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Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More Church

Vigil Mass - Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 10:00 AM

Daily Mass - Monday - Saturday: 9:00 AM

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

St. Veronica Chapel

Vigil Mass - Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses

8:30 AM

11:00 AM

Lent 2025

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).



MARCH 23, 2025 - THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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Lent 2025

I would like to ask for your prayers as I take to the road for Lent this week to preach a Lenten mission in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Just as Fr. Alex came here to preach our mission, it is in the older traditions that priests switch out, so parishioners and clergy can all hear a new voice for Lent. My theme for the first night will be “Be with Peter” and “Stay with Jesus” the second night.

Take a look at the pictures on the opposite page to see that we have a new roof at St. Veronica Chapel. This came to our attention because our insurance company notified us that the original roof had aged out, and replacement was on the priority list. We were able to pay for it with the leftover monies from the parking lot project and some additional donations that generously came in from some of you!

It is a great moment to thank the wonderful members of our Finance Council who work diligently year-round planning budgets and reports. They are under the direction of Bob Kolb, our Chair, as well as Nancy Andolfo, Lynn Bamford, Michael Falvey, Sofia Macera, Ed McLaughlin, Lynn Moran, Joe Notarantonio, Victor Primavera, and Bob Stepanian.

I would also like to offer a special thank you to Sofia Macera, our outstanding bookkeeper who keeps us all together, in a very varied and shifting economic environment.

I pray your Lent is going well! It is never too late to start again. As I write this, I am looking forward to our St. Joseph Day pasta and meatball lunch & dinner this coming week. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, April 6th at 6 pm at St. Thomas More, for a visual tour of the Holy Land by Fr. David Grenier, OFM, Commissariat of the Holy Land for the U.S. in Washington, D.C. This visual presentation will help us to know the scriptures better and to be ready for the reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday.

Lastly, I have been much under the weather since my return from D.C. Unfortunately, I had to watch the last night of the mission from my room as I was so sick. I must say it was a grace to be able to watch the event live with so many of you. I am grateful our parish has Livestream available in our toolbox! The talks were great and of course are available on our website by accessing the St. Veronica Special Events in the Livestream archives.

Be blessed!

Fr. Taillon



Before, during and after!



Lent 2025

HOLY LAND TALK & VISUAL PRESENTATION

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 ~ 6:00 PM

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH HALL

Join Fr. David Grenier, Capuchun Franciscan, for a visual tour of the Holy Land where you will learn about many of the sites where Jesus taught the scriptures.



Fr. David Grenier, OFM
Commissariat of the Holy Land,
for the U.S., Washington, D.C.



Prepare for Easter Lenten Confession & Adoration

Monday, April 7

6:00 - 7:00 PM

St. Veronica Chapel

Multiple priests will be available.

St. Thomas More

Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday 9 AM

Rosary: Daily at 8:30 AM

Confessions: Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:45 PM
or by appointment

St. Veronica Chapel

Monday April 7th

Lenten Confession & Adoration
6:00 PM with 3 Priests

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.



Every Friday during Lent
at St. Thomas More

6:00 PM Mass
followed by
Stations of the Cross
6:30 PM

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 to the poor which is collected on Palm Sunday, April 13th.

Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: What I love most about our Savior is that he didn't — doesn't — give up on us. "Give me more time," he says to the Master. "I can still fix this one."

The Patient Gardener

I have garden beds on the side of my house that I don't deserve.

When we bought the property, this was one of the features that was highlighted in the listing. "Professional landscaping! Tri-level garden beds that bask in the southern exposure!"

But I'm so terrible at weeding these garden beds — they become overgrown quickly, and I shudder to imagine what the previous owners would think of me if they drove by. I'm afraid they would write me off as lazy or disinterested, when really I'm just exhausted and busy. Every time I try to garden, one of my little assistant gardeners runs near the road and I must abandon the project to save them.

So, my husband, bless his heart, is the savior of these garden beds. He goes out there in the cool of the evening to pluck up the weeds that threaten to overtake this beautiful little garden. Patiently and tenderly, he restores it to a presentable state. Without him, they would be lost.

Perhaps I love these garden beds so much because I identify with them. If I were a garden, I would also be a mess, and people who have no time for messes would write me off as hopeless. We all need a savior to stick up for us, to come and quietly prune the unsightly growths that have taken root in our souls and turn the soil that has sat undisturbed for too long.

What I love most about our Savior is that he didn't — doesn't — give up on us. "Give me more time," he says to the Master. "I can still fix this one."

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

What is the difference between mortal and venial sin?

Answer:

Sin is a deliberate thought, word, action, or omission contrary to God's law. Since the beginnings of the Church, sin has been distinguished by its gravity. "Grave matter" is traditionally defined by the Ten Commandments. If a person commits a grave sin with full knowledge of the action's evil and with the complete consent of their will, this is a mortal sin. The effects of mortal sin are grave – the loss of sanctifying grace, which can be restored by a fresh outpouring of God's mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Venial sin does not fit one or more of these conditions (for example, a less serious matter still freely chosen or grave matter committed while under force or ignorance of God's law). The effects of venial sin – while still damaging to the human heart and human society – are less severe. Even so, smaller sins build habits, which can obstruct our growth in virtue. When we are serious about following Jesus, we should do our best to avoid all sin, whether large or small!

MASS *intentions*

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 22nd

4 PM – 4th Anniversary ~ Jack Sullivan

5 PM – for the soul of Richard J. Bourbonnais

SUNDAY, MARCH 23rd

8:30 AM – 2nd Anniversary ~ Kevin Mulholland

10 AM – for the soul of Amy Brennan

11 AM – for the parishioners of St. Thomas More

MONDAY, MARCH 24th

9 AM – for the souls of Violet & Paul O'Brien

TUESDAY, MARCH 25th

9 AM – for the soul of Amy Brennan

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26th

9 AM – for the soul of John Miller

THURSDAY, MARCH 27th

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Bob Winward

FRIDAY, MARCH 28th

9 AM – for the souls of the Tyler & D'Elia Families

6 PM – Special Intentions ~ Mother Marie Therese of the Child Jesus (Living)

SATURDAY, MARCH 29th

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Joseph Luciano

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 29th

4 PM – for the souls of the Ferolito & Salvato Families

5 PM – 3rd Anniversary ~ Lawrence "Larry" DiGiacomo

SUNDAY, MARCH 30th

8:30 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~
Ronald Larcheveque

10 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Robert Vicario, Sr.

11 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Mathew Gagne



Ave Maria, gracia plena, Dominus tecum...

ROSARY AT THE BEACH

Sunday March 23rd * 1-1:45pm

Narragansett Town Beach
(seawall entrance)

Free parking in the town beach lot
*rain or shine *bring chairs/blankets
*extra rosaries provided

Men's Retreat

"the truth will set you free" John 8:31-32
SOLD OUT!



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May 9th & 10th, 2025

Join us for our annual men's retreat on beautiful Enders Island in Mystic CT.
Fr. Ryan Connors, Rector of the Seminary Our Lady of Providence and Director of Pre-Ordination Formation for the Diocese of Providence, will lead us in prayer and reflection.
For additional details, visit:

www.popepiusxii.org/men-s-retreat



Devotions, Explained!

Anima Christi

The Anima Christi prayer takes its name from its opening lines: Soul of Christ – "Anima Christi" in Latin. In this prayer, the faithful invoke the image of Christ crucified, calling upon the salvific elements of his wounds, his Body and his Blood to strengthen them, imploring him to save them from "the malicious enemy" and to bring them, in their final hour, to his presence.

The author of this prayer is unknown, but it originated in the 14th century and was referenced in St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises. It is traditionally said after or before receiving the Eucharist.

Happenings around the parish

PRO-LIFE CORNER

"This plague of abortion is the mark of a society that has lost its way; it treats children like garbage. It has come about because of the so-called sexual revolution; abortion is almost a sacrament of that revolution. Sex has been completely separated from its purpose, which is to create life. Our sex-saturated society teaches kids that sex is for fun, for pleasure, for self-expression, or for conquest. Abortion is a no-fault sex insurance policy. This has made a mockery of any attempt at maintaining strong families –the love and responsibility people have toward each other. Now society is full of rampant individualism."

DOROTHY E. MC BRIDE

When I woke up this morning I asked myself,
"What is life about?"

I found the answers in my room...

The fan said, "Be cool."

The roof said, "Aim high."

The window said, "See the world!"

The clock said, "Every minute is precious."

The mirror said, "Reflect before you act."

The calendar said, "Be up to date."

The door said, "Push hard for your goals."

The floor said, "Kneel down and pray and
be thankful for what you have."

3am thoughts

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Why do we continue to climb that hill day after day for water, when we have been given everlasting water by the One who came to reconcile us to the Father? Those seeking to be cleansed in baptismal waters at Easter go through Scrutinies "to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good" (RCIA 141). The story of the woman at the well speaks to all of us of everlasting water that heals us and gives us strength for the journey. There are those among us who long for this, but we who have been marked for Christ a long time ago already possess it. But too often we continue to climb high hills looking for something else to satisfy us. The Samaritan woman leaves behind her container at the well when she leaves, for there is no reason for her ever to return. You and I have left our vessels at the well also. Stop climbing that hill. Today, as you listen to the words of the Scrutiny prayers and ritual, let us be resolved to drink again from that everlasting water God has given to us.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Religious Education

Grades 1-4

Sundays (10:00-10:50 AM)

St. Veronica Chapel

Class on Sunday, March 23

Class on Sunday, March 30

Confirmation Prep

Class on Sunday, March 30

Grades 5-8

Wednesdays (5:45-6:45 PM)

St. Veronica Chapel

Class on March 26

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.

Heavenly Father,

We come before You with gratitude for the many blessings
You have poured upon the Diocese of Providence.

As we await the appointment of a new bishop, we entrust
this process to Your loving care and guidance.

Send Your Holy Spirit to those involved in discerning and
selecting our new shepherd. May they be filled with wisdom,
insight, and fidelity to Your will. Bless the one You have chosen
to lead us, that he may be a man of deep prayer, strong faith,
and courageous love, devoted to serving You and the people
of this diocese. Prepare his heart to embrace this mission
with humility and joy and grant him the grace
to guide us in truth and unity.

May he be a faithful teacher, a compassionate pastor,
and a courageous witness to the Gospel,
drawing us closer to You in all that we do.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church,
and our patron saints, St. Thomas More and St. Veronica.

May they guide and protect our diocese as we
await this important moment.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to ROME

November 16 - 22, 2025

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 - 4 nights: Nov 17-21: Hotel AC Claudio, Rome
 - 1 night: Nov 21-22: Hotel Valle Rossa, San Giovanni Rotondo
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Portage at hotels of 1 large suitcase per person
- Breakfast daily, 5 Dinners
- Wine and mineral water with dinners
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- Whisper headsets
- Assistance of a professional local Christian guide
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Flight bag & PDF digital confirmation of all travel documents

Sample Daily Itinerary**Day 1, Sun, Nov 16: Depart for Rome**

Make your way to your local airport, where you will board your overnight flight(s). Your meals will be served on board.

Day 2, Mon, Nov 17: Arrival in Rome

Welcome to Rome, also known as "The Eternal City." Upon landing at Rome airport, claim your baggage and proceed to the Arrivals Hall, where your tour guide and/or driver will greet you. Following check-in at the hotel, enjoy some free time to unpack, relax, or explore Rome on your own. Your tour escort may suggest places to visit. Later this afternoon, your group will meet in the hotel lobby for a meet-and-greet with fellow pilgrims and your priests. You will depart together for Mass, and following Mass, you will attend a welcome dinner. After dinner, you have to opportunity to join in a walk to St. Peter's Square for the Rosary (optional).

Day 3, Tue, Nov 18: Rome - Assisi- Rome

This morning, we will head to Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis. You will start your tour at the St. Francis Basilica, visit the tomb of St. Francis, and view a series of frescoes depicting his life, along with a few of the saint's possessions. Followed by a visit to the Santuario Della Spogliazione where Saint Carlo Acutis' tomb is placed. From there, you will continue a walking tour through this picturesque town, including the birthplace of St. Francis, and end with a tour of the Church that honors St. Clare, the foundress of the Poor Clare Sisters. After lunch, you will board the bus, which will take you outside of the walls of Assisi, to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. This is where St. Francis spent most of his life. This Basilica is made up of two structures, both of which you will visit. The first structure is the "Porziuncola", where St. Francis founded his order of the Friars Minor (Franciscans). The second is the "Capella del Transito", which is the place of St. Francis' death. During your time here, you will have the opportunity to visit the beautiful Rose Garden where St. Francis and other friars lived, as well as the cave where the Saint retired to pray. Return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight.

Day 4, Wed, Nov 19: Rome: Papal Audience - Vatican Museum - Trevi Fountain

This morning, we will attend the Papal Audience in St. Peter's Square or at the Audience Hall. The Audience is celebrated each Wednesday by His Holiness, Pope Francis (pending the papal schedule). Next, you will visit the Vatican Museum, where you can see the Tapestry Gallery, Raphael Rooms, and Sistine Chapel. Next Trevi Fountain area for some free time. Dinner and overnight.

Day 5, Thu, Nov 20: St. Peter's Basilica - Basilica of St. John the Lateran - Holy Stairs - Basilica of St. Mary Major - Colosseum - Roman Forum

Today, we will tour St. Peter's Basilica, built on the site where St. Peter the Apostle was martyred. Here, you'll be able to view Michelangelo's Pieta sculpture and pray at the tombs of Pope Benedict XVI and St. John Paul II. Then visit the oldest of the four major Basilicas in Rome, the Archbasilica of St. John the Lateran, the cathedral church, and the seat of the Bishop of Rome. Cross the street to the very steps that lead up to the praetorium of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem which Jesus climbed on His way to trial during his Passion. The Holy Mass will be celebrated by our priests at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. After lunch, visit the Colosseum, also known as the Flavian Amphitheater was built in the first century AD and was the largest amphitheater in the Roman Empire. Christians were often persecuted in the Roman Empire, and many of them were martyred in the Colosseum. Some of the most famous Christian martyrs who died in the Colosseum include Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Saint Polycarp, and Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicitas. The Colosseum is a reminder of the persecution that early Christians faced, and it is also a symbol of their faith and courage. The Roman Forum was the heart of ancient Rome, and it was the site of many important government buildings, temples, and shops. It was also the place where public meetings were held and where the laws were debated and passed. The Roman Forum was a bustling place. It was home to a wide variety of people, from wealthy aristocrats to poor laborers, and it was a place where people from all walks of life came together. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 6, Fri, Nov 21: Rome - Monte Cassino - San Giovanni Rotondo

This morning, you will board the bus and enjoy the scenic route to the Abbey of Monte Cassino, the principal monastery of the Benedictine Order, founded by St. Benedict around 530 A.D. Continue to San Giovanni Rotondo, where St. Pio of Pietrelcina (St. Padre Pio) lived for many decades and where thousands of people have flocked to be closer to this great saint and Our Lord. Visit the Old Church of Our Lady of Grace, and see the confessional from where St. Pio spent innumerable hours listening to confessions. Dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo.

Day 7, Sat, Nov 22: Depart Home

Depart for Rome Airport for your trip back to the USA.

***206 Tours Disclaimer:** *Though every effort will be made to follow the itinerary, it should be considered as an indication, rather than a contract of places to be visited. Occasionally local religious holidays, national days, weather, traffic conditions and other events may necessitate changes in the sequence of visits or the missing of certain visits.*

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JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMS OF HOPE

WELCOME TO JUBILEE YEAR 2025!

“Hope does not disappoint”

- Romans 5:5

WHAT IS A JUBILEE YEAR?

A jubilee year is a time of joy, repentance, and forgiveness. As the etymology of the word denotes, every jubilee year calls for rejoicing, especially in the goodness of God. Just as a person might celebrate a milestone birthday with particular solemnity, so does the Church rejoice at appropriate moments in time. In the Catholic Church, ordinary jubilee years occur every quarter century. The Holy Father can also inaugurate an extraordinary jubilee year, which Pope Francis did in 2016 under the title the “Jubilee Year of Mercy.”

In the papal bull, *Spes Non Confundit*, Pope Francis inaugurated the Jubilee Year of 2025, which he named the Jubilee of Hope.

During a jubilee year, Christians cooperate with the bounty of divine grace as they strive to enter through the door of salvation, which is Jesus Christ. During

this time, the Church invites the faithful to benefit from her “treasury of grace,” won by the merits of Christ. This principally occurs through conversion in the Sacrament of Penance and the remission of the temporal punishment due to sin through plenary indulgences, applied either for oneself or for others (such as deceased relatives or friends).

WHAT IS THE HISTORY OF THE JUBILEE YEAR?

In the Old Testament, the Jewish people celebrated a jubilee year every 50 years, as recounted in the Book of Leviticus (Lv 25:8-13). God intended the jubilee as a time to re-establish his chosen people’s right relationship with Himself. The jubilee included the forgiveness of debts, the return of misappropriated land, liberty for captives, and a fallow period for agriculture.

In 1300, Pope Boniface VIII inaugurated the first jubilee year, or holy year, for the universal Church. The frequency of holy years changed over time: at first, they were celebrated every 100 years; later, in 1343 Pope Clement VI reduced the gap between jubilees to every 50 years, and in 1470 Pope Paul II established that jubilees would be celebrated every 25 years.

WHAT IS A HOLY DOOR?

In the Catholic tradition, the holy door represents the path to new and eternal life, which was opened to humanity by Jesus, who is himself the door to salvation. In 2025, Pope Francis will open five holy doors beginning with the holy door at the Basilica of St. Peter at the Vatican and concluding with the other papal basilicas in Rome and an Italian prison. Cathedrals will not have special holy doors as they did in 2016 during the Jubilee of Mercy. Nevertheless, diocesan cathedrals and other “jubilee sites” will serve as places of pilgrimage and pious visits for the faithful, who can gain the same plenary indulgences under the normal conditions.

“We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire...”

- Pope Francis' letter announcing
Jubilee 2025

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WHAT IS AN INDULGENCE?

An indulgence is the remission of temporal punishment due to sin, which is won by the merits of Christ and dispensed through the treasury of grace, which is the Church. An indulgence is applied partially or fully for oneself or for another.

When a person celebrates the Sacrament of Penance, that person obtains forgiveness for his sins. This includes having contrition for one's sins, confessing those sins to a priest, receiving absolution, and promising to make satisfaction (through an assigned Penance). Although one's sin may be absolved and a person is free of eternal punishment, some effects of sin still remain. Those effects require additional satisfaction. Consider a helpful analog: in the natural order, if I steal my neighbor's bike, he might forgive me, which makes us friends again. But in order for our relationship to be fully restored, I need to return the bike to my friend. In the same way, we must return to God what belongs to him—right praise and worship, which we have sullied by our sins.

The Church therefore teaches that all who die in God's grace and friendship, but are still imperfectly purified—while assured of their eternal salvation—must undergo purification after death in order to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church calls this temporal punishment Purgatory. A partial indulgence remits some of the temporal punishment due to sin, whereas a plenary indulgence remits all of the temporal punishment due to sin.

An indulgence is a favor befitting the magnanimity and goodness of God who never ceases to pardon. We are not “owed” indulgences; they are gifts from the treasury of the Church for the benefit of the faithful.

HOW CAN I OBTAIN A PLENARY INDULGENCE?

Although several pious actions (such as praying before the Blessed Sacrament for thirty minutes or reciting the Holy Rosary in a church) render one disposed to receive a plenary indulgence during any time, there are several more opportunities to benefit from a plenary indulgence during the Jubilee Year of 2025.

In order to obtain a plenary indulgence, **one must perform some “indulged action,”** such as a pious visit, pilgrimage, or work of mercy as determined by the Church (these actions are listed below), **and also fulfill the following conditions:**

1. Receive Holy Communion
2. Receive the Sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion (usually within 8 days), or after receiving Holy Communion (if one does not labor under mortal sin—again, usually within 8 days)
3. Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (typically, by saying an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be; though any simple prayer suffices)
4. Be properly disposed through detachment from all sin, both mortal and venial



Catholic Masses for Recovery

Masses for Recovery are an opportunity for people to come together
in faith to seek God's loving kindness and grace,
with special prayer intentions for those in recovery,
or for those with drug and alcohol issues, or mental health distress.

2025 Schedule

St. Anthony Church

2836 E. Main Rd, Portsmouth, RI

Saturday, January 25, 2025..... 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 26, 2025.....4:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 26, 2025..... 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 25, 2025.....4:00 p.m.

The Hope & Cope Support Group

Do you have a family member or a friend who is dealing with drugs, alcohol, addictions, or mental Health distress? Are you wrestling with these issues yourself?

With the Hope & Cope support group, you don't have to walk this road alone!

The Hope & Cope Support Group is a faith-based, recovery group that meets to pray, reflect, and if desired, share their stories, feelings and experiences with the group, as well as discuss recovery resources, topics and insights.

2025 Schedule

St. Barnabas Church

1697 East Main Road, Portsmouth,
in the Chapel Meeting Room (under the little Chapel)

Sunday Evenings, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

February 16, 2025 August 24, 2025

March 23, 2025 September 21, 2025

May 18, 2025 November 16, 2025,

June 29, 2025 December 21, 2025

**For information regarding the Masses for Recovery
or the Hope and Cope Support Group, contact: Deacon John Silvia
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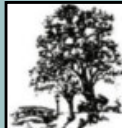
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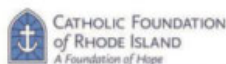
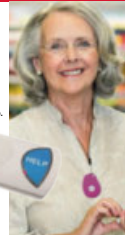
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