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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 4, 2025 - THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Body of Pope Francis being taken out of St. Peter's Square.



Fr. Taillon, Fr. Brodeur, Fr. Murphy, and Fr. Gadoury.

I am writing this reflection from the Pontifical North American College in Rome.

The NAC, as it's called, prepares American seminarians to serve as priests. As noted in my column two weeks ago, I planned to travel to a convent for a silent retreat and meet Msgr. Powers, whom many of you know, resides in Rome and is the Rector of the NAC. However, before I departed for my retreat, I was shocked to learn that the holy father had died, and therefore, I decided not to make my way to the convent for retreat but instead traveled directly to Rome to join Msgr. Powers.

Although my long-standing travel plans were changed at the last minute, I was blessed to be in Rome before the Pope's funeral. I will never forget that I was able to visit the body of Pope Francis lying in state. It was very moving. Also moving was seeing the many thousands of faithful in the streets to pay their respects. It felt like a close family paying their respects to a beloved family member.

I was able to attend the funeral Mass along with Father Joe Brodeur, who was ordained last year and is studying in Rome, Father Murphy, and Father Gadoury, the Pastor of St. Joseph, Woonsocket (pictured above L to R). As you can imagine, security was tight, with six checkpoints. Many priests were turned away, and I almost didn't get through! But then I remembered I had my Latin pass from my time with the Archdiocese of Military Services. It's a small miracle... I made it through!

The Mass lasted about two hours and was the most quiet and reflective papal liturgy I have ever attended. The music, the weather, the colors, and especially, the many thousands of people praying respectfully together was something that I will never forget. Italians often clap for gratitude at funerals. If there is such a thing as holy applause, we had it that day! My original plan for coming to Rome this specific week was to be with Msgr. Powers and to attend the annual NAC fundraiser for the seminarians. Unfortunately, the event was canceled due to mourning for the Pope. Although the week was not as I had planned, I've had a lot of quiet time to pray, and I offered Mass yesterday for our parish family.

I urge you to join me and beg the Holy Spirit to pour out upon the Cardinals as they meet in the conclave. Many American Cardinals are staying at the seminary and strike me as humble. We thank God for the papacy of Pope Francis and look forward now to the next successor of Saint Peter. Saint Peter, pray for us!

Fr. Taillon



Priests before Mass.

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Liturgical Life

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Love — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Forgive — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Believe — again, even when it doesn't make sense. To follow the risen Christ, you must be willing to do what makes no sense.

The Witnesses of What Makes No Sense

It never fails to amuse me that the disciples in today's Gospel don't recognize Jesus until he asks them to do something that makes absolutely no logical sense.

He's just some random stranger on the shore — until he gives them an order that, in any other circumstances, would have them rolling their eyes into the backs of their head: *Drop the nets again. I know you haven't caught anything all night. I know you're tired. Just do it one more time. Trust me. Again.*

That's when they recognize him.

The disciples display such poor recognition of Jesus after the resurrection. I'm sure there's a good, theologically sound reason for it, one I am not smart enough to explain. Whatever that reason is, it's very clear that God was carefully orchestrating these moments of realization. He is trying to tell us something about how we recognize the risen Christ — the one who has conquered sin, the one whose love was stronger than death. The one who never made any sense, and never will, because his kingdom is not of this world, and to understand him — to recognize him — you have to detach from the priorities, the expectations, the limitations of this present world.

You have to be willing to do what makes no sense.

Love — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Forgive — again, even when it doesn't make sense. Believe — again, even when it doesn't make sense.

"We are the witnesses of these things," Peter tells the Sanhedrin (Acts 5:32). Peter, who was so full of joy when he recognized Jesus that he leapt into the sea, fully clothed, desperate to be near him.

It makes no sense, and that's okay. That's kind of our whole thing, as Christians. We are the witnesses of the things that make no sense.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I can't explain it. I feel a nudge from God to something out of the ordinary. How do I respond?

Answer:

You're in good company! Abraham was asked to leave all he knew and loved for a strange land, with only abstract divine assurance that such a sacrifice would be worth it. Plenty of prophets protested against God's call, whether it was claiming they were too young (Jeremiah) or running away entirely, only to end up in a whale's belly (Jonah). St. Joseph was asked to do something very strange. He was asked to believe — on the word of an angelic appearance in a dream — that his betrothed was pregnant not from another man, but by a miraculous intervention of God. Then he was called to marry her.

Author Flannery O'Connor once wrote, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you odd." Sometimes God's invitation might seem strange or challenging. It might require sacrifices we never expected to make. Our life might look different than we had always imagined. But as we all know, life throws its own curveballs, regardless of whether or not we're listening for God's will. Better, one would think, to be open to the promptings of God and to follow along the strange trails that they lead. We have the assurance that, eventually, we will find green pastures.

May Breakfast

Sunday May 18th

Msgr. Halloran Hall, St. Veronica Chapel

Continuous seating starts at 8:00 AM

Take-away meals also available

Come & enjoy fellowship!



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



Save the Date

**June 25, 2025
6PM**

St. Thomas More Church

Collation in Parish Hall to Follow

Holy Hour in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

An icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be the centerpiece of a special Sacred Heart Holy Hour.

During the holy hour, an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome, will be displayed. This reproduction of the original image bears the blessing of Pope Francis and is one of more than 300 icons traveling across the world as part of the Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program.



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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, MAY 3rd

4 PM – for the soul of Mary Jayne Wrobel

5 PM – for the soul of Jane Denick

SUNDAY, MAY 4th

8:30 AM – 15th Anniversary ~ Marie Garofano

10 AM – for the soul of Joseph R. Baglini and
the parishioners of St. Thomas More

11 AM – for the soul of Pasquale Ruggieri

MONDAY, May 5th

9 AM – for the soul of Jean Shay

TUESDAY, May 6th

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Thomas DePetrillo

WEDNESDAY, May 7th

9 AM – for the souls of Shirley and Chuck Cross

THURSDAY, MAY 8th

9 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Louanne Brunenmeister

FRIDAY, MAY 9th

9 AM – for the soul of Rita Santilli

SATURDAY, MAY 10th

9 AM – for the soul of Joe Listrina

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

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**Sunday, May 4th
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Save the date for the parish

SUMMER FEST 2025

~ Sunday, June 29th ~

I I AM Mass at St. Veronica Chapel

12 -2 PM Festival

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Details to follow soon.

Sunday, May 11 will be the
May Crowning at the 10AM
Mass at St. Thomas More.
Also, there will be a Rose Sale
after all Masses on
May 10th & 11th to benefit
Mother of Life Center.



SILENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday, May 8th

**St. Thomas More Church from 6:30 - 7:30 PM
with Exposition and Benediction
of the Blessed Sacrament**

Happenings around the parish



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I eat breakfast. If I don't have something substantial, I'm fading by midmorning. Breakfast is my key meal because it sets up my physical wellbeing for the rest of the day.

Spiritually speaking, we need sustenance to get us going. This is true for the Apostles in this Sunday's remarkable Gospel reading. The risen Jesus makes his third appearance to them in the early morning light and calls, **"Come, have breakfast"** (John 21:12). The exhausted and cold fishermen sit, and he feeds them bread and fish as the dawn breaks. They are overwhelmed by his presence to the point of awestruck silence. As they eat, their bodies and their hearts come alive. Once refreshed by their morning meal, they will be ready to feed others — indeed, the whole world — with the love of the risen Jesus. But first, they need breakfast from him.

Do you realize how essential early morning prayer is? Jesus desires to refresh us every morning with his word of love, with his grace-filled presence. This week, hear Jesus calling to you: "Come, have breakfast!" Embrace some form of spiritual, meditative practice each morning for spiritual strength to get you going.

— Father John Muir



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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.

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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.

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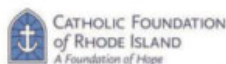
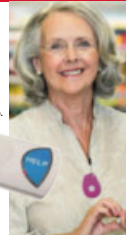
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