



Saturday, January 2 nd ,	5:00 PM	Special Intention – Ruth Taylor
Sunday, January 3 rd ,	8:00 AM	10 th Anniversary – Barbara Cushman
	10:00 AM	In Memory – Bob Becker
Monday, January 4 th ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – Bernice McCormick
Tuesday, January 5 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – James Taylor
Wednesday, January 6 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Joseph Poirier
Thursday, January 7 th ,	9:00 AM	Month’s Mind – Carl King
Friday, January 8 th ,	9:00 AM	Pro Populo
Saturday, January 9 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Mary Friel
	5:00 PM	Anniversary – G. Edward Martin
Sunday, January 10 th ,	8:00 AM	Anniversary – Mina Mueller
	10:00 AM	In Memory – James & Anna Mancini

St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday, January 2 nd ,	4:00 PM	In Memory – Lydia Coli
Sunday, January 3 rd ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – John J. Orr, II
	11:00 AM	In Memory – Vincenza Masiello
Saturday, January 9 th ,	4:00 PM	In Memory – Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Gomes & Family
Sunday, January 10 th ,	9:00 AM	15 th Anniversary – Clara Merlino
	11:00 AM	Members of the Military



Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1b-2

RCIA MEETING

The next meeting of the RCIA is this Tuesday, January 5th, at 7:30PM.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Where there is a will there is a way to be an angel for our parish. Consider making a gift to St. Thomas More Endowment Fund through your will. These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for future generations.



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(1 Jn 4:16)

"What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."
(Luke 15:4-7)

Religious Education Schedule
January 2010

SUN. AM: GR. 1-4	JAN. 3 RD , 10 TH , 24 TH & 31 ST 10:10-11:00AM @ ST. V.
MON. PM: GR. 1-4	JAN. 4 TH , 11 TH & 25 TH 4:10-5:00PM @ ST. V.
GR. 5 & 6:	WED., JAN. 6 TH , 13 TH & 27 TH 4:10-5:00PM @ ST. V.
GR. 7 & 8:	WED., JAN. 6 TH , 13 TH & 27 TH 7:00-8:00PM @ ST. V.
CONF. I:	MON., JAN. 4 TH , 18 TH & 25 TH 7-8:15PM – STM
CONF. II:	MON., JAN. 4 TH , 18 TH & 25 TH ** 7-8:15PM – STM

**STUDENTS ARE TO INVITE SPONSORS TO THE JAN. 25TH CLASS!

THANK YOU!!

On behalf of the Jonnycake Center, we would like to thank the parishioners of St. Thomas More Parish for the 648 pounds of food donated to our Food Pantry, in the month of November. You do, indeed, make a difference.

Bishop Tobin to Offer Retreat

Bishop Tobin will direct a weekend retreat for men 18-35 who are discerning a call to the priesthood on January 16-17, 2009 from 7:00PM on Friday to 7:00PM on Saturday at the Seminary of our Lady of Providence. Do you know someone who might be interested? Even if they are away at college, consider sending in their name. Anyone interested should call Fr. Michael Najim, Assistant Vocation Director at 831-8011 or contact Fr. Taillon.

Moving – Please call the Parish Office at 789-7682, if you are moving out of the parish or at another location within the parish, so we can update our records. Thank you!



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You can invite shut-ins, those far from home to join us for each Mass every weekend from now on – simply go to our website -www.stthomasmoreri.org. Technology serving Christ in the Year of Evangelization.

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated January 10-16. During this week, pray especially for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Consider ministry in the Church. God's glory continues to shine in our world. Where do you need to carry the light of Christ? Consider being a light for the world as a Church minister (Isaiah 60:1-6). If you think God is calling you to be a priest, visit our website at www.catholicpriest.com or call Fr. Michael Najim at 831-8011.

**BISHOP TOBIN'S "KEEP THE HEAT ON"
FUND OPENS**

Bishop Thomas J. Tobin's "Keep the Heat On" fund is now accepting applications for heating assistance for the 2009/2010 season. Assistance is available for those who heat with oil, gas or electricity. To determine eligibility and apply for assistance, please contact the Wakefield Office at 783-3149 or visit www.heatri.com.

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Faith Direct - *inspiring secure giving* - online giving or direct deposit is now available. Information/registration forms are available at the Church entrances or on-line at www.faithdirect.net.

Merry Christmas! It's *Still* Christmas?

Yes, it is still Christmas! This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany and the Christmas season formally ends with the Baptism of the Lord on January 10th! The hoped-for custom is that we keep our Christmas decorations up (or alive!) as long as possible throughout the season. Our parish churches model this for us. So, let's keep those mangers up and maybe gently wishing "Merry Christmas" may make some pause to remember we are still in the holy season.

The Feast of Epiphany is a beautiful one with wide-reaching implications for us and the entire world. The fact that these "wise men" came from afar to worship and pay homage is a sign that Christ came to save all the world and not just the Jewish people! It is amazing to picture these well-heeled and mysterious visitors opening their coffers to give gold, frankincense and myrrh. Most Catholic countries give gifts to each other on the Feast of Epiphany and not on Christmas day which in fact is somewhat more appropriate. I realize the cat is out of the bag but perhaps next year we can give small gifts to loved ones, especially children, so they remain in the holy season.

This feast is one where we also see the forces of evil trying to overcome good but failing. Remember Herod who claims to the wise men that he too wants to pay homage to the Lord but in fact is out for blood. The wise men change their route to go back home to avoid the king and not fall into the trap set for them. Perhaps as this New Year continues to unfold we too can make some changes (not resolutions) in ways that will take us on a safer Christian path to holiness and fidelity. What situations or perhaps even persons will not help us pay homage to Christ? It is a tough question but one that is important to ask over and over again. Let us give the Lord the gift of acting on the answer that we may receive when we take this to prayer today.

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Taillon

Many, many thanks to all who helped make our Christmas season so holy and reflective by music, decorations, giving to the poor and serving in ministries. Thanks to the many who quietly and anonymously reached out to their neighbors in need. May God bless you all!



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