

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 17 th ,	5:00 PM	Month's Mind – Ronald Anderson
Sunday, January 18 th ,	8:00 AM	In Memory – Edward & Timothy Daly
Monday, January 19 th ,	9:00 AM	Pro Populo
Tuesday, January 20 th ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – Catherine T. Downey
Wednesday, January 21 st ,	9:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – G. Edward Martin
Thursday, January 22 nd ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Nora Costello
Friday, January 23 rd ,	9:00 AM	Special Intention (living) – Alice Kilsey
Saturday, January 24 th ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – Judy Buchanan
	5:00 PM	In Memory – Ben & Mary Ciccarelli
Sunday, January 25 th ,	10:00 AM	15 th Anniversary – William Buffum

St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday, January 17 th ,	4:00 PM	2 nd Anniversary – John Merlino
Sunday, January 18 th ,	9:00 AM	13 th Anniversary – Madeleine Donnelly
	11:00 AM	6 th Anniversary – Dante Pingitore
Saturday, January 24 th ,	4:00 PM	In Memory – Edward, Marion & Michael Vigliotti
Sunday, January 25 th ,	9:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Edward Very
	11:00 AM	2 nd Anniversary – Mark Gardner



John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

SAVE THE DATE

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH FEAST

JUNE 19TH -21ST

FESTIVAL/MASS/PROCESSION

Wedding Banns

III Frank Whittier & Martha Nailor

SUPPORT GROUP

The SDRW Support Group meets the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The next meeting will be this Thursday, January 22nd. For more information, please call Gloria at 782-6653.

ST. EDMUND'S ENDERS ISLAND

Day of Recollection - Fr. Tom Hoar, SSE
 "St. Paul – Model Evangelizer For All Times" on Wednesday, January 21st, beginning at 10AM and includes 2 conferences, Mass and time to enjoy the beauty and peace of Enders Island. The cost is \$35.00 per person & hot lunch is included. Please call 1-860-536-0565, ext. 110 to register.

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection next weekend is for the annual Collection for the Church in Latin America. The theme for this year's collection is "Forming Disciples, Missionaries and Leaders". Donations from this collection are distributed to dioceses, parishes, seminaries and other Catholic institutions to assist in the formation of priests, religious, lay ministers, missionaries, pastoral workers and youth ministers. In doing so, fellow Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean – who are rich in faith but lacking in material resources – are not only able to participate more fully in the life of the Church, but also are able to share it with others as well.

Religious Education Schedule
January 2009

MON. PM:	JAN. 26 TH
GR. 1-4:	3:45-5:00PM @ STM
TUES. PM:	JAN. 27 TH
GR. 1- 4:	3:45-5:00PM @ STM
GR. 5 & 6:	WED., JAN. 28 TH 3:45-5:00PM @ ST. VERONICA
GR. 7 & 8:	WED., JAN. 28 TH 7:00-8:00PM @ ST. VERONICA
CONF. I & II:	MON., JAN 26 TH 7:00-8:15PM @ STM



On Friday, January 23rd, 7PM, St. Patrick's Church in Providence, will host **LIFT** on the road (www.liftedhigher.com). **LIFT** has been drawing a crowd of young people in the Boston area every month for about two years. The evening will consist of contemporary Christian music, a talk by Fr. Michael Najim and Eucharistic Adoration. The event is being sponsored by the Diocesan Vocation Council and is open to high school and college age groups. The focus of the evening will be responding to God's call. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Fr. Najim at 331-1316.

 **Volunteer**

We are looking for volunteers to cook a Sunday Night meal at Welcome House for 20 people. Also, volunteers are needed to bake desserts for a couple of weekends during the year at the Storehouse in Peacedale. For more information, please call Patti at 783-7165 or the Parish Office at 789-7682. Welcome House is looking for volunteers for their Soup Kitchen. Please call Welcome House at 782-4770 for more information.

Please Note: The Parish Council Meeting date has changed to January 27th at 7:00 PM.



The Respect Life Bus Trip to Washington, DC is leaving on Wednesday, January 21st at 6AM from St. William parish – Warwick and will return on Thursday, January 22nd.

The Motorcade for Life is on Thursday, January 22nd, 10AM and leaving from Roger Williams Park – procession, prayers at abortion sites in Providence, Mass at 12Noon at the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul in Providence. For more information, please call 421-7833 ext. 118.

MEN OF ST. THOMAS MORE MEETING

The next meeting of the Men of St. Thomas More is at St. Veronica at 7:00PM on Monday, January 26th. At that time, we will discuss an organizational process to make effective use of our talents. For more information, please call Jim Mattiucci at 789-1857 or e-mail at jmattiucci@cardpak.com

CONCERT

The Wakefield Civic Band presents the 2nd Annual Benefit Concert on Sunday, January 25th at 2:00PM at South Kingstown High School with proceeds to benefit South County Hospital. The suggested donation is \$10.00 and children under 12 are free. For more information please call 294-7101.

SEMINAR

Dr. Anthony Esolen, translator and editor of "Dante's Inferno, Purgatory and Paradise", author of "Ironies of Faith: The laughter at the Heart of Christian Guide to Western Civilization" and Professor of English at Providence College, will speak at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul on Wednesday, January 21st at 7:00PM. For more information, call 351-9784 or 231-0074.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed this Monday, January 19th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Reflections on the Diaconate

In this month of January 2009, as the Diocese of Providence starts the 4 year training of a new class of men (24) to become deacons, it might be a good time to consider just **what is a deacon?**

In the Sacrament of Holy Orders there are three “degrees” of Orders. At the highest level is the bishop, who is ordained to be the chief teacher and administrator of a diocese. The bishop imparts all seven Sacraments, with Confirmation and Ordination being reserved to his office, in addition to his administrative role in the local church.

At the mid-level of the three Holy Orders is the Priest, who following on the ancient traditions offers sacrifice and makes holy (sanctifies). Reserved to priests (remembering that all bishops are also priests) are hearing Confessions (Reconciliation), saying Mass (Eucharist), and the Anointing of the Sick.

At the lowest level of the hierarchy of Orders are the deacons, “upon whom hands are laid, not unto a ministry of priesthood, but unto a ministry of service.” (*Lumen Gentium* #29)

So, deacons have received the Sacrament of Holy Orders . . . they are ordained clergy of the Catholic Church . . . empowered by The Church to proclaim the Gospel at Mass, and to preach upon it, to preside at Weddings, Baptisms and the rites of Christian Burial, to bring Viaticum to the dying and to preside at such rituals and impart such blessings as are reserved to them in the proper liturgical books. And, of course, since The Church lets deacons preside at some of the Sacraments, she also lets us do the paperwork . . . Baptismal Prep, Marriage Prep, Annulments, and so on.

Within the Sacrament of Holy Orders there is only one Order of Deacon but there are two kinds of deacons. There are deacons who hold that order on their way to priesthood, called Transitional Deacons (remembering that as every bishop is also a priest, so every priest is also a deacon) [remember Deacon Jaime Garcia of the summer of '07... now Father Garcia] and there are deacons who are not going on to priesthood, Permanent Deacons. [Me...Deacon Paul Sullivan] Permanent Deacons may be married “up to ordination,” but not after. And, if our wife dies, we may not remarry without a very special [very hard to get] dispensation from Rome.

The training to become a deacon is 4 full years of study including: Scripture, Dogmatic and Moral Theology, Canon Law, Sacraments, Church and Church History, Vocation discernment and Spirituality, Patristics and the list goes on and on.

A deacon’s ordination is valid everywhere and at all times; for like: “once a priest, always a priest,” so too “once a deacon, always a deacon.” And, as a priest is “Father” walking on the beach in the summertime, so too is the “Deacon” as he does the grocery shopping on a Saturday afternoon.

I hope you have some insight into this Holy Order . . . and please pray for the deacons of the diocese, for those who are in formation to serve in that Holy Order . . . and, as always, for an increase in priestly vocations.

Deacon Paul