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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



MAY 11, 2025 - THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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May 5, 2025

Today, as I write my column, there is anticipation of the conclave that begins tomorrow. This is the most important and significant time in our lives and the life of the Church. I am not sure (but hoping!) that by the time you read this, we have a new pope and know his chosen name!

Being in Rome last week for the funeral was so powerful. One of the quiet graces for me was seeing a list of popes from our first, St. Peter, to Pope Francis posted on the wall of a basilica. Next to the 265 names was the country they were from and the years they served as pope until their death. Next to Peter's name at the top, it just read "Galilea". This struck me deeply and reminded me that Jesus chose and appointed Peter and He chose his name.

I think these days are a cause for some study and reflection. How blessed we are to be Catholic, which means universal. At the funeral, I witnessed hundreds of thousands of people, standing side by side, the powerful and the powerless united in Christ. Even the Cardinals, bishops, and priests were from every corner and country. Watching Pope Francis' body pass by the ruins of the Colosseum and the Roman Empire made me think of the Lord's words, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against the Church," and they have not. For all the scandals, weaknesses, and challenges the Church faces and will face, the truth, scriptures, and the fullness of the sacramental life have flourished for 24 centuries.

I encourage you to pray for the new pope. Pray for his team that he will assemble, but more importantly, do your part to know Jesus and to spread the Gospel. We cannot do it without him and our shepherds, but in the end, Jesus has commissioned all baptized to preach and teach the Gospel of which nothing in this passing world can compare.

St. Peter, pray for him!
Jesus, we trust in you!

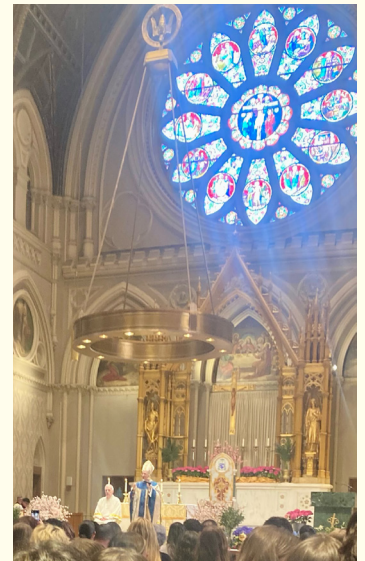
Fr. Taillon



The Sacrament of Confirmation was celebrated on Sunday, May 4th with Bishop Robert Evans at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence.

Congratulations to our Confirmandi!

Kylie Catherine of Alexandria Alves
 Luke Sebastian Baxter
 Abigail Gianna Molla Cichon
 Samantha Philomena Flynn
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SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

53 Rockland Street

DAILY MASS - 9:00 AM - MON.- SAT.

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY - 7:30 AM (Quiet Mass-no music) & 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 - 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM

8:00 PM Last Mass (July 6- Aug 31)



Each year the Northeast Ignation Volunteer Corps (IVC) honors three individuals or groups at their annual meeting called the Madonna Della Strata.

Pictured on the left is our parishioner Kevin Ryan with the head of the Northeast IVC.

The group photo on the right shows (L to R) the CEO of the IVC, Kevin Ryan, the president of Holy Cross, and Cathy and Brian Mars (he is the head of Boston Nativity Prep; she a Jesuit staffer).

Congratulations. Baptized in Christ!



Maeve Francis Manning was baptized on Sunday, May 4th by Deacon Clossick. Pictured are her parents, Graham and Margot Manning and godparents Bill Wynne and Brenna Manning.



Pray for our First Communion Candidates

which takes place this weekend on
Saturday, May 10th at noon,
at St. Thomas More Church.

JACKSON CHARELLO
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CONOR GUGLIEMMETTI
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WREN QUINN
JAMISON RANDOL
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BENNETT VALLEE

May Breakfast

Sunday May 18th

Msgr. Halloran Hall, St. Veronica Chapel

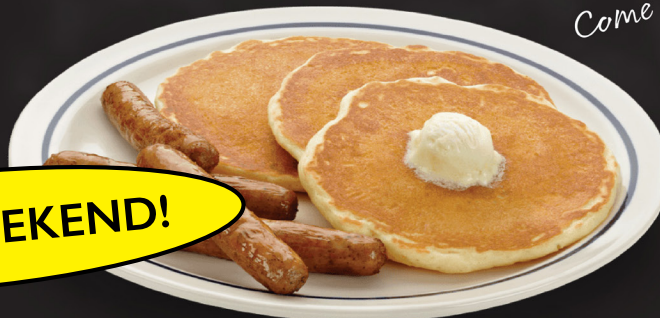
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NEXT WEEKEND!



Proceeds directly benefit Pope Pius XII charities, particularly programs for adults with disabilities, Habitat for Humanity, and fighting food insecurity.

SUMMER FEST '25

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 ●

Keeping with tradition, we will hold a summer raffle to be drawn at the "Summerfest Celebration."

The proceeds from the raffle will keep this event free for everyone, provide the prize money, and support our Mother Teresa Fund.

If you can, when your tickets arrive in the mail, please purchase and return to the parish office or drop them into a collection basket. Thank you in advance for your support!

MASS *intentions*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, MAY 10th

4 PM – for the soul Amy Brennan

5 PM – for the soul of William O'Brien

SUNDAY, MAY 11th

8:30 AM – for the soul of June Guglielmi

10 AM – for the soul of Eileen Goodwin

11 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Maureen M. Savastano
& for the parishioners of St. Thomas More

MONDAY, May 12th

9 AM – for the soul of Fran Doherty

TUESDAY, May 13th

9 AM – for the souls of Rita & Thomas Monroe

WEDNESDAY, May 14th

9 AM – for the soul of Catherine Kitchell

THURSDAY, MAY 15th

9 AM – for the soul of Marion & Brian Gillcrist

FRIDAY, MAY 16th

9 AM – for the soul of St. Andrew Bobola ~ Feast Day

SATURDAY, MAY 17th

9 AM – for the soul of Jason Scalora

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, MAY 17th

4 PM – for the deceased members of the Peters Family

5 PM – for the soul of Richard J. Bourbonnais

SUNDAY, MAY 18th

8:30 AM – for the souls of Earl & Elena Goodison
& for the parishioners of St. Thomas More

10 AM – for the souls of Oscar & David Normandin

11 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~
Deacon Paul J. Sullivan

Sunday, May 11 will be the
May Crowning
at the 10AM Mass
at St. Thomas More.



THIS WEEKEND!

ROSE SALE

after all Masses on May 10th & 11th
to benefit Mother of Life Center.

SAVE THE DATE!

for Mass on the Mountain - June 21st
with Fr. Murphy. Details to follow.

The Tradition of Genuflection

Question:

Why do Catholics genuflect?

Answer:

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday (during the solemn celebrations of the Lord's Passion) and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus.

Happenings around the parish



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few years back, I felt as if I couldn't hear God's voice the way I used to. The words in the Bible seemed like cold ink on a page. Prayer felt like sitting anxiously in a lonely room. I was worried — how could I, a priest, preach or help others if I couldn't hear God's voice? It went on for months.

Then a friend encouraged me to go on a retreat and spend as much time as possible in silence. After a day or two of quiet prayer, I noticed gentle but clear thoughts of repentance in two specific areas of my life. I asked God for the grace to change, and I went to confession. Suddenly, the divine silence that haunted me was filled with a sense of God's closeness and goodness. I realized, gratefully, that God had been speaking to me in the quiet voice of my conscience.

This week we hear Jesus say, **"My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me"** (John 10:27). Jesus links the hearing of his voice to following him. He speaks to us in our conscience in an intimate, personal way, when we most need to hear him. When you feel deaf to God's voice, perhaps it is time to listen in silence for His voice in your conscience calling you to hear and follow the Good Shepherd of your soul.

— Father John Muir

**Listen to Fr. Taillon on Monday, May 12th,
the topic will be Obedience.**



- listen on your computer: <http://relevantradio.com>
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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 |
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May 10th & 11th



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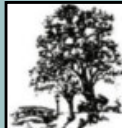
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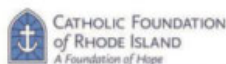
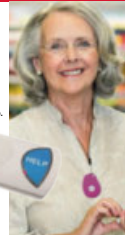
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