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St. Thomas More Church

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St. Veronica Chapel

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MASS SCHEDULE

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

53 Rockland Street

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

WEEKEND MASSES

SATURDAY - 5:00 PM

SUNDAY - 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

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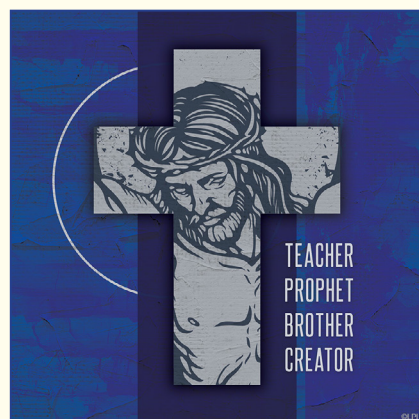
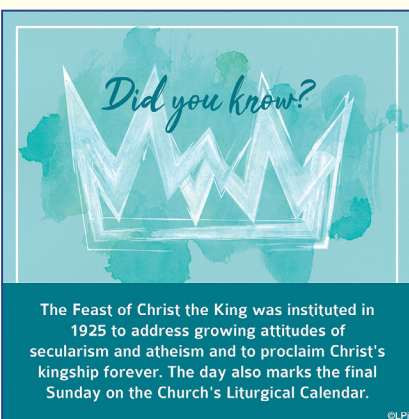


Happy Thanksgiving!

NOVEMBER 24, 2024 - THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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A Word From Fr. Shemek



As we approach the final days of the liturgical year, we come together this Sunday to celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and, soon after, the holiday of Thanksgiving. It's a special time to recognize the Lordship of Jesus in our lives and to give thanks for the abundant blessings God has given us. In Christ, we find a King who leads us not through power, but through humility, compassion, and ultimate sacrifice.

As we look toward Thanksgiving, let us see this holiday as a true expression of our gratitude for the blessings that come from our King. It's a time to thank our God for our families, our parish, our community, and for the gift of faith, which helps us see the goodness that surrounds us each day. Let us extend our thanks through the act of kindness and love, particularly to those who may be struggling this season. If you know of someone in our parish community who could use some extra support, please reach out. Thanksgiving is the perfect time to share the love of our King in meaningful and practical ways.

This week, may we celebrate both Christ the King and the gift of Thanksgiving with hearts full of gratitude and faith, knowing that His Kingdom reigns both now and forever. May our lives reflect the love and mercy of our King to all those around us.

May God bless each of you and your loved ones this Thanksgiving. May your homes be filled with peace, laughter, and the joyful presence of the Lord. And remember, if things get a little chaotic in the kitchen-offer it up! God loves a thankful heart, even when the turkey is taking a bit too long.

With gratitude and blessings,

Fr. Shemek

Prayer of Thanksgiving

As we gather around the table at Thanksgiving,
let us thank God, who is the giver of all good gifts.

Let us pray...

Generous and merciful God,
we thank you for your abundant gifts to us.

As we celebrate this Thanksgiving feast,
we ask you to send your Spirit,
to open our hearts to you and our neighbor,
that we may share the gifts you have given us
as your Son Jesus taught us to.

Thank you for the many blessings of our lives:
our family and friends,
our home and the food we eat,
our health and employment.

We ask your blessing on all gathered here today,
and all your people throughout the world,
through Christ your Son.
Amen.



Live Nativity

Saturday, December 7th

5:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Tickets & Registration Coming Soon

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*The Christmas Story Comes to Life
at Monsignor Clarke School*

THE ST. THOMAS MORE Knitting Ministry



The St. Thomas More Knitting ministry has been **knitting all year**
and will hold their annual collection of all items in the
St. Thomas More parish hall on

Thursday, December 5th

12:30-3:30 PM

Any knitters & crocheters in the parish are welcome to participate and bring or drop-off their items
to this meeting. Hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, sweaters, prayer shawls, blankets and lap blankets.
All items are donated to the poor and needy.

Last year some of our recipients included: Scallop Shell Nursing Home, the Johnny Cake Center,
Welcome House and Providence parishes.

If you have any questions, please contact Lynn in the parish office at 789-7682.

ADVENT PROPHETS

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An Advent Day of Reflection

with

Monsignor John Halloran

Sponsored by Our Lady's Guild

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 / 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Christian Brothers Center / 635 Ocean Road

\$60 (includes light breakfast & hot lunch)

Sign up by November 25th in the STM Office

Or call Diane 401-996-3876

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-SAINTS FOR OUR TIMES-



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Jacob's Ladder Mission Trip

A few more "Mission Moments" from Mustard Seed in Jamaica as they meet & greet and spend time with the needy residents of this community. View our website album for more photos.



JAMAICA 2024

MASS *intentions*

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd

4 PM – for the soul of Patricia Marchese

5 PM – for the soul of Joseph Notarantonio, Sr.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24th

8:30 AM – for the soul of Deacon Paul J. Sullivan

10 AM – 35th Anniversary ~ Constance Goulet

11 AM – Special Intentions ~

Delaney & Kirwan Families (Living)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25th

9 AM – for the soul of Frances Doherty

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26th

9 AM – for the soul of Jeffery Curran

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27th

9 AM – for the soul of Myra Daw

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28th

9 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Saverio Ruscito

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29th

9 AM – for the soul of Bill Nagle

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30th

9 AM – 20th Anniversary ~ Rose Richard

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30th

4 PM – 5th Anniversary ~ The Honorable

Joseph F. Rodgers, Jr.

5 PM – Birthday Remembrance ~

Louanne Brunenmeister

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1st

8:30 AM – for the soul of Lucas Salem

10 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Stephen Lynch, Sr.

11 AM – for the soul of Elizabeth Eldredge

Second Collection

The second collection this weekend is for
the Campaign for Human Development.

The parish office will be closed on
Thursday and Friday - November 27 & 28,
for Thanksgiving.

Please join us for
Thanksgiving Day
Mass at 9:00 AM
at St. Thomas More



Please bring non-perishable food items and place
in the receptacles at the Church entrances.
Thank you for your continued support.



Happenings around the parish

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, with coffee & refreshments, they meet as an informal gospel reflections group to discuss, read and reflect on the Gospels of the coming week and to share personal insights of those readings.
- The rosary is prayed Monday - Saturday at 8:30AM at St. Thomas More before the 9AM Mass.



All are welcome to join these activities.

To learn more about Our Lady's Guild, call Diane at 996-3876 or visit

<https://stm-ourladysguild.weebly.com/>

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.

Religious Education

Sunday, November 24th

Grades 1 -4 at 10:00-10:50 AM

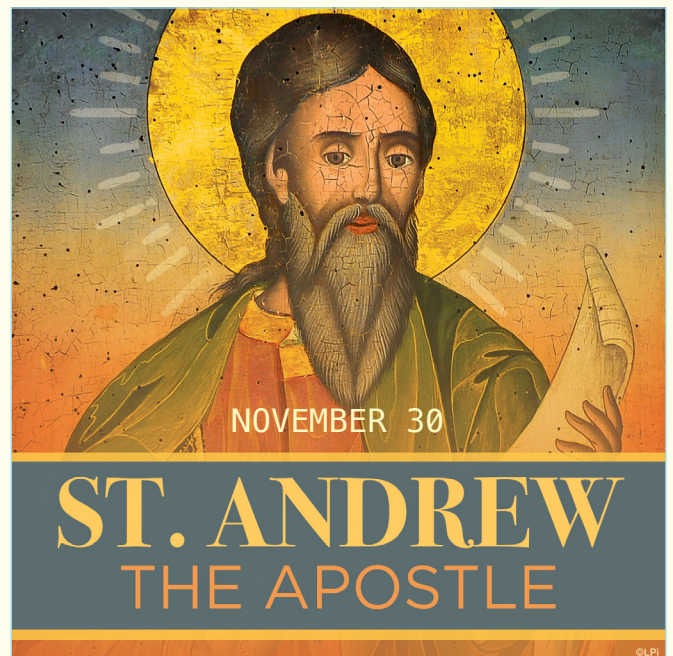
St. Veronica Chapel

No class for Confirmation Prep

~ Thanksgiving Break ~

Wednesday, November 27th

No classes for Grades 5-8 ~ Thanksgiving Break



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 | |

Collection baskets are located at the entrance of both churches.

Thank you to the many new families who have signed up for Faith Direct to support our ministries. Your support allows us to continue to serve the spiritual and corporeal needs of our parish and wider community. And, thank you to our many virtual parishoners who continue to support us, we appreciate your support too!



St. Thomas More Parish counts on your prayers and support and we truly appreciate your continued generosity during this difficult time.

Giving is easy:

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