

MASS SCHEDULE

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

53 Rockland Street

DAILY MASS 9:00 AM - MONDAY - SATURDAY

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.

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All masses available on Livestream

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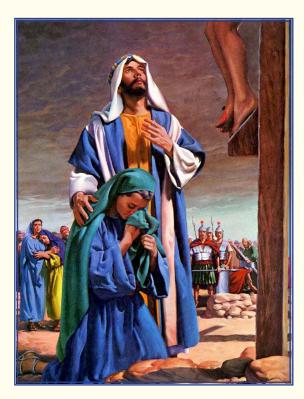
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MAY 14, 2023 - THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Mothers need a mother too!

This weekend we celebrate Mother's Day. It has always evoked all of our hearts. God Himself has designed the human family with the ideal of a mother and a father. We think today of all the efforts of God inviting St. Joseph to form the Holy Family as part of his salvific plan and to help Mary to do all He would ask of her for us.

I am blessed that my earliest memoires of my childhood are of attending daily Mass with my mom and seeing her deep in prayer next to me in the pew after receiving Holy Communion. I was too little to know what she was praying for (probably that her son next to her would not be so precocious!) but it is a good image to reflect on today.

We also know that all of our mothers (and fathers) are/were sinners in need of God's mercy at times. Today is a good day to reflect on how God knows our needs before we do! On the cross at the moment of His free will offering of Himself for us, Jesus "gave" his mother to John and to us. "Woman, behold your son", and to him, "Behold, your mother".

I would invite you this Mother's Day weekend to reflect on that moment on Calvary. Insert your name in the words of Jesus. Mothers need a Mom too. Jesus knew that. The vocation of motherhood is unique, gifted and also an experience of the cross at times. I am so moved when an adult gets into serious trouble and his/her mother laments and suffers within her heart. I always see an image of Mary at the cross when our mothers are at the cross.

Mothers, thank you for your vocation! Know that Mary, our mother is close to you in the deepest places of the heart.

In John's Gospel we read, "from that moment on he took her into his home." John 19:27. We know that John the Beloved took her into his home but in fact more importantly he took her into the "home" of his heart and sufferings rooted in love and discipleship.

Let all of our mothers living and deceased, know God's deep love and Mary's maternal care. May God bless all women in a special way today.

Fr. Taillon

The Knights of Columbus recently held their annual dinner dance with their friends from Perspectives, an organization providing support for local adults with disabilities. Over 100 guests attended the "beach" themed Spring Fling Dance. The festivities included dinner, dancing, a limbo contest and a photobooth. A great time was had by all, including our own Fr. Joe, who helped serving dinner for all of the guests.





























SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SATURDAY, MAY 13th (Vigil) 4 PM – for the soul of Kevin Edward Mulholland 5 PM – 1st Anniversary ~ Joseph G. Dery SUNDAY, MAY 14th 8 AM – for the soul of Elizabeth McLaughlin 9 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Francis Clossick 10 AM – for the soul of Rita McNeill 11 AM – for the soul of Patricia Sullivan Lynch

MONDAY, MAY 15th 9 AM – for the soul of Oscar Normandin

TUESDAY, MAY 16th 9 AM – 3rd Anniversary ~ Catherine McMahon

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17th 9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Orlando D'Elia

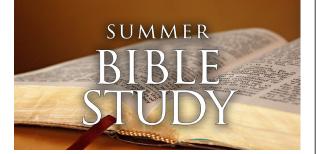
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD THURSDAY, MAY 18th 9 AM – for the soul of Albert Alba, Sr. 7 PM – Pro-populo

FRIDAY, MAY 19th 9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Michael Mannix

SATURDAY, MAY 20th 9 AM – for the deceased members of the Milano Family

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, MAY 20th (Vigil)
4 PM – for the souls of Mary & Tony Vellucci & Cornelius J. Sullivan, III
5 PM – for the soul of Kevin Mulholland
SUNDAY, MAY 21st
8 AM – for the soul of Lucille Varr
9 AM – for the soul of Margaret C. Hogan
10 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Elena Goodison
11 AM – for the soul of Frank Maiorano



Save the Dates!

Bible study with Maryann Knag will begin on July 11th and run thru Aug 29th. Class will be held on Tuesdays after 9am Mass, from 9:40 - 11:10 AM at St. Thomas More Church in the parish hall. The topic wiill be the letters of the Early Church Fathers.

Confirmation

Sunday, May 21 - 12:00 PM St. Thomas More Church Bishop Daniel Thomas, Presider All are welcome to join.

Save the Date!

Monday, June 5th from 6 until 7 PM in the Parish Hall at St. Thomas More <u>Pro-Life Updates with guest speakers:</u> Lisa Cooley - Diocesan Coordinator of the Office of Life & Family Ministry Barth Bracy - Executive Director of Rhode Island Right to Life

Thank you from the Salesian Missions \$1,780 was forwarded to the Salesians in Aleppo as they continue their work of human development on behalf of your generosity.

2023 Catholic Charity Appeal Update

Parish Goal: \$130,000

As of May 9th we are at \$82,435 which is 63% of our goal!



FR. MARCEL TAILLON

2023

Rhode Island Blessed Michael McGivney Award Recipient "Chaplain of the Year"



The Blessed Michael McGivney Award is a new Knights of Columbus (K of C) statewide annual chaplain award. One chaplain is selected from numerous nominations that are submitted by K of C councils from across the state.

The selection criteria included ways in which council chaplains are: a teacher of the faith, an apostle of Christian family life, a devoted parish priest, an exemplar of charity, a builder of Catholic fraternity, and a role model to his parish.

Each state award winner is automatically nominated for the International Blessed Michael McGivney Medal, which will be awarded in September of this year.

Congratulations Fr. Taillon and thank you for all you do!



Ascension Thursday May 18th



Holy Day Mass Schedule: 9AM - St. Thomas More 7PM - St. Veronica Chapel

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: During the liturgical year, when is the very first solemnity celebrated? Answer: December 8th — the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



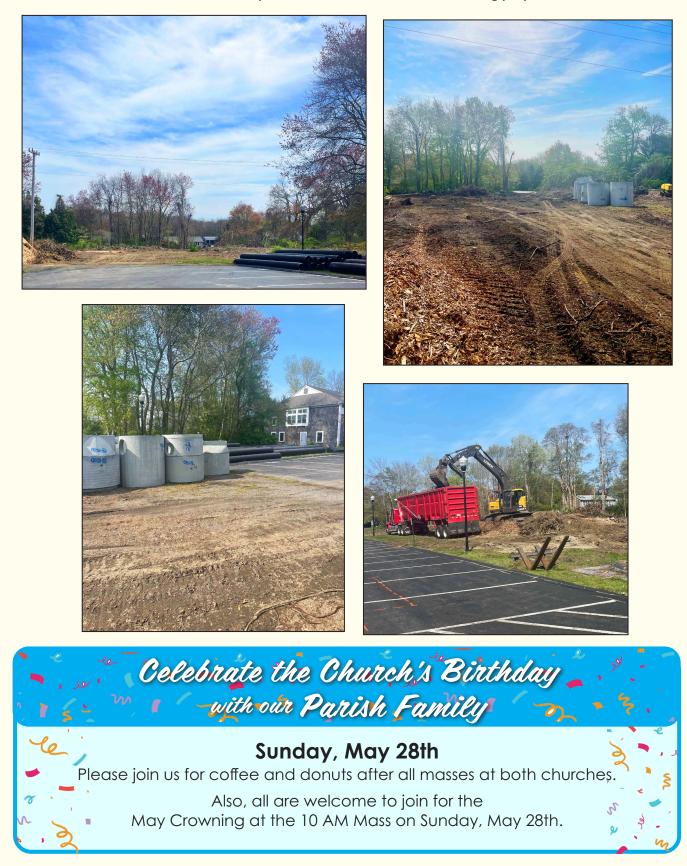
The suggested donation is <u>\$3 per rose</u>.

All proceeds from the sale will benefit Mother of Life Pregnancy Center in Providence.

motheroflife.org

ST. VERONICA PARKING LOT ENHANCEMENT

Area for retention pond at the bottom of the lot is being prepared.



Happenings around the parish

Gospel Reflections Group

All are welcome to join our informal discussion group which meets on Mondays from 10-11:30 AM in the parish hall. Over coffee & refreshments, we read and reflect on the Gospels of the coming week and share our personal insights of those readings.

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 to join.

Pennies for the Poor

The small donation boxes on the church walls labeled "Pennies for the Poor" goes to the Diocesan Dire Emergency Fund in South County, which helps with rental assistance, utilities and prescriptions. Thank you.

Prayer Chain Ministry

If you know someone who would like extra prayers, please call lean at 783-3403 to express your request. Volunteers are needed and welcome to join this important ministry.

Pray the Rosary

The rosary is prayed Monday - Saturday after the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas More. All are welcome.

Rosary Repairs

Drop broken beads in the box in the foyer using the envelope provided. Include your name and contact info. You will be contacted within a few weeks when your repair is complete.

St. Vincent dePaul clothing bins

Accepts clothing and shoes. Bins located at the back of the St. Thomas More parking lot, inside the white fence.

Relevant Radio "Morning Air" Show

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





FAITH DIRECT

Faith Direct

Online giving is very easy! Visit faithdirect.net and enter our parish code: RI147. Donations can be easily changed one-time, weekly or monthly.



Knights of Columbus 11th Annual Golf Cournament SAVE THE DA August 12 Saturday | 2023 Sponsorships also available Visit the website for more information Knights of **Richmond Country Club** Columbus^{*} Hope Valley, RI

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.



Rhode Island **Blood Center**

Every Donation Can Save Up To 3 Lives

Consider donating blood at any Rhode Island Blood Center donor center throughout the state. To register, visit www.ribc.org/locations or call 401-453-8383

When donating, please be sure to use parish Sponsor Code 0626.

WEEKLY PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Current Needs

- √ Natural Peanut Butter
- √ Low Sodium Canned Veggies
- √ Low Sugar Jelly
- √ Canned Fruit in 100% Juice
- √ Baked/Black/Kidney Beans √ Healthy Snacks
- 🗸 Whole Grain Cereal/Crackers/Pasta 🕏 Jarred Pasta Sauce

Collection baskets are located at the entrance of both churches.