

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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St. Veronica Chapel

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Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

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.



ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH & FRIENDS

A Few Pilgrimage Spots Left

Join Fr. Taillon this October, as we trace the steps of St. Thomas More's life and Catholic London, then on to Rome to witness the ordination of fifty new transitional deacons at St. Peter's. Details can be found on our website at the link illumine.com or by contacting Fr. Taillon at 789-7682.

IN HIS PRESENCE . . . HOLY HOUR

Struggling with a relationship?

It is a difficult cross to carry, often invisible to others, and needing God's intervention to be healed. IN HIS PRESENCE, an hour of quiet intimacy and devotion before the Real Presence of our Lord, may be the path to self-transformation that will heal that relationship. Adoration, live music and a reflection from Fr. Taillon will compose our Lenten edition of IN HIS PRESENCE, to be held at St. Veronica Chapel this Sunday, March 21st from 7-8pm. An Intention Box where you can confidentially place the name of a family member or friend who is struggling in a relationship will be brought before the Blessed Sacrament for this hour of prayer. Expect Great Things!

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Religious Education Schedule March 2010

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

### YOUTH GROUP

The next meeting will be on Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00PM at St. Thomas More. All 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited. Anyone going to the Providence Bruins game on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> needs to attend. There are tickets available. For more information contact Nick at [nrobenhymer@gmail.com](mailto:nrobenhymer@gmail.com).

### SAVE THE DATE!!



Begin Holy Week with the movie “*The Passion of the Christ*” on Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - 6:30PM at The Prout School. Admission is free. All are welcome.

### ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!!

Steubenville East Summer Youth Conference - July 23-25 at URI. High school age teens are invited to join us for this awesome weekend! If interested, please contact Sarah Cullen at 783-2113. Space is limited!

### CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

St. Francis Cemetery will begin their Spring Clean-Up. Please remove all winter and Christmas decorations by April 1<sup>st</sup>. During the mowing season (April-October), please no wire framed decorations and the use of glass containers is prohibited. For more information or to purchase a lot, please call 782-2711.



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

### REGIONAL PENANCE SERVICES

The following are the dates and times for each Penance Service. There are six priests available for each one. Please try to participate on one of the following dates:  
Thur., March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM – St. Mary Star of the Sea  
**Fri., March 26<sup>th</sup> @ 12Noon – St. Veronica Chapel**  
Tues., March 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM – St. Francis of Assisi  
Wed., March 31<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00PM – Christ the King

### 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>. Please change coins into dollars or a check. Thank you for your continued support!!

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will participate in the 40 Days For Life Lenten Campaign on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, to join others for life in a prayerful presence at the Women’s Clinic, Broad Street, Cranston at 11:00AM and 12noon at Planned Parenthood, 111 Point Street, Providence. Please consider joining Bishop Tobin at one or both of the locations for a peaceful, prayerful vigil. For more information call Carol Owens at 421-7833 x 118.

### Feast of the Annunciation Mass/Shower:

The diocesan Office of Life & Family Ministry will be sponsoring the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of the Annunciation of the Lord on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. The Mass and the Baby Shower that will follow will be hosted by St. Martha Church, East Providence. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin will be the Main Celebrant/Homilist and Rev. Douglas J. Spina, Ph.D. Pastor, will concelebrate. Guests are asked to bring an unwrapped baby gift to the coffee hour & baby shower that will take place following the Mass. For more information and directions call Carol Owens at 421-7833 X 118.

*MARCH 21, 2010*

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## Health Care for our Nation, Health Care for our Souls.... It's Time to Stand Up and Be Counted

The healthcare debate and drama is surely one of the most important social and moral issues facing our country. The latest proposal to pass the senate bill that was passed on Christmas Eve has deficiencies that make it impossible for faithful Catholics to support.

The bill does not have the Hyde Amendment language that has been the law of the land since *Roe v. Wade* banning coverage of abortion. This would mean that the majority of health care plans would now mandate that we all support abortion-funding in these plans! In addition there is no conscience clause for individuals or institutions who believe (as millions of citizens do) that abortion is not only not health-care but violates the most basic principle of human dignity and life. If passed in this way we would all be required to participate in this! The impasse in Washington over this is paramount for good reason. There is tremendous pressure on pro-life legislators to become part of this outrageous proposal.

You may have read that the Catholic Hospital Association supported the bill this week believing that after the bill is passed these issues could be addressed! How ridiculous that is, and, of course, how unlikely.

Universal healthcare is the goal of the Catholic Church and the measure of our society's compassion. The present bill must be opposed due to these most grievous faults. Our census forms arrived in the mail this week, reminding us of our civic (and legal) duty to stand up and be counted. So, too, on this critical issue we must be heard. I made a telephone call and wrote a letter this week. Let us all pray (and call!)

This coming week begins the regional penance services. Spiritual and moral health is universally available to us in the sacrament of reconciliation. Whether it is "emergency" care or "routine maintenance" the sacrament is indeed the great gift of God's mercy to us in Christ. Let us pray that many will respond to the invitation to come for healing and spiritual health care as Easter approaches.

In Christ Jesus,

*Fr. Taillon*

\*\* Recommended reading: *Same Kind of Different as Me* – Ron Wall. It's well worth your time.

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