

# **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.

#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

SATURDAY - 4:00 PM SUNDAY - 9:00 AM & I I:00 AM

All masses available on Livestream

# Fr. Marcel L. Taillon, S.T.L.

Pastor

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Pastor Emeritus

# Deacon Joseph Clossick

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MAY 7, 2023 - THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# This and That....

We had a great day last Sunday as we hosted our final confirmation retreat for our candidates at St. Therese Shrine in Burrllville. Please keep them in your prayers as May 21st approaches.

Our First Communion will take place on Saturday, May 13th (the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima). Thank you to all of our catechists who just wrapped up the year and work so hard out of sight, to educate our young people in the faith.

It was sad to hear the legislators at the statehouse passed a bill that will make all of us taxpayers fund abortions. The thousands of Rhode Islanders that believe abortion takes an innocent human life and violates the most basic right to life will now be made to cooperate in this evil. Let us work to convert others to being pro-life and to support women and men who choose life. To this end we will have a rose sale on Mothers Day weekend to support these ministries.

The parking lot enhancement continues at St. Veronica. I know the removal of trees has many people upset and is jolting to many. The retention pond will be built in the back part of our property during the next few weeks. The parking lot will be open on weekends all summer. At the end of August it should be finished with extensive first class landscaping of many trees and new grass, with a goal of adding a prayer garden after completion. The project will ensure safety, help us to be a better neighbor to close by homes and will make entering and exiting more safe and easy. By the end of the summer one will not be able to see in or out of the lot, it will be fully landscaped and it will be very "green". I ask for your continued patience and trust as we move forward.

Thanks for all who have already given to the 2023 Catholic Charity Appeal. We are currently at \$78,000 which is 60% of goal of \$130,000.



Residents from Brightview Commons enjoyed a talk from Father Taillon on the beautiful stain glass windows and the history of our church building



Let us continue asking the Lord to share in the joy of the Easter season!

Fr. Taillon

# ST. VERONICA PARKING LOT ENHANCEMENT

Trees down and loaded in the truck for removal. Work is progressing in the lower end of the lot as well.























# MASS intentions

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, MAY 6th (Vigil)

4 PM – for the souls of Ralph & Edith Papa

5 PM – for the soul of Maria Pereira

SUNDAY, MAY 7th

8 AM – for the soul of Kevin Mulholland

9 AM – for the soul of Leonito Natale

10 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Charles Costello, Jr.

11 AM – for the souls of Patrick O'Gara,

Nancy McMahon & Edward Berrigan

MONDAY, MAY 8th

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Thomas DePetrillo

TUESDAY, MAY 9th

9 AM – for the soul of Fr. Joseph Henry

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10th

9 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Gerald J. Taillon

THURSDAY, MAY 11th

9 AM – Special Intention ~ Kristin Marie Flint (Living)

FRIDAY, MAY 12th

9 AM – for the souls of Brian & Marion Gillcrist

SATURDAY, MAY 13th

9 AM – for the deceased members of the Goodwin Family

## 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

# **Knights of Columbus**

Monthly Membership Meeting

Monday, May 8th - 7PM St. Thomas More Parish Hall





Knitting Ministry Meeting
Wednesday, May 10th - 1:00 PM
St. Thomas More Parish Hall
For more infomation, call the parish office at 789-7682. All are welcome!



# SILENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Thursday, May 11th

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

# 2023 Catholic Charity Appeal Update

Parish Goal: \$130,000

As of May 1st, we are at \$78,000 which is 60% of our goal!!

The second-year confirmation candidates spent a day together in retreat at the Church of St. Thérèse of Lisieux and Shrine of the Little Flower, Mapleville, RI. The day began with lunch, followed by a talk given by MaryTheresa Conca, Director of Faith Formation on St. Thérèse. The group enjoyed a tour of the shrine given by Sister Grace Coffey and Father Taillon spoke on the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. The candidates prayed the stations of the cross with Fr. Joe and ended the day with Mass.



Sister Grace talking to the candidates while touring the grounds



Praying the Stations of the Cross with Fr. Joe



The confirmation candidates celebrating Mass in the Church of St. Thérèse with Fr. Taillon, Fr. Joe, MaryTheresa Conca and Catechists, George Travis and David Del Bonis



Enjoying dinner together at Wright's Farm

Monsignor Halloran returned to Our Lady of Providence Seminary to give a retreat day last weekend. How appropriate for Good Shepherd Sunday.

\*Note - behind Msgr. Halloran is his picture 40 years ago as rector of the seminary with the current rector, Fr. Christopher Murphy







# ROSE SALE FOR LIFE

Long-stem red roses will be available after all Masses on Mother's Day Weekend.

Saturday, May 13th & Sunday, May 14th

The suggested donation is **\$3 per rose**.

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

motheroflife.org

# 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 Jean 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: R1147. Donations can be easily changed one-time, weekly or monthly.







# 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 & Jarre∂ Pasta Sauce

Collection baskets are located at the entrance of both churches.