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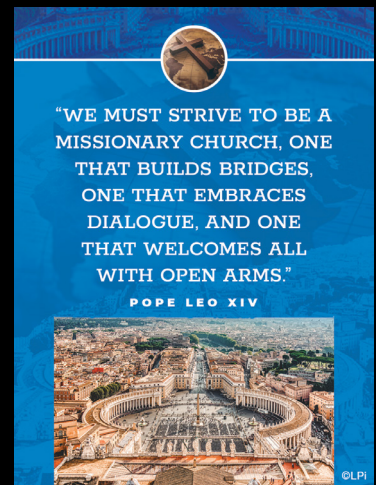
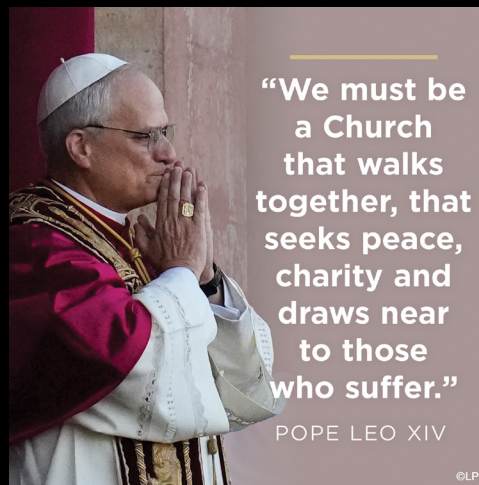
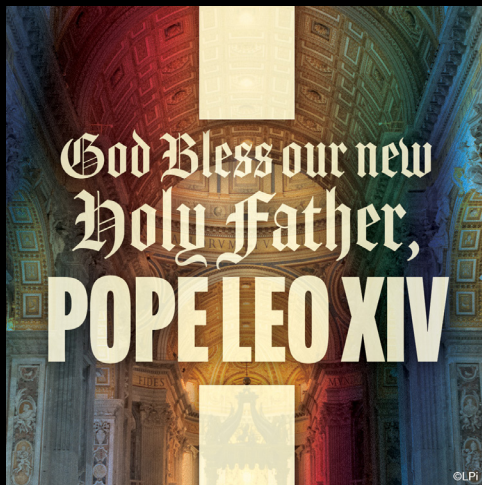
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HOLY FATHER
POPE LEO XIV



Habemus Papem American!

What a complete surprise and a grace that Pope Leo hails from our nation. It is undoubtedly a first that we can be proud of. I hope you know his immense experience as a missionary in Peru, a bishop, a formator of seminarians and priests, and a major superior of the Augustinian order of which he is a member.

Pope Leo speaks many languages and has already travelled the world extensively in his former positions. He has also worked in the Vatican at the dicastery that selects bishops, so he knows our country well and many of its bishops.

Most importantly is not what country he is from; but more importantly, he is the 267th successor of St. Peter. Jesus promised us that he would provide Peter for the Church until he returns.

I invite and urge you to pray for Pope Leo. It is an overwhelming responsibility and cross to bear, to be sure. I encourage you to support him by prayer and whatever initiatives he deems worthy for us to do.

I know he is a strong proponent that we are a missionary church, which means we go out into the world to bring Christ. We all share this in our baptism and the common priesthood that God has given us.

May St. Augustine pray for him, and may Pope Leo XIII be his inspiration and guide.

Fr. Taillon

*** I know there is a lot of talk about his time at Villanova. Did you know the university is named for St. Thomas Villanova? He was an Augustinian bishop and ascetic (Asceticism is a lifestyle characterized by abstinence from worldly pleasures through self-discipline, self-imposed poverty, and simple living.) Perhaps you can find out about his story. And, I do worry about PC basketball in the wake of this announcement!*

First Communion - Saturday, May 10th



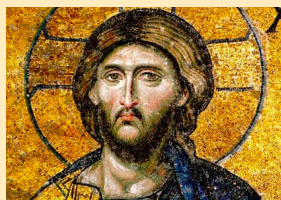
Congratulations to our new First Communion recipients!

From L to R: Sebastian Trudeau, Jackson Charello, Connor Guglielmetti, Zoey Pringles, Fr. Taillon, Brayden Diamond, Oliver Dart, Bennett Vallee, Wren Quinn and Jamison Randol. Below left is Fr. Taillon before the ceremony and readers Mackenzie Pringles (L) and McKinley Dart (R).



Thank You to Our Catechists!

We would like to thank these parishioners who volunteer as catechists to the children and youth of our parish. We are most grateful for their dedication and service, but most of all for their witness.



"The catechist is a witness of faith and keeper of the memory of God; in experiencing the goodness and truth of the Gospel in [their] encounter with the person of Jesus, the catechist keeps, nourishes, and bears witness to the new life that stems from this, and becomes a sign for others."
(*Directory for Catechesis*, 113)



Terry Anderson
First Grade Catechist



Johanna Shaghalian
First Grade Substitute Catechist



Diane Wilkens
Second Grade Catechist



Nick & Mackenzie Iden
Third Grade Catechist



Terri Hopkins
Fourth Grade Catechist



Kristen Giblin
Fifth & Sixth Grade Catechist



Lori Finan
Seventh & Eighth Grade Catechist



George Travis
Confirmation Prep
Assistant Catechist



MaryTheresa Conca
Director of Faith Formation
Confirmation Prep Catechist



THIS WEEKEND!

May Breakfast

Sunday May 18th

Msgr. Halloran Hall, St. Veronica Chapel

Continuous seating starts at 8:00 AM

Take-away meals also available

Adults \$15
 Children under 10 \$5
 Children under 3 Free

Come & enjoy fellowship!

Tickets will be available at the door, and at both churches before & after Masses May 10th and 11th

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



Informational Meeting

for Altar servers - current and interested - for both St. Veronica and St. Thomas More

Tuesday, May 27th at St. Thomas More

Please join us so you can enjoy the following benefits:

- come closer to Jesus
- learn about the Mass
- make new friends
- get to know other parish kids
- makes church more interesting
- meeting good for both churches
- flexible schedule for hours
- get community service hours
- and, the #1 reason...
- wear clothes that make you look like an angel!



This meeting is for parents and kids (4th-12th gr.)

Pizza will be served!

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*

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

MONDAY, May 19th

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Michael Mannix

TUESDAY, May 20th

9 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Donald Sullivan

WEDNESDAY, May 21st

9 AM – for the soul of Geraldine Egan

THURSDAY, MAY 22nd

9 AM – for the soul of John Charles Reilly

FRIDAY, MAY 23rd

9 AM – for the souls of Julio & Toni Safone

SATURDAY, MAY 24th

9 AM – for the soul of Marilee Hanley

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, MAY 24th

4 PM – for the soul of Joan Harriet Falcone

5 PM – for the soul of Patricia O'Hara

SUNDAY, MAY 25th

7:30 AM – for the souls of
John & Elizabeth McDonough

8:30 AM – for the soul of Judy Hey

10 AM – for the souls of Mary & Toni Vellucci &
Cornelius J. Sullivan, III

11 AM – for the soul of Frank Maiorano

The parish office will close at 11:30 AM on Tuesday, May 20th for the Installation Mass at the Cathedral for our new Bishop Bruce A. Lewendowski.

SAVE THE DATE!

for the Knights sponsored day trip
Mass on the Mountain
June 21st with Fr. Murphy.
Details to follow.

RI Right to Life Dinner

St. Thomas More was well represented with many tables of staff and parishioners at this event on May 8th. Sr. Deirdre Byrne, dedicated to saving lives on the battlefield and outside of abortion centers, was the keynote speaker for the event to support the RI Ancora Mobile Ultrasound Clinic which provides free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds to women in crisis pregnancies throughout the state.



Happenings around the parish

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

May 30 - August 29

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)

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 |
| ✓ Baked/Black/Kidney Beans | ✓ Whole grain wheat flour |
| ✓ Whole Grain Cereal/Crackers/Pasta & Jarred Pasta Sauce | |

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PSALM 37:5

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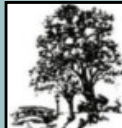
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