

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Intention. Rows include Saturday, May 9th (5:00 PM Birthday Remembrance - Maria Macedonio), Sunday, May 10th (8:00 AM 1st Anniversary - Annette Riccitelli), Monday, May 11th (10:00 AM In Memory - Mary A. Peters & Alice E. Lynch), Tuesday, May 12th (9:00 AM In Memory - Sorrida Antolini & Virginia Ciavarini), Wednesday, May 13th (9:00 AM Month's Mind - Lorraine Fargano), Thursday, May 14th (9:00 AM In Memory - Charles & Betty Collins), Friday, May 15th (9:00 AM In Memory - Mary Doherty), Saturday, May 16th (9:00 AM Pro Populo), Sunday, May 17th (9:00 AM In Memory - Shirley Loud), Sunday, May 17th (5:00 PM Birthday Remembrance - John Merlino), Sunday, May 17th (8:00 AM Souls in Purgatory), Sunday, May 17th (10:00 AM In Memory - Arthur & Ada Hebert).

St. Veronica Chapel

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"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

OUR LADY'S GUILD

The next meeting of Our Lady's Guild is this Tuesday, May 12th, 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, May 12th, 2:00PM at the home of Mary Buchanan. For more information, please call Mary at 789-0690 or Marguerite at 789-5074.

Wedding Banns

- II Tyler Zagryn & Lauren Micari
I Andrew Davis & Mary Ellen Grzebien

SAVE THE DATE- JUNE 18TH -21ST
ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH FEAST
FESTIVAL/MASS/PROCESSION
IF YOU CAN HELP, IN ANY WAY, PLEASE
CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 789-7682.

SUPPORT GROUP

The SDRW Support Group meets the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The next meeting will be this Thursday, May 14th. For more information, please call Gloria at 782-6653.

EVENING CRUISE

The Social Activities Committee is organizing an evening cruise on the "Argia" - an 81 foot replica of a 19th century schooner - from Mystic Connecticut. The date is Monday, August 10th from 5:15-7:30PM and the cost is \$40.00, which includes dinner. For more information, please call Pauline at 782-9969 or the Parish Office at 789-7682.



## WHAT'S COMING UP?

**Catholic Book Fair:** Following all the Masses, at St. Thomas More, on the weekend of May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, in the parish Hall. Come and view some books about our Catholic faith, saints etc.

**A Day with Mary:** On Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, St. Mark's Church in Jamestown will host this day of devotion based on the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Our Lady of Fatima's message of 1917. The day will include Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction. For more information, please call David Ethier at 568-03489.

**Wine Tasting :** On Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, we will hold a wine tasting at the St. Thomas More Courtyard from 6:30-8:00PM. More information to follow.

### YEAR OF THE PRIESTHOOD ADORATION



On Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> – 6PM to Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> – 7PM, 24 Hour Adoration will begin the Year of the Priesthood by Pope Benedict.

We will host Eucharist Adoration and various prayers and devotions as well as quiet time. When the Eucharistic Lord is exposed in the Monstrance, the Presence can never be left alone. We will host sign-ups for one half hour slots soon. Sr. Barbara Ann Matazzaro, a member of the Congregation of the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is helping coordinate this deanery wide event.

**Mother of Hope Day Camp:** Looking for a great, safe place to send your children to camp this summer? The Mother of Hope Day Camp, located on beautiful Echo Lake in Chepachet, RI, is a Catholic Charity Fund agency sponsored by the Diocese of Providence. Discounts are available for multiple children in the family. Please call 568-3580 for a brochure or for more information.



### NEW PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We will be producing a new pictorial directory of our parish family. With two churches in our one parish, this new directory will help everyone place names with faces and enhance the fellowship and sense of community of the St. Thomas More Parish family.

This directory will contain large color photographs of all participating families (singles, couples, families). Every family that participates receives a complimentary portrait and the Church Directory just for participating. Photography is scheduled for late June.

We need a few volunteers to help us get organized. If you could help us with a couple of hours of your time, please call Steve Crawford at the Parish Office - 789-7682.

### 2009 CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL

A pledge is a gift that continues through the year. If you have not yet made a donation, there are extra envelopes available at the church entrances. Your generosity is appreciated.

Parish Goal: \$119,306.00

Total to Date: \$114,544.00

Needed for Goal: \$4,762.00

**Please Note:** If you have made a pledge, please do not send payments to the Parish Office. You will receive a bill from the Catholic Charity Fund Office. Thank you.

### RACE FOR GRACE

The Third Annual Race for Grace is on Saturday, May 23, 2009 at St. Veronica Chapel from 9:00AM to 2:00PM. Sponsors are needed to donate food, etc. It is hoped that our community will support this noble effort. Lovely young Grace suffers from Rett Syndrome, a terrible illness with no cure. At 8:00PM, we will pray the Luminous Rosary outside at St. Veronica. All are welcome. Go to [www.theraceforgrace.com](http://www.theraceforgrace.com) for more info.

*MAY 10, 2009*

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## **May is the Month of Mary...so what should we do?**

Having just witnessed our “Crowning of Mary” ceremony with our First Communion candidates, I began to reminisce about what are called “May devotions” in our Catholic heritage. These traditions, remembered by our more senior parishioners, recall when these kinds of devotions (novenas, rosaries, etc) were so common in Catholic homes and parish life. No doubt Mary remains an integral part of Catholic spirituality here in our parish and in many individual homes and lives, yet the widespread Catholic culture has seen a waning of these kinds of devotions. Nevertheless the month of May that is in the Easter season calls us to focus on Christ’s Resurrection and life in the early Church. Celebrating Mother’s Day this weekend also points us to the Divine plan for humanity and especially salvation.

May is a time to discover or re-discover Mary, the disciple called “full of grace” by the angel. She is the one who trusted in God’s plan throughout her life not knowing how things would unfold but believing in the good things God promised to do and His providence throughout her (and her family’s life). Marian devotion must always be seen and integrated in light of the Incarnation itself. The Church can never separate the Son from the mother. Mary, who was free from egotism and self centeredness, was blessed with her body being assumed into heaven at her death. This was not so that she would be a “goddess” of some sort but instead reveals the respect for the body and its resurrection as a gift promised to all the disciples. She received what we have been promised!

So what should we do this May? Perhaps discovering or exploring the rosary which can be prayed in multiple styles and fashions, with others or alone. It is truly a fluid devotion that can mold to our present experience in life and each of our own spiritual personalities. We will have a communal (hopefully outdoor rosary) on Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8PM as part of our Race for Grace. Now is a good time to obtain a book written about Our Lady (there are thousands to choose from!). No wonder so much of sacred art challenges the viewer to ponder how the Incarnation came about. Both of our churches present Mary in several places and several roles. Mary is at the moment in eternity our mother (Jesus gave her to us as his last earthly gift!), our advocate, our model and our hope! She is not God but His perfect servant in humanity...what a gift! Gifts are of no use if they are not opened and once opened utilized and enjoyed. Let’s receive this gift anew! Mary, pray for us!

*Fr. Tailon*

I pray this week that Notre Dame University (named after Our Lady) experiences a change of heart in promoting with an honorary doctorate policies that are the antithesis of what Mary did and who she was. As we have heard, “some things can only be changed by fasting and prayer!” Let us pray.