

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, February 27 <sup>th</sup> ,	5:00 PM	In Memory – Members of the Russo Family
Sunday, February 28 <sup>th</sup> ,	10:00 AM	Priest Vocations
Monday, March 1 <sup>st</sup> ,	9:00 AM	5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Thomas A. Lamb
Tuesday, March 2 <sup>nd</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Special Intention
Wednesday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Pro Populo
Friday, March 5 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Marriage & Family Life
Saturday, March 6 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Vince McCormick
	5:00 PM	Month’s Mind – Walter Devine
Sunday, March 7 <sup>th</sup> ,	8:00 AM	Members of the Military
	10:00 AM	Special Intention

St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday, February 27 <sup>th</sup> ,	4:00 PM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary – Lyle Wolf
Sunday, February 28 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Firmina Rocha
Saturday, March 6 <sup>th</sup> ,	4:00 PM	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary – Ralph Ferruolo
Sunday, March 7 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Howard Kenny
	11:00 AM	In Memory – Terence Ashworth

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*Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen. - Lk 9:35-36*

**ONGOING ADULT EDUCATION LECTURE SERIES**

***Reasons for Choosing to be Catholic: Why the Catholic Faith Makes Good Sense***

Lecture presented by Dr. Fritz Wenisch  
Join us for an informative evening during this Year of Evangelization

**SUNDAY, MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> 6:30 – 7:30PM at St. Thomas More**

**RCIA MEETING**

The next meeting of the RCIA is this Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30PM.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Social Committee will hold an important meeting on **Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00pm** at **St. Veronica Chapel**. New members are always welcome as we plan our calendar of fun activities for the parish community!

**HOLY HOUR FOR PRO-LIFE**

The next Holy Hour prayer for pro-life will be this **Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 9:30AM. Everyone is welcome.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Fridays at 7:00PM – St. Thomas More  
Daily Mass is at 9:00AM

**OPERATION RICE BOWL**

Families eat a “poverty meal” once a week during Lent and then place the money saved in a “Rice Bowl” as a contribution for the poor of the world. Contributions will be collected on Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. . “Rice Bowls” are available at the church entrances.

CD/Book Racks are located at the Church entrances. These CD’s would be great for the car - beautiful and inspirational talks about key elements of living our faith. There is also a great assortment of children’s books - check them out!!

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### Religious Education Schedule February/March 2010

<b>SUN. AM:</b>	FEB. 28 <sup>TH</sup>
<b>GR. 1-4</b>	MARCH 7 <sup>TH</sup> , 14 <sup>TH</sup> , 21 <sup>ST</sup> & 28 <sup>TH</sup> 10:10-11:00AM @ ST. V.
<b>MON. PM:</b>	MARCH 1 <sup>ST</sup> , 8 <sup>TH</sup> , 15 <sup>TH</sup> , 22 <sup>ND</sup> & 29 <sup>TH</sup>
<b>GR. 1-4</b>	4:10-5:00PM @ STM
<b>GR. 5 &amp; 6:</b>	WED., MARCH 3 <sup>RD</sup> , 10 <sup>TH</sup> , 17 <sup>TH</sup> , 24 <sup>TH</sup> & 31 <sup>ST</sup> 4:10-5:00PM @ ST. V.
<b>GR. 7 &amp; 8:</b>	WED., MARCH 3 <sup>RD</sup> , 17 <sup>TH</sup> , & 24 <sup>TH</sup> 7:00-8:00PM @ ST. V.
<b>CONF. I:</b>	MARCH 1 <sup>ST</sup> , 15 <sup>TH</sup> , 22 <sup>ND</sup> 7-8:15PM - STM
<b>CONF. II:</b>	MARCH 1 <sup>ST</sup> , 15 <sup>TH</sup> 7-8:15PM - STM MARCH 29 <sup>TH</sup> - MOVIE - "THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST" - 6:30PM - THE PROUT SCHOOL

### DR - ORPHANAGE MISSION MEETING

This Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> - 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.

### YOUTH GROUP

The next meeting will be this Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00PM. All 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited. We will meet at the St. Thomas More Parish Hall. All are welcome.

### 24-HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Pray for Priests throughout the Year for Priests in each deanery. The next adoration is on March 4-5 at St. Mary Church, Cranston. Begins and ends with 8:00AM Mass.

**Benefit Concert for Bishop Tobin's "Keep the Heat On" Challenge** - On Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM in the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul to benefit Bishop Tobin's "Keep the Heat On Challenge". Tickets are \$10.00.

### THANK YOU - \$4,614.25 COLLECTED

Dear Fr. Taillon & St. Thomas More Parish  
In the name of the LaSalette Missionaries and especially of Fr. Cliff & Fr. Meme, I wish to thank you and the people of St. Thomas More Parish for your hospitality, generosity and prayers during the mission appeal on February 13-14. We thank you for the opportunity to bring a renewed awareness of our Church's Mission to your people and to bring their love and support to the needy of the mission countries serviced by the Missionaries of Our Lady of LaSalette.  
Sincerely,  
Fr. John Nuelle, MS  
Director

### 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 submit a FACTS application before March 15, 2010. You may apply on-line or get an application through your school. Scholarship awards are based on need.

### FOOD COLLECTION

Next weekend is our monthly Food Collection. Always needed are juice boxes, cans of juice, cereal, cookies, crackers, hot chocolate, jelly and packages of cheese slices, coffee, pasta, pasta sauce, spaghetti, baked beans, soups, canned fruit, canned meats/tuna fish, personal hygiene products and gift certificates. Thank you.

### BASKETBALL FREE THROW CONTEST



Knights of Columbus, Saint Francis Council 2011, invites all boys & girls ages 10-14 to participate at our annual basketball free throw contest on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 1:00PM at the River Bend Athletic Club in Wakefield. For more information, please call VJ Simonelli at 284-1360.

Second Sunday of Lent – The Transfiguration, a mosaic, nine men and us...

Upon visiting St. Peter's in Rome, once you have recovered from the overwhelming sense of awe at what you see, your eyes will begin to take in some amazing symbols and artwork that adorn the basilica. One fun fact is that there is no colored or stained glass in St. Peter's save the alabaster window of the Holy Spirit. There are many enormous mosaics that tower over the altars on the main floor of the building. I recall that in the first few visits I presumed that the enormous pictures were paintings. It was only at a later visit that I was confounded to find indeed these "portraits" were in fact mosaics. My favorite has always been and remains that of the Transfiguration. (In this Internet age you can easily Google this very artwork yourself!) This mosaic located near the confessional area of the church is unique in that it is Raphael's last work and took nine men years to complete it.

I have always loved this scene because of the contrast within it. The upper portion shows Jesus surrounded and conversing with Elijah and Moses and the observer can imagine the glimpse of heaven that awaited Jesus and Peter, James and John who received this grace. We see the serenity and the peace and love surrounding the Lord and it certainly gets our initial focus.

At the bottom of the mosaic is another story! There is a father who is holding his possessed son and the stress and duress in the figures is in direct contrast to the actual transfiguration scene. The characters here are seemingly on the edge of despair and great fright. At first I thought the scenes were opposed to each other. Now I relish that the artist's mind intertwined the promise and the current suffering of some.

Usually the Transfiguration scenes created by artists focus just on Jesus, Moses and Elijah. I think the contrasting one in St. Peter's can help us enter into the gift of the Transfiguration in our own lives during our Lenten journey. It seems that it is a gentle reminder that we, too, like Peter, James and John should recall the Transfiguration when we have to endure hardships and sufferings in our own lives and in the lives of those we know and love. This will not only sustain us but also help us to grow in holiness and grace.

It took those nine guys seven years to put that mosaic together. To be honest I wouldn't have had the patience to help! Yet, thank God Raphael helped this scene come alive. I am sure the men that painstakingly assembled it received comfort from the final scene and the original Gospel. I pray that we too, hearing this Gospel and remembering the Transfiguration, can be blessed with the grace we need to persevere this Lent.

*Fr. Taillon*

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