



Saturday, June 13 th ,	5:00 PM	In Memory – Mary K. Sousa
Sunday, June 14 th ,	8:00 AM	In Memory – John & Catherine Keefe
	10:00 AM	Anniversary – Bob & Diane Hubbard
Monday, June 15 th ,	9:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Ray Lydon
Tuesday, June 16 th ,	9:00 AM	1 st Anniversary – Mae Kelly
Wednesday, June 17 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Raymond & Elizabeth Ross
Thursday, June 18 th ,	9:00 AM	Special Intention
Friday, June 19 th ,	9:00 AM	Marriage & Family Life
Saturday, June 20 th ,	9:00 AM	Pro Populo
	5:00 PM	In Memory – Members of the Degnan Family
Sunday, June 21 st ,	8:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Henry Del Monico
	10:00 AM	In Memory - James H. Lynch & Enos M. Peters

St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday, June 13 th ,	4:00 PM	In Memory – Mal Salvadore
Sunday, June 14 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory - Robert Cawley
	11:00 AM	In Memory – Richard P. & Eleanor M. McMahon
Saturday, June 20 th ,	4:00 PM	In Memory – Justin Monahan
Sunday, June 21 st ,	9:00 AM	4 th Anniversary – Janice Eldridge
	11:00 AM	In Memory – Thomas & Rosa Logan



While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." - Mk 14:22-24

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, June 17th 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.

CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND UPDATE

We have reached our goal of 119,306.00. Thank you to all who contributed to this state-wide collection to help those in need. A special "thank you" to Chairpersons Ann Buffum and Diane DeMichele and Jeanne Simeone, Chairperson of the Bishop's Partner in Charity.

YEAR FOR PRIESTS 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. 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. **Sign-up boards are located at the Church entrances.**

“SUMMER-TIME BLAST”

Vacation Bible School 2009

Register Now!! Boys & Girls ages 4-11, mark your calendars for the week of August 10th – 14th - from 9:30AM-12:30PM – St. Thomas More. It will be lots of fun!! Registration forms are available in the Parish Office and at the Church entrances. Please register by July 31st. If you have any questions, call Sarah Cullen at 783-2113 or Jeanne Lydon at 294-7353. An adult volunteer is needed for teaching songs and hand motions as part of daily schedule.



GRACE'S COURAGE CRUSADE

Grace's Courage Crusade will sponsor a 5K Rock 'n Run Road Race and Family Festival on Sunday, June 28th from 10AM-5PM at Ninigret Park, Charlestown, in honor of Grace Caldarone, who is an 8 year old student at Msgr. Clarke. All proceeds to benefit the Charcot-Marie Tooth Disease Foundation, a genetic & progressive nerve disorder. For more information, contact Tonia Hassell at 782-3574 or to register on-line go to: www.needtorace.com.

PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We will be producing a new pictorial directory for our St. Thomas More parish family. A new directory will help all of us place names with faces and enhance the sense of community within our unique, two-church parish.

Everyone who participates will receive the Directory and a complimentary portrait just for participating.

The photography will take place at both St. Veronica and St. Thomas More in late June and early July. Sign-up tables will be set-up in the Church Halls this weekend, June 13-14. Choose an appointment time that is convenient to you. Any questions may be directed to Steve Crawford, Pastoral Assistant, at the Parish Office - 789-7682.

ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH FEAST

JUNE 18-21, 2009

All events are free and the public is invited!

THURSDAY, JUNE 18th, 7:00-8:30PM - “THE POWER OF FILM AT THE SERVICE OF THE POOR” Hollywood filmmaker, Gerry Straub presents a moving film and speaks with the audience at The Prout School Auditorium. A free will offering will be taken.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19th, 5:00P.M.-10:00PM- ST THOMAS MORE FESTIVAL-Veterans Park at the Towers: live music, great food, raffles, children's games and activities.

SUNDAY, JUNE 21st, 10:00A.M.- 12:00PM FEAST MASS AND PROCESSION

Solemn Mass by Bishop Robert Mulvee; 10:00AM - Mass is immediately followed by a one mile Eucharistic Procession through Narragansett Pier ending with Benediction on the courtyard steps of St. Thomas More Church.



Attention Festival Bakers:

Please bring your baked goods to the festival grounds between 3:00 & 4:30PM this Friday, June 19th. If this time is inconvenient, call Cathy at 792-8921, to make alternate plans. Please package items (3 or 4 pieces) for people to enjoy at the feast or whole pies & cakes for people to take home.



From the Mailbag

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Jonnycake center of Peace Dale, we would like to thank St. Thomas More Parish for your donation of 463 pounds of food that was donated to our Emergency Food Pantry in the month of May 2009. We now serve over 1,200 households in our community. We could not provide these important services without the generosity of neighbors like you. You do, indeed, make a difference!!

JUNE 14, 2009

St Thomas More

On June 22 of each year, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher. This is why our Feast is held at this time. St. Thomas More was born on February 7, 1478 a son of a highly influential judge Sir Thomas More. He went to Oxford and studied law and the classics. His exceptional gifts led him to Parliament. He married Jane Colt and had four children. His wife died very young and he later married Alice Middleton. Henry VIII noticed Thomas More's amazing qualities and after some time appointed him Lord Chancellor of all of England. When Henry was not able to obtain the Pope and the Church's blessing for his own proposed union he declared himself "Head of the Church of England" and asked his subjects to sign an oath attesting to his religious authority. Thomas More refused along with Bishop John Fisher. (It is interesting to note that the vast majority of those in law and politics did not!) Thomas More refused to attend the King's wedding with Ann Boleyn and was later put in the Tower of London, the ACI of the day. 15 months and 9 days after St. John Fisher was executed so, too, was St. Thomas More. His most famous work is titled *Utopia* but my favorite is "*The Sadness of Christ*" that he wrote while on death row in the Tower. Our Feast, while full of fun and excitement and building our faith community and our town spirit, also has a serious dimension to it. We are all invited to search our minds and hearts about Christ's teachings. Thomas More was a martyr, a word which means "witness". It is noteworthy he did this while maintaining deep devotion and a great sense of humor, firmly rooted in the apostolic teachings with regard to the Church's authority on faith and morals. It is no secret we live in a time where religious liberty and the very marriage bond Thomas witnessed to is under attack. I sit here wondering if I would have signed the oath? Would you have? Of course we will never know for sure. I wonder if there are other ways today we "sign the oath" reluctant to sacrifice or risk finding ourselves somewhat outside the comfort zone in witnessing to our faith? May our feast be a time for spiritual renewal and joy in knowing that Thomas More remained faithful to the end. May we be inspired to do so as well. St. Thomas More...pray for us!

Please join in our Eucharistic Procession next Sunday morning. A procession is where the Eucharist is shown under glass and covered by a canopy. We ask blessings of Christ in His real presence by taking the Lord through parts of our town. **We should remember it is not a parade but a procession.** It would be good to pray quietly or perhaps a rosary along the way. Some will sing, others will speak softly. There will be a band in order to help the choirs sing. Please come and especially bring young children to walk so they can learn about the Real Presence. We will conclude with Benediction on the courtyard steps.

See you there!

Fr. Taillon