



Saturday, February 21 st ,	5:00 PM	3 rd Anniversary – Dorothy Cook
Sunday, February 22 nd ,	8:00 AM	In Memory – Frank & Peter Dubilewski
	10:00 AM	In Memory – William & Mary Bolster
Monday, February 23 rd ,	9:00 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving
Tuesday, February 24 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Rhiannon Aguirre-Bates
Friday, February 27 th ,	9:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Barbara Quinn Manning
Saturday, February 28 th ,	9:00 AM	Pro Populo

St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday, February 21 st ,	4:00 PM	In Memory – John & Helen Fandetti
Sunday, February 22 nd ,	11:00 AM	2 nd Anniversary – Joseph Formicola

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Jesus said to the paralytic, "I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home." He rose, picked up his mat at once, and went away in the sight of everyone. They were all astounded and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this." - Mk 2:11-12

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.

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.

PRAYER CHAIN

Did you know that our Parish has a Prayer Chain Ministry? If anyone would like some extra needed prayers, you may call 295-1241 and express your request.

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

February 25th-April 5th

Join the 40 Days for Life/RI campaign, part of a nationwide peaceful prayer campaign to end abortion. Come and join all people of faith to pray and learn how you can "speak for those who cannot speak themselves" on Saturday, Feb. 21st at the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul from 6-7PM. To register, call Maureen at 635-8352 or e-mail 40dflri@gmail.com.

ST. EDMUND'S ENDERS ISLAND

Day or Evening of Recollection on Tuesday, February 24th. The theme is "Building the Bridge from the Spiritual World to the Business World". The cost is \$35.00 per person and includes 2 conferences, Mass, hot lunch or dinner. Come and enjoy the beauty and peace of Enders Island. Please call 1-860-536-0565, ext. 110 to register.

Religious Education Schedule
February 2009

MON. PM: FEB. 23RD
GR. 1-4: 3:45-5:00PM @ STM

TUES. PM: FEB. 24TH
GR. 1- 4: 3:45-5:00PM @ STM

GR. 5 & 6: WED., FEB. 25TH
 3:45-5:00PM @ ST. VERONICA

GR. 7 & 8: WED., FEB. 25TH – ASH WEDNESDAY
 WITH AN ADULT
 7PM MASS @ ST. VERONICA

CONF. I & II: MON., FEB. 23RD
 7:00-8:15PM @ STM
 WED., FEB. 25TH – ASH WEDNESDAY
 WITH AN ADULT
 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.

SCHOLARSHIP

The RI Daughters of Isabella are again sponsoring the "Msgr. Cassidy Scholarship". There are 2 scholarships, based on Scholastic Merit & Financial Need, awarded in the amount of \$2,000.00 for 2 eighth grade girls applying to a Catholic High School. For an application, please write to: Mrs. Joanne B. Burger, Chairperson, Msgr. Thomas V. Cassidy Scholarship, 3 Twins Lane, North Providence, RI 02904. Applications must be returned by April 1st.

ADORATION

St. Francis of Assisi Church in Wakefield holds Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday mornings from 7:30AM to 12Noon. Whether it is an hour or just a few minutes, it can be a special time of prayer and quiet to start your day. There is no obligation, but anyone interested in signing up to become a regular visitor either weekly, monthly etc., contact Joe or Sharon Clossick at 782-2504.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, February 25th:
9AM-St. Thomas More
5PM-St. Thomas More
7PM-St. Veronica Chapel



HOLY HOUR/BENEDICTION FROM

7:30-8:30PM - SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST

St. Thomas More with Fr. Luke Willenberg homilist/Garrepy Family Singers - Come and start Lent spending one hour with Jesus.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Friday

February 27th – 7PM at St. Thomas More.



CATHOLIC BOOK FAIR:

After the Masses at St. Veronica Chapel next weekend, February 28th & March 1st.

“Let the Children come to Me...”

Caroline O’Neil has received positive news and is cancer free.

Grace Reddington has recently been hospitalized and is going through extensive testing.

Let’s pray for both of these children, their families and all the sick.

RACE FOR GRACE

The Third Annual Race for Grace is on Saturday, May 23, 2009 at St. Veronica Chapel from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. Sponsors are needed to donate food, etc. It is hoped that this entire community will support this noble effort. Go to www.theraceforgrace.com for more information.



Lent.... A Time for Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

“Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return!” This admonition and line from scripture is both sobering and directs us towards our hope---repent so as to experience eternal life in the full.

Ash Wednesday is upon us and we join here in our parish with Christians worldwide in observing this holy season. We began our forty days fast this week on Ash Wednesday which is one of only two (Good Friday being the other one) mandatory fast days. We should refrain from eating between meals throughout the day and attend Mass to receive ashes on our forehead as an outward sign of our desire for inner conversion.

Lent is traditionally a time where we “give something up”. This can range from the more familiar chocolate, soda or coffee to a favorite food or bad habit (language, gossip, etc) Maybe we could include daily Mass as often as possible (schedule is on the monthly Lenten insert for local churches), the rosary or spending time with the Sacred Scriptures especially the Pauline Letters in this continuing year of St. Paul.

In this technological culture we can “fast” from our favorite TV show(s) , the internet, limiting our texting as well as perhaps praying as we log on to the Internet. Why not put a prayer as our screen-saver for Lent and recite it every time we sit at the terminal?

Our Lenten theme for this year will be the visual symbol of the crown of thorns. We will bless and distribute a metal image of the crown of thorns with a prayer on it that can be kept in our pocket to remind us when we least expect it of all our Lord suffered for us. This small sacramental can also be attached to our key chain as well.

We have special liturgical events including a holy hour and benediction this Sunday from 7:30 to 8:30 in St. Thomas More. Come and spend some time with the Lord even if you can't stay for all of it! We have the famous Tony Melendez coming in concert (thanks to Steve Crawford for coordinating this!), as well as stations of the cross and our special vespers the Fifth Sunday of Lent to pray with Msgr. Halloran. Let us be more attentive to the poor and remember those orphans we will soon visit who are today part of our spiritual mission.

Please remember our fifteen discerning candidates in the RCIA program and their sponsors as this journey through Lent will be very special. Let us pray for our entire parish that we may experience any conversion the Lord desires to give us! May our fast bear fruit in this life and the next.

Fr. Tailon