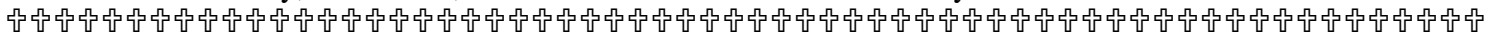


MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 7 th ,	5:00 PM	Special Intention – For those unemployed
Sunday, March 8 th ,	8:00 AM	Special Intention – Priestly Vocations
	10:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Monday, March 9 th ,	9:00 AM	21 st Anniversary – Dr. Attilio Manganaro
Tuesday, March 10 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Frances Paliotti
Wednesday, March 11 th ,	9:00 AM	11 th Anniversary – Michael Manning
Thursday, March 12 th ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – John Griffin
Friday, March 13 th ,	9:00 AM	Pro Populo
Saturday, March 14 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Fred Matazzaro
	5:00 PM	18 th Anniversary – Richard Huntley
Sunday, March 15 th ,	10:00 AM	1 st Anniversary – Molly Contillo
		RCIA Welcome

St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday, March 7 th ,	4:00 PM	Special Intention
Sunday, March 8 th ,	9:00 AM	4 th Anniversary – Howard Kenny
	11:00 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving
Sunday, March 15 th ,	11:00 AM	1 st Anniversary – Verna Sammartino



Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. - Mk 9:7-8

RCIA

The next meeting of the RCIA program will be this Tuesday, March 10th, at 7:30PM. Pray for our 15 candidates and their sponsors.

OUR LADY'S GUILD

The next meeting of Our Lady's Guild is this Tuesday, March 10th, following the 9:00AM Mass. Everyone is invited and new members are welcome.

BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the light and informal Book Club is this Tuesday, March 10th, 2:00PM at the home of Johanna Shaghalian. For more information, please call Johanna at 783-0014 or Marguerite at 789-5074.

CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND

Our Parish's goal remains the same as last year at \$119,306.00. 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.

SUPPORT GROUP

The SDRW Support Group meets the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The next meeting will be this Thursday, March 12th. For more information, please call Gloria at 782-6653.

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH – DAY OF PRAYER

The RI Men of St. Joseph invite men of all ages to join in the 2nd Annual Catholic National Day of Prayer, Thursday, March 19th on the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Visit www.mensdayofprayer or www.rimosj.org for more information.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Religious Education Schedule March 2009

MON. PM: GR. 1-4:	MAR. 9 th , 16 th , 23 rd & 30 th 3:45-5:00PM @ STM
TUE. PM: GR. 1-4:	MAR. 10 th , 17 th , 24 th & 31 st 3:45-5:00PM @ STM
GR. 5 & 6:	WED., MAR. 11 th , 18 th & 25 th 3:45-5:00PM @ ST. VERONICA
GR. 7 & 8:	WED., MAR. 11 th & 25 th 7:00-8:00PM @ ST. VERONICA
CONF. I & II:	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.

MSGR. CLARKE PLAY

Please come and join us for the Msgr. Clarke production of "The Jungle Book Kids" on Friday, March 13th & Saturday March 14th at 7:30PM. The cost is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. For more information, please call the school at 789-0860.

OPEN HOUSE

Bishop Hendricken will have an Open House on Sunday, March 15th, from 1:00PM-3:30PM. For more information, please call the admissions office at 739-3450 ext. 162.

Volunteer

Volunteers are needed to bake desserts (cookies/cake) for the Storehouse in Peacedale for this Friday, March 13th. Please call Patti at 783-7165 by this Tuesday, March 10th. Thank you!!

NATURE WALKS

The Friends of Canonchet Farm have guided walks from 1-3PM and start from Anne Hoxsie Lane parking lot across from the Narragansett Town Beach South Pavilion. The next walk is this Sunday, March 8th. For more information, call Kathie at 783-3951.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, March 29th – 4:00PM

Msgr. Halloran – Vespers with reception to follow at St. Thomas More.



Stations of the Cross – This Friday,
March 13th at 7:00PM

Daily Mass is at 9:00AM

TONY MELENDEZ & THE TOE JAM BAND

Friday, March 27th – 7:00PM at St. Thomas More – Free will offering

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.**



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This and That....

Thanks to all who made the bake sale such a success! We raised about \$850.00! All the missionaries appreciate all the help and support we received. We have been able to pay our flights (\$17,000) in full. We are about \$7000.00 short of our goal that will enable us to pay the orphanage for our lodging and to make the appropriate donation to the children. The individual missionaries are appealing to relatives and friends for additional donations. Please keep this intention in mind as we edge closer to our departure date of Easter Monday. New posters of "our kids" are on the doors of our churches. Thank you for all your support!

The new radiator covers that were donated were installed this week (thank you James Logiodice) at St. Thomas More. The air (hot or cold) will now blow upwards rather than towards the pews. This should make our church more tenable when we need heat or air conditioning. Thanks to the donor who made this possible! Speaking of heat... the burner at St. Veronica Chapel developed a crack last week and was replaced urgently this past Friday. The cost was \$4200.00....ouch. In light of our heating woes and the monthly bill of \$3200.00 for our churches perhaps we can make an effort to be sure the doors are closed after masses and to refrain from them being hooked or left open. Often it happens by accident as many leave after worship. This is a small but significant way we can reduce fuel costs in the very cold and very hot months.

Our Lenten holy hour was a great success. The snow waited just until we finished and we had a full church! Our confirmation students were in attendance and gave remarkable witness to reverence and prayer.

Our Lenten journey has begun and we continue to pray, fast and give alms. A reminder that our Catholic Charity Campaign is in the quiet phase and Bishops Partners will be called during Lent, but our in-pew solicitation will take place in April after Easter. Let us pray for all in these times of economic challenge and meet our struggles with a "spiritual stimulus package" for ourselves and our neighbors.

Thanks for all you do in supporting the local works of the Church and spreading our faith.

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Taillon