



Sunday, March 1 st ,	3:00 PM	RCIA Rite of Election – SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral
	7:30 PM	Holy Hour and Benediction – St. Thomas More
Monday, March 2 nd ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – Thomas Lamb
Tuesday, March 3 rd ,	9:00 AM	Special Intention – The Reddington Family
Wednesday, March 4 th ,	9:00 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving
Thursday, March 5 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Vincent McCormick
Friday, March 6 th ,	9:00 AM	Special Intention
Saturday, March 7 th ,	9:00 AM	Pro Populo

St. Veronica Chapel

Sunday, March 8th, 9:00 AM 4th Anniversary – Howard Kenny



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

RCIA

The next meeting of the RCIA program will be this Tuesday, March 3rd, at 7:30PM. Pray for our 15 candidates and their sponsors.

HOLY HOUR FOR PRO-LIFE

The next Holy Hour prayer for pro-life will be this **Friday, March 6th**, beginning at 9:30AM. Everyone is welcome.

**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.

CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND

Our Parish's goal remains the same as last year at \$119,306.00. We have just received \$4,000.00 in "Parish Share" funds that will go towards our charities.

In pew solicitation will take place on the weekends of April 18th & 19th and April 25th & 26th.

Bishop Partners will be contacted during Lent. All checks should be made out to Catholic Charity Fund (not St. Thomas More as in years past).

Let us pray for this campaign that helps thousands of needy Rhode Islanders.

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 until April 8th. Please call 782-0675 for an appointment.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, March 29th – 4:00PM
Msgr. Halloran – Vespers with reception to follow at St. Thomas More.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**Religious Education Schedule
March 2008**

MON. PM:	MAR. 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd & 30 th
GR. 1-4:	3:45-5:00PM @ STM
TUE. PM:	MAR. 3 rd , 10 th , 17 th , 24 th & 31 st
GR. 1-4:	3:45-5:00PM @ STM
GR. 5 & 6:	WED., MAR. 4 th , 11 th , 18 th & 25 th
	3:45-5:00PM @ ST. VERONICA
GR. 7 & 8:	WED., MAR. 11 th & 25 th
	7:00-8:15PM @ ST. VERONICA
CONF. I & II:	SUN., MAR. 1 ST – 7:30-8:30PM
	HOLY HOUR - STM
	MON., MAR. 23 RD – CLASS
	7-8:15PM - STM
	FRI., MAR. 27 TH – 7PM
	TONY MELENDEZ CONCERT – STM

PLEASE NOTE: IF SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED DUE TO BAD WEATHER, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ARE CANCELLED FOR THAT DAY.

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.

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.



HOLY HOUR/BENEDICTION FROM

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

St. Thomas More with Fr. Luke Willenberg homilist/Garrepy Family Singers - Come and spend one hour with Jesus as we start our Lenten journey.



Stations of the Cross – This Friday, March 6th at 7:00PM

Daily Mass is at 9:00AM

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Families eat a “poverty meal” once a week 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, April 5th. “Rice Bowls” and family home guides are available at the church entrances.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ORPHANAGE

MISSION TRIP

Our parish missionaries will be taking off to the Immanuel Orphanage in the Dominican Republic the day after Easter. The orphanage relies on the generosity of the missionaries and their “families” to keep them supplied with the day-to-day necessities that keep their children healthy and nourished. Our parish “family” can help this Lenten season by filling the Mission Bins located at the Church entrances with some much-needed goods from the Orphanage “Wish List”. Some “*wish list*” items were listed in last week’s bulletin insert or for a complete list, please go to *our website*: www.stthomasmoreri.org. **The deadline for donations is Palm Sunday, April 5th.**



The following is an interview Bishop Tobin imagined having, with President Obama. (The RI Catholic)

BISHOP TOBIN: First of all, Mr. President, congratulations on your election and inauguration. They were certainly historic events that inspired a renewed sense of unity and hope for many Americans.

PRESIDENT OBAMA: Thank you, Bishop Tobin. Yes, the goal of my campaign and election was to bring people together, to heal the divisions of the recent past and to inspire new hope for all the citizens of our great country.

TOBIN: I think we'd all agree that your goals of unity and hope are very worthwhile. But for that very reason, many of us were surprised, and even disappointed, that you signed an executive order overturning the so-called "Mexico City Policy" within the first few days of your administration. As you know, your action directs that American tax dollars be used to fund abortions overseas. Why did you have to act so quickly on such a controversial policy?

OBAMA: Well, I believe it was important for me to fulfill the campaign promises I made to Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers. After all, they're among my biggest supporters and I don't want to disappoint them.

TOBIN: But the use of tax dollars to pay for abortions is very controversial. It's a divisive policy. It violates the conscience of millions of Americans who respect life and oppose abortion. Isn't that completely contrary to your goal of fostering unity in the nation?

OBAMA: Bishop Tobin, let's be clear. I said in my inauguration speech that with all the problems our nation is facing we have to overcome narrow ideological positions and move beyond childish behaviors.

TOBIN: But, Mr. President, providing tax money to support abortion – isn't that in itself an ideological position?

OBAMA: No, not in my view.

TOBIN: But do you consider the heartfelt convictions of pro-lifers to be "childish behaviors?"

OBAMA: Well, not exactly, but let's move on . . .

TOBIN: Is it safe to assume that you consider the use of tax dollars to pay for abortions overseas to be good foreign policy?

OBAMA: I believe that people overseas should have the same rights we Americans have – the right to kill their children and use abortion as a form of birth control.

TOBIN: But shouldn't we be using foreign aid for more positive reasons – for example, to provide food, clothing, shelter and medicine to impoverished children?

OBAMA: Bishop, obviously you're missing the point. If you control the population and eliminate the children, you don't have to worry about giving them food, clothing, shelter and medicine now do you?

TOBIN: Mr. President, during the campaign you said that you wanted to reduce the number of abortions. And yet now you're providing American tax dollars to encourage abortions overseas. Isn't that a contradiction?

OBAMA: Let me be clear. During the campaign, I was talking about American babies. People in other countries have to make their own decisions about killing their children, and if that's what they want to do, I'm willing to help them. But let's move on . . .

TOBIN: Sir, you've taken a very strong stance against the use of torture, a decision that's been widely applauded. But at the same time, some scientific studies have shown that the procedures used in abortion cause terrible pain and suffering for the unborn child. Isn't that a form of torture too?

OBAMA: Um . . . let me get back to you on that.

TOBIN: Mr. President, there's a very good chance that during your term in office you'll have the opportunity to appoint new justices to the Supreme Court. When that opportunity comes, will you use the support of abortion as a litmus test for their appointment?

OBAMA: *I don't believe in litmus tests for court appointments. But you can rest assured that no one who respects the right to life for unborn children will get anywhere near the Supreme Court.*

TOBIN: Mr. President, don't you see the contradiction in what you just said?

OBAMA: *No I don't, but please . . . can't we just move on?*

TOBIN: Alright, then let's get to the heart of the question. Mr. President, when does life begin?

OBAMA: *That question, Bishop, is way above my pay grade.*

TOBIN: Mr. President, you have a consistent record of supporting abortion, and you've been called the most pro-abortion president ever. In light of your radical pro-abortion stance, can you and your administration give any hope at all to pro-life Americans?

OBAMA: To quote my favorite campaign slogan, "Yes we can."

TOBIN: Can you be more specific?

OBAMA: *No I can't. But, Bishop Tobin I see that the clock is ticking away and our time is up. Unfortunately we'll have to wrap-up our interview.*

TOBIN: Thank you for your time Mr. President, and happy Presidents Day.

OBAMA: *Thank-you, Bishop Tobin. And please extend my appreciation to all my friends in Rhode Island who voted for me.*