



Saturday, January 23 rd ,	5:00 PM	1 st Anniversary – Mary K. Sousa
Sunday, January 24 th ,	8:00 AM	Pro Populo
	10:00 AM	16 th Anniversary – William Buffum
Monday, January 25 th ,	9:00 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving
Tuesday, January 26 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Henry Sullivan
Wednesday, January 27 th ,	9:00 AM	Priest Vocations
Thursday, January 28 th ,	9:00 AM	Members of the Military
Saturday, January 30 th ,	5:00 PM	Marriage & Family Life
Sunday, January 31 st ,	10:00 AM	2 nd Anniversary – Ida Faraone

St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday, January 23 rd ,	4:00 PM	In Memory – Nora Costello
Sunday, January 24 th ,	9:00 AM	2 nd Anniversary – Frances Salvadore
	11:00 AM	Anniversary – Raymond Contillo & Nancy Hill
Saturday, January 30 th ,	4:00 PM	In Memory–Edward, Marion & Michael S. Vigliotti, Jr.
Sunday, January 31 st ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – John & Helen Hanley
	11:00 AM	In Memory – Walter Stroud



"He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." Jesus said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." - Lk 4:18b-19, 21

DR - ORPHANAGE MISSION MEETING

This Sunday, January 24th - 5:30PM at St. Thomas More Parish Hall, there will be a meeting, for those who are going on our mission trip to the orphanage. Please bring a parent or guardian with you.

Welcome the Newly Baptized

*Samantha Brooks Burman,
daughter of Edward & Sarah*

*Thomas Richard Caruso
son of Richard & Jennifer*

*Abigail Frances Cichon
daughter of Christopher & Karen*

Congratulations!!!

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH & FRIENDS

A Few Pilgrimage Spots Left

Join Fr. Taillon & Msgr. Darcy, this October, as we trace the steps of St. Thomas More's life and Catholic London, then on to Rome to witness the ordination of fifty new transitional deacons at St. Peter's. Details can be found on our website at the link illum.com, contacting Fr. Taillon directly or go to www.travelillum.com/trc/tlr.

THE RHODE ISLAND CATHOLIC

Next weekend, there will be extra copies of the Rhode Island Catholic at the Church entrances. Please take one home and share it with your family and friends. If you would like a subscription, there is an envelope included in the paper and there is also one in your budget envelope packet. You may put it in the collection basket any time during the month of February. This is a great way to know the teachings and happenings in the Catholic Faith.

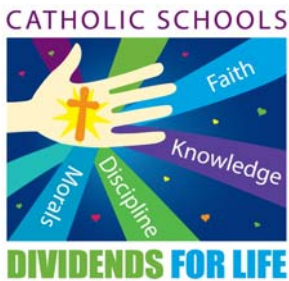
CD/Book Racks are located at the Church entrances. Beautiful and inspirational talks about key elements of living our faith. There is also a great assortment of children's books – check them out!!

Religious Education Schedule
January 2010

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

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK-
JAN. 31-FEB. 6, 2010



We, the families and students of Msgr. Clarke School would like to say **thank you** for supporting Catholic education. Your investment in our children's education is truly appreciated. Please

join us for an MCS sponsored coffee hour, next Sunday, January 31st, following the 10AM Mass at St. Thomas More and the 11AM Mass at St. Veronica.

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.



SUPER BOWL BAKE SALE

February 6-7 after all Masses

A Chance to Bake 'n' Buy your favorite dessert to serve and eat at this weekend's Super Bowl parties (with Lent only one week away, it's truly "The Last Blast Before the Fast!"). **All proceeds donated to the Mission Trip!**

HOLY SMOKES! CIGARS

One of our adult missionaries creatively wrote to the Monte Cristo cigar company in the Dominican Republic and asked for support for our mission trip. In turn, they shipped Monte Cristo #3's to the rectory. While we are not able to sell them, we can give them to those who make a donation to our mission trip. \$25.00 for a box of 3 great cigars. Anyone interested, please stop by or call the Parish Office - 789-7682.

RECORD PRIESTS RETIREMENT
COLLECTION

Last weekend and through Faith Direct, our Parish donated \$9,116.50 to the Priest's Retirement Fund. In this year of the Priesthood, your generosity is a testimony to your love and support of vocations and the tremendous and essential ministry of Msgr. Halloran and Fr. Henry. St. John Vianny, pray for them!

THANK YOU

The Jonnycake Center would like to thank the parishioners of St. Thomas More Parish for donating 867 pounds of food during the month of December. We now serve over 1370 households. We could not provide these important services without your generosity. You do indeed, make a difference!!

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. To determine eligibility and apply for assistance, please contact the Wakefield Office at 783-3149 or visit www.heatri.com.

JANUARY 24, 2010

Haití... Where is God?

The images and news out of Haiti could not be any more dire nor overwhelming. Our hearts and prayers as well as support go out to them. Thank you to the many who have already donated to Catholic Relief Services through our parish collections. The suffering and magnitude of devastation wreaking havoc on such a poor and Catholic nation has caused many to ask, "where is the Lord" and some to speculate quietly or out loud, "why did God do this?"

We know for a fact that this terrible calamity happened and certainly God is aware of it but lets be careful to say that God caused it! Our loving God does not arbitrarily choose to make innocent people suffer without regard or even with a devious streak behind it! Remember Jesus in the Gospel clearly correcting people who thought that the reason certain people had maladies or sufferings were their presumed sins. Jesus clearly corrected them and spoke against this assumption. Suffering remains in the realm of mystery and is an opportunity and a grace to be part of the redemption of God. With certainty some suffering is caused by sin and magnified by it but at times innocent suffering remains that...mysterious and innocent. Now I know some preachers of late have said that the Haitians are being punished for their voodoo and the likes which are no doubt practiced by some there but how many in our midst do not worship the One, True God of Jesus Christ or worse and no such calamity has come here!

So, where is God? We do know that God is present in the cries of the poor and the suffering. Jesus knows where every trapped person is and is with them and has received the souls of those who perished. The Lord is sending aid workers and missionaries and has moved the hearts of the whole world to pray and love and support Haiti. God is in *us* when our minds, thoughts, prayers and donations reach out to them. Jesus is of course present in the sacraments to heal, comfort and console them and us through these events.

Jesus has redeemed all the world and transformed suffering so that now it reveals the kingdom of God. Let us see this great suffering as being used by the Lord to reveal His love and redemption.

May I recommend my favorite non-biblical work by John Paul II called *Salvifici Delores* or "on Redemptive Suffering" for your reading. This great reflection can be purchased at Stella Maris, Wakefield or downloaded at www.vatican.va

May this earthquake and the suffering of our own lives lead to greater understanding and intimacy with the cross and our Lord Jesus Christ!

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