

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 4 th ,	5:00 PM	10 th Anniversary – Armand Michaud
Sunday, April 5 th ,	8:00 AM	Anniversary – James Reynolds
	10:00 AM	Anniversary – Sadie Jacobik
Monday, April 6 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Members of the Military
Tuesday, April 7 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Rita Auger
Wednesday, April 8 th ,	9:00 AM	Pro Populo

St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday, April 4 th ,	4:00 PM	In Memory – Frank J. Surprenant
Sunday, April 5 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Members of the DiRienzo, Rizera Families & Christopher Mowry
	11:00 AM	In Memory – Rocco & Adelaide Ferolito & Anthony Salvato

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Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna in the highest!" - Mk 11:9-10

OUR LADY'S GUILD

The next meeting of Our Lady's Guild is this Tuesday, April 7th, following the 9:00AM Mass. Everyone is invited and new members are welcome.

RCIA

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

FOOD COLLECTION

This weekend is our monthly Food Collection. We are now donating to the Jonnycake Food Pantry Program. There are over 1200 families involved in this program each month. Items 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 and canned meats. We are also in need of gift certificates to local markets. Thank you for your continued support.

MASS FOR HOMEBOUND & ANOINTING

On behalf of the St. Thomas More Parish Community, we would like to invite you to our annual Mass for the Homebound and anointing of the sick, followed by a sit-down luncheon in the Parish Center, on **Saturday, April 25th at 11:00AM at St. Thomas More.** A communal anointing of the sick will be included in the Mass for anyone who is elderly or health is fragile due to sickness. We extend our invitation to any family members and especially Eucharist Ministers who would like to accompany you.

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.

PLAY – MERCHANT OF VENICE

Social Activities Committee is planning an activity to attend the play "The Merchant of Venice" by William Shakespeare on Sunday, April 19th at 3PM, URI Theatre. The cost is \$14.00 - General Admission & \$10.00 for Seniors. For more information or to reserve tickets, please call Pauline – 782-9969 by Friday, April 10th.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Religious Education Schedule March/April 2009

MON. PM: APRIL 6TH – LAST CLASS
GR. 1-4: FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE DATES:
TUES., APRIL 21ST
WED., APRIL 22ND
TUES., APRIL 28TH
3:45-5:00PM @ STM

TUE. PM: APRIL 7TH – LAST CLASS
GR. 1-4: FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE DATES:
TUES., APRIL 21ST
WED., APRIL 22ND
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3:45-5:00PM @ STM

GR. 5 & 6: WED., APRIL 8TH
LAST CLASS
3:45-5:00PM @ ST. VERONICA

GR. 7 & 8: GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH
STATIONS IN THE STREETS -11:45AM
WED., APRIL 22ND – LAST CLASS
7:00-8:00PM @ ST. VERONICA

CONF. I: GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH
STATIONS IN THE STREETS -11:45AM
MON., APRIL 20TH – LAST CLASS
7-8:15PM – STM

CONF. II: GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH
STATIONS IN THE STREETS -11:45AM
MON., APRIL 20TH – LAST CLASS
7-8:15PM – STM
RETREAT AT ENDER'S ISLAND
WED., APRIL 29TH-MEET @ STM-7:30AM

VOLUNTEER

Additional Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers are needed to bring the Eucharist to South County Nursing Centre (Rt.2 – No. Kingstown). Approximately two hours every four or five weeks is the time commitment. This ministry has been done on a weekly basis for over twenty years. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 789-7682 or Gretchen Ford at 783-8712.

Free Rosary Repair – Bring your rosaries to the Parish Office in an envelope with your name and telephone number on the front and we will call you when they are repaired.



Stations of the Cross – Good Friday at 12Noon Stations in the Streets and 3:00PM Traditional Stations of the Cross

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:
Mon., April 6th @ 12Noon–St. Mary Star of the Sea
Tues., April 7th @ 7:00PM – St. Francis of Assisi
Wed., April 8th @ 7:30PM – Christ the King

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”. **The deadline for donations is this Sunday, April 5th.**

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, April 5th. For more information, call Kathie at 783-3951.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you get back to basics in this complicated day and age. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are April 17-19 and April 24-26. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit the website at www.meMA.org.

APRIL 5, 2009

In Appreciation

What a week of grace for our parish family! First we were able to witness the investiture of Msgr. Halloran at the Cathedral in Providence as he formally received his Papal Honors. The Cathedral was standing room only for him and nine other wonderful and faith-filled brother priests in our Diocese. This was done during evening prayers on the Feast of the Annunciation. Many of you made the trek to Providence to witness this day of joy.

On Friday last our church was overflowing with prayer, tears and laughter amidst a wonderful and Spirit filled concert. Tony Melendez and his band called us to experience the love of God. This night of praise and worship, witness and musical talent second to none was a great moment on our Lenten journey. Thanks to Steve Crawford and the many others who helped set up and break down. We will remain open to other experiences like this one in the future.

Sunday afternoon we held our first ever parish Solemn Vespers with Msgr. Halloran. He was joined by Frs. Ralph Hogan, Nick Smith, Greg Stowe, Javier Fayos and Joseph Henry. We had a full retinue of servers and a wonderful prayerful evening with Ed Rashed leading our Vespers/Prayer of the Church. We were blessed to have five members of the Halloran Clan join us from Ireland and a beautiful hymn to Our Lady of Knock during the prelude. The Social Committee did a wonderful job hosting an overflow crowd in our parish hall as Msgr. greeted parishioners past and present. Priests from throughout our deanery and priest friends from around the Diocese ended the day with a wonderful dinner in our rectory. All in all, it was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the nature of Christ's priesthood and the calling of Msgr. Halloran to serve the Church. It also reminds us of the universal nature of our Catholic faith and of our unity with our Holy Father.

Today marks the beginning of the most sacred week of the year. Please take time to attend our Triduum services. Note that no bells will be rung from Holy Thursday till Holy Saturday in the Easter Vigil. Please consider coming to all or as many of the days that you can, especially if you have never done this before. The liturgies are moving and beautiful. Good Friday is a mandatory day of fast so that the entire day should consist in the consuming of one meal in total and no meat or snacks in between. This is the second year we will walk the streets with our cross and pray. Please keep in prayer the fifteen candidates for Baptism, Confirmation and Full Communion with the Church. This is an especially special week for them.

Let's walk with Christ to Calvary and experience the full joy of Easter!