring intellectual and spiritual growth and development.

Position Overview

- The middle school theology teacher works on a team of middle-level educators to cultivate an exceptional educational program specifically providing strong instructional leadership in theology and student formation in spirituality.
- With a content knowledge of and ability to teach Old Testament Theology, Christology, Catholicism and World Religions, the ideal educator will inspire students to grow in faith, knowledge and service. The educator will work with administration to build and implement a strong theology program for middle school learners.
- The middle school theology teacher will help animate the Charism of our Sacred Heart identity through educational offerings that engage learners with the spirituality and history of the Religious of the Sacred Heart.
- The middle school theology teacher will implement and advance a Christian Service program to help our students put faith into action.
- Alongside all educators at Saint Philomena School of the Sacred Heart, this individual will contribute to building up the culture and well-functioning of the school by supporting general duties, serving as a homeroom teacher and contributing to the electives and activities programs.

Interested applicants should send resume and references or supporting materials to:

Brian Cordelero, Head of School
bcordelero@saintphilomena.org

Saint Philomena School of the Sacred Heart
324 Cory's Lane
Portsmouth, Rhode Island 02871

Parish Pilgrimage

with Fr. Taillon

Saturday April 15th, 2023

(Space Limited)

Join the Knights of Columbus on a pilgrimage to the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center in New Haven, CT with Mass and veneration at St. Mary's Church (where Fr. McGivney is entombed).

Includes coach bus from St. Thomas More, Mass and veneration, lunch and tour of the pilgrimage center and return to St. Thomas More.

\$50 per person

Visit www.popepiusxii.org/pilgrimage for more details

All are welcome
to attend!



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**Richmond Country Club
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Proceeds directly benefit Pope Pius XII Charities, particularly, support for seminarians (\$64,500 over ten years), programs for adults with disabilities and Habitat for Humanity.



Thank you for your donations to the Annual Collection on July 4th weekend. We are now in the process of installing much needed new doors at both churches!

