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St. Veronica Chapel

1035 BOSTON NECK ROAD, NARRAGANSETT, RI 02882

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 & 11:00 AM

All masses available on Livestream

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**NEW MASS SCHEDULE
BEGINS FEBRUARY 4TH**

ST. THOMAS MORE

5PM & 10AM

ST. VERONICA CHAPEL

4PM, 8:30AM & 11 AM

JANUARY 21, 2024 - THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Praise & Worship Holy Hour for Families

I felt drawn to offer a holy hour to pray for our families and extended families. I think the request I receive the most is to pray for one's family or a family member. Sometimes, it is due to illness or addictions, and sometimes to heal a fractured family.

We recently celebrated the Feast of the Holy Family. Note they were not the perfect family, yet sacred. A family is holy to the extent each member is open to doing the will of God in each circumstance.

At this holy hour, we will prayerfully consider Jesus' words and teachings about family that encourage us. We will then reflect on saints who had difficult family experiences, and lastly, we will take time to pray on our own for our deepest intentions.

I hope you can join me on Sunday, January 28th, at 6 pm at St. Veronica Chapel to pray for your family members.

God bless,

Fr. Taillon



New Mass Schedule

Effective February 4th

St. Thomas More

Saturday: 5:00PM

Sunday: 10:00AM

Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday 9:00 AM

Confessions: Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 PM

St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday: 4:00PM

Sunday: 8:30AM & 11:00AM



Please join for a candlelit
Praise & Worship Holy Hour
to pray for
Peace in our Families

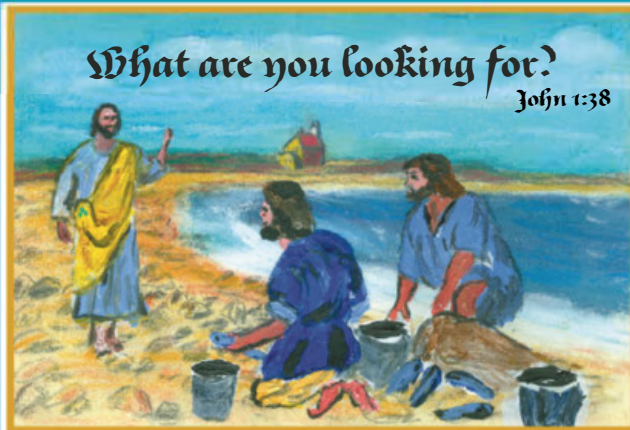
Sunday, January 28
6:00 - 7:00 PM
St. Veronica Chapel

Come and pray for
reconciliation in families and relationships,
and for family members who may have lapsed in faith.



Men's Retreat

April 19th - 20th, 2024



Join us for our annual men's retreat on beautiful Enders Island in Mystic CT. Msgr. John Halloran will lead us in prayer and reflection. Reconciliation and Holy Mass will be offered.

For additional details, visit:
www.popepiusxii.org/men-s-retreat



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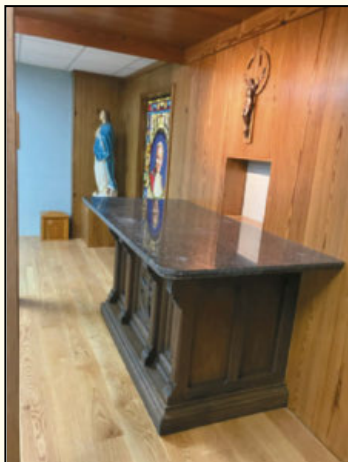


Space is limited.





A new soup kitchen facility was blessed on the Epiphany in St. Martinville, Louisiana. Last year our mission team helped strip and prepare this building.





- Respect and support for those willing to serve and protect others -
Fr. Taillon recently blessed these future cadets of our state and municipal police academies.



Saint of the week

St. Juliana of Cornillon, also known as St. Juliana of Liège, is remembered for her steadfast devotion to the Eucharist and her instrumental role in establishing the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Prayer of Discipleship

Dear Jesus,
When you call to me, help me to listen. Give me the courage to respond bravely and boldly to your invitation for my life. Amen.

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
- Mk 1:16-17

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: **"Repent!"** We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my *thoughts*, and in my *words*..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

— Father John Muir

MASS *intentions*

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SATURDAY, JANUARY 20th

4 PM – for the soul of Cassandra Prior

5 PM – for the soul of William McNaughton

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st

8 AM – for the soul of John F. O’Connell

9 AM – for the soul of Lynn Lydon

10 AM – Special Intention ~ Richard Inman (Living)

11 AM – 1st Anniversary ~ Alfred Cafaro

MONDAY, JANUARY 22nd

9 AM – for the soul of Al Leger

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23rd

9 AM – for the soul of Nora Costello

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24th

9 AM – for the soul of Dorothy Cloos

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25th

9 AM – Special Intention ~ for the members of the
Marcoux & Hildebrant families

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26th

9 AM – for the soul of Bill Murphy

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27th

9 AM – for the soul of Kathleen McLoughlin

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27th

4 PM – Wedding Anniversary ~
Robert & Loretta Casey

5 PM – Birthday Remembrance ~ John Chatwin

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th

8 AM – for the soul of Anastasia Hawkins

9 AM – for the soul of James Ford

10 AM – Birthday Remembrance ~ Gerald Taillon

11 AM Special Intention - Marianne Monaghan (Living)

Second Collections

The 2nd collection this weekend, January 21 will be for The Catholic University of America.

The 2nd collection next weekend, January 28 will be to support the church in Latin America.



In Gratitude

In the name of Brenda Bolster,
a memorial gift was made to
the St. Thomas More
Young Adult Group and
aid given to local poor & needy.

Thank you!



SAVE THE DATE!

Parish Lenten Mission
March 3, 4 & 5

Fr. James Sullivan, O.P.,
Dominican from the
Province of Saint Joseph
(New England to Virginia & Ohio).

“
WE SHOULD SPEND AS MUCH TIME
IN THANKING GOD FOR HIS BENEFITS
AS WE DO IN ASKING FOR THEM.
”

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



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.

Remember the Poor

The small donation boxes on the church walls labeled "Remember the Poor" goes to the Mother Teresa Fund, which helps with rental assistance, utilities, food and prescriptions. Thanks for your generosity.

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



- listen on your computer: <http://relevantradio.com>
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Religious Education

Religious Education Schedule

Sunday, January 21st

Grades 1 - 4 at 10:05-10:55 AM
St. Veronica Chapel

**There are no classes for
1st & 2nd Year Confirmation**

Monday, January 22nd

Grades 1 - 4 at 4:10-5:00 PM
St. Thomas More

Wednesday, January 24th

Grades 5 - 8 at 5:45-6:45 PM
St. Veronica Chapel

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