

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Table with 3 columns: Date, Time, and Intention. Rows include Saturday, January 21st (5:00 PM, In Memory - Edward & Marion Vigliotti and Michael Vigliotti Jr.), Sunday, January 22nd (8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Special Intention - Members of the Military, Anniversary - William Buffum), Monday, January 23rd (9:00 AM, Anniversary - Nora Costello), Tuesday, January 24th (9:00 AM, Pro Populo), Thursday, January 26th (9:00 AM, Anniversary - Henry Sullivan), and Sunday, January 29th (8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, In Memory - Paul Lynch, 3rd Anniversary - William Lowney).

St. Veronica Chapel

Table with 3 columns: Date, Time, and Intention. Rows include Saturday, January 21st (4:00 PM, In Memory - John & Joyce Masterson), Sunday, January 22nd (9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, Marriage & Family Life, In Memory - Teresa Veltri), and Saturday, January 28th (4:00 PM, 11:00 AM, 1st Anniversary - Mary Laurelli, Special Intention - Members of the Delaney and Kirwan Families).



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Sunday, February 5th, the Diocese of Providence will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving to mark His Excellency, Bishop Louis E. Gelineau's 40th Anniversary as Bishop. All are invited to worship with priests, religious and laity of the local Catholic community in celebrating this blessed occasion. A light reception will follow the Mass in the Cathedral Hall. Visit, <http://www.dioceseofprovidence.org>.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Each Saturday at 7:30 A.M. in the Parish Hall, Men's Prayer Group meets to reflect on Sunday scriptures. 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 are able to attend.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection next weekend is for the annual Collection for the Church in Latin America. 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 2012

- SUN. AM:** JAN. 22ND & 29TH
GR. 1-4 10:05-10:55AM @ ST. V
- MON. PM:** JAN. 23RD & 30TH
GR. 1-4 4:10-5:00PM @ STM
- GR. 5 & 6:** WED., JAN. 25TH
4:10-5:00PM @ ST. V.
- GR. 7 & 8:** WED., JAN. 25TH
7:00-8:00PM @ ST. V.
- CONF. I:** SUN., JAN. 22ND & 29TH - CLASS
7:00 – 8:15PM @ ST. V.
- CONF. II:** SUN., JAN. 22ND & 29TH - CLASS
7:00 – 8:15PM @ ST. V.



ADDING-UP – PENNIES FOR THE POOR

There is a small box near the parking lot entrance of St. Thomas More Church and the poor box at St. Veronica Chapel where people place change, mostly pennies. Donations go to the Diocesan Dire Emergency Fund in South County that helps with rental assistance, utilities, prescriptions and other emergencies. Recently, a check for \$1,000.00 was sent to them. Thanks to all who make “change”, “change” the world.

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE

Federal & State Income Tax returns will once again be prepared free of charge at the Narragansett Community Senior Center on Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 9:00AM-1:00PM beginning Monday, January 30th. Please call 782-0675 for an appointment. Please bring last year’s return and this year’s supporting documents.

**RI RIGHT TO LIFE
ANNUAL PRO-LIFE RALLY**

Rhode Island Statehouse

Thursday, January 26th from 3:00-4:00PM
Inspirational and informational addresses to be given by Pro-Life Leaders from Rhode Island. Parking at St. Patrick’s Church or at Providence Place Mall for \$2.00.

ADOPTION

Need information about adoption? There are alternatives to abortion! Call in RI: 624-9270 or in MA: 508-674-4681.

OLP PADRES BASKETBALL

The priests and seminarians of the OLP Padres basketball team will take to the court once again in 2012 to play St. Brendan's on Wednesday, February 8th at St. Brendan's in Riverside. Tip off will be at 7:00 PM. Join us for a fun night of basketball and perhaps you will see a priest that you know out on the court.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Does your marriage need a “break” in its routine, humdrum lifestyle? Want to feel that “original romance” you had in your dating days? The next one is here in Rhode Island on February 10th-12th. Hurry up, time is running out for the discount in the early application fee. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwme.org

RESPIRE CARE – HELP FOR CAREGIVERS

The Diocese of Providence, Community Services and Catholic Charities, provides assistance to family caregivers who care for a person over 60 years of age or someone with Alzheimer’s Disease of any age. Respite care is arranged by bringing a trained worker into the home for Adult Day Services or overnight care in a licensed care facility. For low to moderate income seniors, assistance in paying for respite care may be available. Call 421-7833 Monday – Friday, 8:30AM to 4:30PM, and ask for Elder Services.

JANUARY 22, 2012

Roe V. Wade, Steve Jobs, the Beast and the Catholic Church....

This weekend marks the sober and dark anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the now infamous Supreme Court decision allowing abortion on demand in the United States. Millions have died innocently. Millions of women (and men) are suffering with post-abortive stress. All of us know many people affected by this trauma and its effects. I recently read two books from *The New York Times* bestsellers list: *The Garden of the Beast* (about the American diplomat to Germany in World War II and his experiences there) and Steve *Jobs* by Walter Isaacson. We all know about Steve Jobs transformative success that has helped us all and the way we communicate.

I was struck by the creeping events in “the Garden” how the government and the laws emanating from that government deemed Jews no longer to be human. Once the laws changed and redefined who was human and to be protected “all hell” broke loose in a real way.

I was also struck in Steven Jobs’ biography how Steve was conceived out of wedlock outside of Green Bay, Wisconsin by a woman named Joanne from a very devout and Catholic family. The book reveals how the Catholic pro-life culture permeating the town made abortion a virtual forbidden option because of the deeply held ethos of the Catholic Church in the local people. Hence, Joanne went to San Francisco to give birth to Steve and offer him up for a closed adoption. In that Green Bay area, deeply infused by the primordial belief in the dignity of all human beings espoused by the Church, Steve Jobs’ life was spared and our lives were enriched.

I pray for the day Roe v. Wade is overturned which would simply mean each state will have to have a discussion on when human life begins and struggle to make laws that reflect the results of that debate. The deaths of little, unborn children are simply un-American and deadly. Join me in trying to make our legislature enact laws that incrementally protect human life, respect the dignity of all women and men, born and unborn. Pray Roe v. Wade is overturned and the real discussion begins about embryonic life. Until then, I pray in South County we work hard to create a culture of life where just like in the suburbs of Green Bay the cultural pressure to not hurt unborn life will be so strong women and men will have discussions like Joanne and the gifts of the lives like that of the Steve Jobs will enhance our lives and our nation.

May all those who have suffered in any way with abortion know in us the mercy and the love of God and the embrace of the Church and her forgiveness. May those who work for laws that define some persons as non-humans experience a change of heart.

Dorothy Day, Thomas More . . . pray for us!

Fr Taillon