



Saturday, May 16 th ,	5:00 PM	Birthday Remembrance – John Merlino
Sunday, May 17 th ,	8:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
	10:00 AM	In Memory – Arthur & Ada Hebert
Monday, May 18 th ,	9:00 AM	Pro Populo
Wednesday, May 20 th ,	5:00 PM	Mass of Thanksgiving
Thursday, May 21 st ,	9:00 AM	Marriage & Family Life
Saturday, May 23 rd ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Ann Clays
	2:30 PM	Wedding – Tyler Zagryn & Lauren Micari
	5:00 PM	Special Intention
Sunday, May 24 th ,	10:00 AM	10 th Anniversary – Angelina Ricci-Ventura

St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday, May 16 th ,	4:00 PM	Anniversary – Louis & Viola Bruno
Sunday, May 17 th ,	9:00 AM	7 th Anniversary – John R. Boland
	11:00 AM	In Memory – Charles & Helen Napolitano
Thursday, May 21 st ,	7:00 AM	Priestly Vocations
	7:00 PM	19 th Anniversary – Domenic Castaldi
Saturday, May 23 rd ,	4:00 PM	10 th Anniversary – Ralph Annechiarico
Sunday, May 24 th ,	9:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Salvatore Tudino
	11:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Howard Kenny



"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete." - Jn 15:10-11

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.

KNITTING MINISTRY

The next meeting of the Knitting Ministry will be this Wednesday, May 20th from 12:30-2PM in the St. Thomas More Parish Hall. We welcome anyone who can knit or crochet to please join us. For more information, please call Mary Mann at 792-2210.



HOLY DAY, MAY 21ST

ASCENSION THURSDAY

Vigil Mass: 5:00PM–St. Thomas More

Holy Day: 7:00AM – St. Veronica

9:00AM – St. Thomas More

7:00PM – St. Veronica

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed that day.

YEAR OF THE PRIESTHOOD ADORATION

Eucharistic



Adoration

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

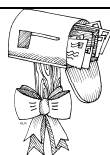
We will host Eucharist Adoration and various prayers and devotions as well as quiet time. When the Eucharistic Lord is exposed in the Monstrance, the Presence can never be left alone. We will host sign-ups for one half hour slots soon. Sr. Barbara Ann Matazzaro, a member of the Congregation of the Apostles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

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.



From the Mailbag

HELP!

In 1953- 1954, I was stationed at US Naval Air Station, Quonset Point Rhode Island and lived in Narragansett Pier with my family. A fond memory is attending daily Mass at what was then St. Philomena Church.

My question is, is there a History of the Church available? Or are there any photographs of the Altar before the remodeling? It was a small white very attractive Altar.

I would appreciate it if anyone could help me. Father Taillon could forward any ideas to me. Thanks in advance for any help! Back in those days we rented a small home at 11 Fifth Ave. Narragansett Pier. Respectfully, Dr Ray Gibbons 4181 Shimerville Rd. Clarence, NY 14031 Phone 716-634-7038.

I would hope that I might be able to get back to thank people for any help!!

Wedding Banns

- III Tyler Zagryn & Lauren Micari
- II Andrew Davis & Mary Ellen Grzebien
- I Adam Haas & Jennie Moran

SAVE THE DATE

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH FEAST
JUNE 18TH -21ST
FESTIVAL/MASS/PROCESSION

LUMINOUS ROSARY 8PM AT ST. VERONICA
RACE FOR GRACE

Next Saturday, May 23rd at 8:00PM, we will pray the Luminous Rosary outside at St. Veronica. Everyone is welcome!! The Third Annual Race for Grace is next Saturday, May 23rd 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. Go to www.theraceforgrace.com for more info.

MONSIGNOR CLARKE SCHOOL -

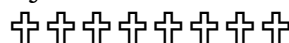
8TH GRADE CAR WASH - The 8th grade class is raising funds for a graduation dance and festivities - please consider coming by to support the students on Saturday, May 30th, 10AM - 2PM in the MCS parking lot.

Rachael Vineyard Retreats are healing weekends designed to help those who are hurting from a past abortion experience to process and recover from their loss. Come meet Jesus and be made whole again. Support groups also meet on a regular basis. To register for the June 12-14th retreat or for more information, call Kris at 421-7833 ext. 119. All requests are confidential.

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.

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.



MAY 17, 2009

Defending the Sacrament of Marriage...It Matters to Us All!

It is no secret that the last few months have seen a rapid multi-pronged campaign to legalize "gay marriage" in the United States and now Rhode Island is a target. One small column is not enough to explain so many things that need to be considered but it is crucial that we all educate ourselves on this most important threat to the sanctity of marriage.

Some points to consider:

- The Church considers homosexuals God's children and they should always be treated with respect.
- Society and our laws should not redefine the marriage union so as to bankrupt this bedrock of culture and society, of procreation and children.
- The complementarities of the sexes are designed by God and verified in nature and cannot be redefined!
- The Church's teaching against "gay" marriage is not discriminatory. It discriminates against certain actions but not persons.
- This emotionally charged issue for parents, families and friends warrants our concern and interest, yet "gay marriage" is not a matter of civil rights as some claim. We cannot and must not enshrine the consent of two individuals of the same sex as "marriage" because the natural act of procreation (ordained by God and affirmed in nature) can never be present. It begs the question: what other consensual unions would soon be afforded the same definition if this "gay marriage" proposal passes? It's a slippery slope, for sure, and a precipitous one.
- It is also a great threat to religious freedom. Did you know the Catholic Church could no longer provide adoptions in Massachusetts due to "gay marriage"? Some predict the indictment of Catholic schools (and the insistence at public schools) to teach "marriage equality," thereby promoting acceptance by all and especially the young. Do you think it will be long before "anti-discrimination" activists will seek that the Catholic Church be required to approve civil unions or "gay marriage" under the threat of civil law or penalties? This is not a small matter for all of us of every sexual identity.
- Our local politicians (including gubernatorial candidates) need to be approached with respect but sincerity as to what their positions are on this issue and how they will vote and act. All politicians are under tremendous pressure from powerful lobbies and special interest groups to undermine and re-define the traditional definition of marriage and family.

It is important for all of us, myself included, to become better informed with regard to where our state reps and senators stand on this very important issue. I plan to do that right away, and I urge you to do the same. I hope to make available more detailed materials soon for our study.

We need to pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit so that we may be instruments for the Lord and act justly with courage and with love.

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Taillon