

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Table with 3 columns: Date, Time, and Intention. Rows include Saturday, February 14th (5:00 PM, In Memory - Russo Family), Sunday, February 15th (10:00 AM, 10th Anniversary - Dr. John Brady), Monday, February 16th (9:00 AM, Anniversary - Gertrude Hall), Tuesday, February 17th (9:00 AM, 1st Anniversary - Josephine Kieon), Wednesday, February 18th (9:00 AM, Anniversary - Sarah Carpenter), Saturday, February 21st (5:00 PM, 3rd Anniversary - Dorothy Cook), and Sunday, February 22nd (8:00 AM and 10:00 AM, In Memory - Frank & Peter Dubilewski and William & Mary Bolster).

St. Veronica Chapel

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A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

Mardi Gras Bake Sale
The Last Blast before the Fast!!
Saturday/Sunday February 21st-22nd
After all Masses
All proceeds to benefit the Parish Orphanage Mission Trip. Baked goods needed!! Please drop them off at St. Thomas More on Saturday, February 21st from 10AM-12Noon for both Churches.

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. All men are welcome.

ST. EDMUND'S ENDERS ISLAND

Married Couples Retreat
February 20th-22nd

"Faith, hope and love remain, but the greatest of these is love." This retreat is directed by Deacon Michael & Mary Berstene. Come and spend some quiet time and enjoy the beauty and peace of Enders Island. The cost is \$340.00 per couple & includes 2 nights lodging and meals. Please call 1-860-536-0565, ext. 110 to register.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES MEETING

The next meeting of the Social Activities Committee is this Tuesday, February 17th at 7:00PM at St. Thomas More. We are looking for volunteers/planners for upcoming events. New members are welcome!!

Wedding Banns

III Robert Wilkins & Kenya Chang

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed this Monday, February 16th in observance of President's Day.



Religious Education Schedule
February 2009

MON. PM:	FEB. 23 RD
GR. 1-4:	3:45-5:00PM @ STM
TUES. PM:	FEB. 24 TH
GR. 1-4:	3:45-5:00PM @ STM
GR. 5 & 6:	WED., FEB. 25 TH 3:45-5:00PM @ ST. VERONICA
GR. 7 & 8:	WED., FEB. 25 TH – ASH WEDNESDAY 7PM MASS @ ST. VERONICA
CONF. I & II:	MON., FEB. 23 RD 7:00-8:15PM @ STM
	WED., FEB. 25 TH – ASH WEDNESDAY 7PM MASS @ ST. VERONICA



1ST COMMUNION PARENT'S MEETING

There will be a meeting for all 2nd grade parents on Sunday, February 22nd at 4:00PM at St. Thomas More. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Betley at 783-2113.

ROLLER-SKATING NIGHT

A Family Roller-Skating Night featuring Christian Music this **Tuesday, Feb. 17th, from 6:30-9:00PM** at the Narragansett Ocean Skate Club. The cost is \$6.00 per person or \$25.00 for an entire family (does not include skate rental). Proceeds will benefit the Providence Rescue Mission (homeless & needy of RI).

PARISH TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Tuition assistance is available for families who are registered members of St. Thomas More Parish and have children attending Catholic Schools in grades K-12. Any family wishing to apply for assistance should contact Father Taillon (789-7682) before March 1, 2009 and submit an application before March 15, 2009. All Applications will be processed through FACTS, an independent Financial Analysis Service located in Lincoln, Nebraska. Scholarship awards are based on need.

RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

The second collection next weekend is for the diocesan Senior Priest's Retirement Fund. Even in retirement, [like Msgr. Halloran, Fr. Henry and Fr. Bolton] most priests continue to provide essential help in most parishes through daily and weekly liturgies, at funerals, weddings and for the sacrament of baptism. Our diocesan priests live independently upon their retirement. They are self-supporting and no longer rely on parish services that were once part of their years of active service. Please be generous.

NATURE WALKS

The Friends of Canonchet Farm have guided walks from September to April. Walks are from 1-3PM and start from Anne Hoxsie Lane parking lot across from the Narragansett Town Beach South Pavilion. The next walk is on Sunday, February 22nd. For more information, call Kathie at 783-3951.

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE

Federal & State Income Tax returns will once again be prepared free of charge at the Narragansett Community Center from 9:00AM to 12Noon, on Monday and Wednesday mornings, February 4th through April 8th. Please call 782-0675 for an appointment.

RACHAEL VINEYARD RETREATS

Rachael Vineyard Retreats are healing weekends designed to help those who are hurting from a past abortion experience to process and recover from their loss. Come meet Jesus and be made whole again. Support groups also meet on a regular basis. To register for the February 20th-22nd retreat or for more information, call Kris at 421-7833 ext. 119. All requests are confidential.

CD/Pamphlet Racks

are located at the Church entrances. Beautiful and inspirational talks about key elements of living our faith. These CD's would be great for the car!

FEBRUARY 15, 2009

Of Charity Drives and Saints and Hot Air...

The annual Catholic Charity Drive Fund Appeal has been moved ahead in most parishes, occurring during Lent. **St. Thomas More Parish requested and received an exemption from Bishop Tobin to hold our own parish drive at its “regular” time in April. Our drive will be held for two weekends: on April 18-19th and April 25-26th.** Those who work so diligently for the campaign felt it was best to wait until our snowbirds return and to maintain continuity in these challenging times for charity. Some “partners” may be solicited by mail during the Lenten season by the Diocese. There will be an advertising campaign during Lent as well that will encourage giving. Donations, of course, will be accepted during the Lenten season if that is better for some. We will not conduct our regular in-pew solicitation until those weeks in April. May this year’s appeal be an opportunity for all of us to continue to count our blessings and know that our ultimate peace is always found in Christ Jesus!

In the last few years since Mother Theresa’s death, it has been made known that Mother experienced what is called in our tradition the “dark night”. For those of us who are not gifted with being a mystic as Mother was, we may become confused or wonder what this is all about. How can someone so holy and close to Christ experience such desolation and seeming doubts in faith? St John of the Cross is perhaps the best known saint/mystic to relay this dark night experience to the wider Church. I recently read a wonderful short book that is about Mother Theresa and thought I would recommend it to you. Perhaps obtaining it prior to our Lenten journey would be beneficial. It is titled *I Loved Jesus in the Night: Theresa of Calcutta Revealed*. It is published by Paraclete Press of Brewster, MA and the author is the special Fr. Paul Murray, OP. To date it is the best work that in a simple fashion reveals another part of Mother’s life and her prayer experiences that can be a great source of encouragement for us.

Someone has donated new deflector-covers for the radiator units in St Thomas More Church. They should arrive soon and will direct air to be distributed upwards rather than onto those sitting nearby them in winter and summer. I will keep you posted.

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Taillon