

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 3 rd ,	5:00 PM	In Memory – Thomas & Michael Carroll
Sunday, January 4 th ,	8:00 AM	In Memory – Bernice McCormick
	10:00 AM	In Memory – James & Anna Mancini
Monday, January 5 th ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – John Orr
Tuesday, January 6 th ,	9:00 AM	Special Intention
Thursday, January 8 th ,	9:00 AM	Pro Populo
Friday, January 9 th ,	9:00 AM	11 th Anniversary – G. Edward Martin
Saturday, January 10 th ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – Mary Friel
	5:00 PM	1 st Anniversary – Ida Faraone
Sunday, January 11 th ,	8:00 AM	Anniversary – Mina Mueller
	10:00 AM	8 th Anniversary – Joseph LaBelle, Jr.

St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday, January 3 rd ,	4:00 PM	Month’s Mind - Dr. Domenic Petronio
Sunday, January 4 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Robert & Anna Parkinson
	11:00 AM	In Memory – Jane Orsini
Saturday, January 10 th ,	4:00 PM	4 th Anniversary – Michaelantonio Silvestri
Sunday, January 11 th ,	11:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance–Lt. Cpt. Eric Paul Valdepenas



*They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
– Mt 2:10-11*

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Each Saturday at 7:30 A.M. in the Parish Hall, Men’s Prayer Group meets to reflect on Sunday scriptures. It is a great way for men to meet, share faith values and to prepare for Sunday liturgy. All men are welcome.

PRAY THE ROSARY

The rosary is prayed each weekday after the 9:00AM Mass at St. Thomas More and for the special intention of Peace in the World on Saturday mornings at 8:30AM before Mass. Please join us whenever you can.

New Year’s Suggestions

Any topics, faith or morality issues that you would like to see addressed in the Pastor’s column? Don’t be shy, just e-mail: sthomasmore@cox.net

Wedding Banns

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FOOD COLLECTION

This weekend is our monthly Food Collection. We are now donating to the Jonnycake Food Pantry Program. Items needed are: juice boxes, cans of juice, cereal, cookies, crackers, hot chocolate, jelly and packages of cheese slices. We are always in need of: coffee, pasta, pasta sauce, spaghetti, baked beans, soups, canned fruit and canned meats. We are also in need of gift certificates to local markets. We give them to people who come to the rectory in need.

Free Rosary Repair – Bring your rosaries to the Parish Office in an envelope with your name and telephone number on the front and we will call you when they are repaired.

Religious Education Schedule
January 2009

MON. PM:	JAN. 5 TH , 12 TH & 26 TH
GR. 1-4:	3:45-5:00PM @ STM
TUES. PM:	JAN. 6 TH , 13 TH & 27 TH
GR. 1-4:	3:45-5:00PM @ STM
GR. 5 & 6:	WED., JAN. 7 TH , 14 TH & 28 TH
	3:45-5:00PM @ ST. VERONICA
GR. 7 & 8:	WED., JAN. 7 TH & 28 TH
	7:00-8:00PM @ ST. VERONICA
CONF. I & II:	MON. JAN. 12 TH - 6:30PM
	MOVIE "BELLA" AT THE PIER CINEMA
	MON., JAN 26 TH
	7:00-8:15PM @ STM



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.

EPIPHANY CONCERT

The Gregorian Concert Choir & Orchestra, under the direction of Fr. Anthony Mancini, Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral, is presenting a program full of Christmas Carols and more called "Epiphany Concert: Sing for the Alzheimer's Cure!" to benefit the Alzheimer's CURE Foundation, Inc. (www.alzcure.org). This event will take place on Epiphany Sunday, Jan. 4th at 3:00pm at The Cathedral- (Snow Date is Jan. 11th at 3:00pm). Tickets are a donation of \$20 per person. For tickets, call 401-473-7019.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN THE
NEW YEAR!

Tony Melendez Concert – Friday, March 20th at 7:00 PM – St. Thomas More

Mission Trip to the Orphanage in the Dominican Republic – April 13th – 19th

Mass of Anointing of the Sick – Saturday, April 25th at 11:00AM – St. Thomas More

First Communion – Saturday, May 2nd at 11:00AM – St. Thomas More

Sacrament of Confirmation – Saturday, May 9th at 11:00AM – St. Thomas More with Bishop Daniel Thomas

St. Thomas More Parish Feast – Friday-Sunday, June 19th-21st

Stay tuned!!

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated January 11-17. During this week, pray especially for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Consider ministry in the Church. 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.

The Respect Life Office for the Diocese of Providence will have its **Annual Mass for Life on Saturday, January 17th at St. Paul Church** in Cranston. All are invited to attend the 9AM Mass with Rev. Robert H. Forcier as Main Celebrant and Homilist. Meet at the Broad Street Abortion Clinic for a peaceful vigil and rosary at 8:00AM. A coffee hour will follow the Mass. Also, the Respect Life Bus Trip to Washington, DC is leaving on Wednesday, January 21st at 8PM from various locations and will return on Thursday, January 22nd. For more information, please call 421-7833 ext. 118 or e-mail: ri.outreach@dioceseofprovidence.org

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Blessed New Year!

New Years Day and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God are both opportunities to pause and reflect on the past year and to ask God's blessings on the coming year. No doubt this past year has been one of great challenges. Our nation has persevered amidst two wars, economic upheaval, an historic presidential election as well as cultural challenges to long-held norms. As Catholics we were challenged and transformed by the first visit to our shores by our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. We watched as American embraced him and heard about Christ through the ministry of Peter.

We have each had our own challenges in our families and in our relationships. Some of us have buried those we love and returned them to God who made them. Some families and people have had their own "9/11's" due to illness, disappointments, and stress. Others have experienced new births and marriages, promotions and successes.

St. Thomas More Parish has been very blessed indeed. Many new families have been brought to us by the Lord and our outreach to the poor has been blessed and unparalleled. We welcomed Steve Crawford our new Pastoral Assistant and held our enthusiastic St. Thomas More Feast this past June that included a first ever Eucharistic procession through our streets! Our young people experienced first hand the universality of the Catholic faith in New Orleans as they helped rebuild and bring hope to Our Lady of Prompt Succor School. Now a new cadre of young people is preparing to reach out to orphans in the Dominican Republic with your prayers and support. So many other ministries and efforts for God, too many to name, have continued or been initiated by the generous people of this wonderful parish.

In short, *it has been a year of grace*. While so many things change in our lives there is always one constant and that is Our Lord Jesus Christ and His Church that remain an anchor and a beacon in our country and in our families. How blessed we are for the graces we have received and for the sustenance of God in times of trial. May 2009 be a year of blessings, graces and peace to all. May Mary, our Mother intercede for us that we may again deepen our experience of Christ and be changed by grace.

Blessed New Year to you and your family and loved ones!

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Taillon