

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, July 9 <sup>th</sup> ,	5:00 PM	In Memory – Chip McLeod
Sunday, July 10 <sup>th</sup> ,	7:00 AM	Special Intention – Members of the Military
	8:00 AM	In Memory – Vincent & Carmela Marcaccio
	10:00 AM	In Memory – Donald, Walter & Gary Good
Monday, July 11 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary – Mary Cummings
Friday, July 15 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Pro Populo
Saturday, July 16 <sup>th</sup> ,	5:00 PM	Special Intention
Sunday, July 17 <sup>th</sup> ,	8:00 AM	In Memory – James Axon
	10:00 AM	In Memory – Members of the Halloran Family

### St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday, July 9 <sup>th</sup> ,	4:00 PM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary – Anthony Moretti
Sunday, July 10 <sup>th</sup> ,	7:30 AM	Anniversary – Dick & Libby Jackson
	9:00 AM	In Memory – Austin & Madeleine Donnelly
	11:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Paul & Patrice McMahon
Monday, July 11 <sup>th</sup> ,	8:00 AM	5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Judy Golden
Wednesday, July 13 <sup>th</sup> ,	8:00 AM	Anniversary – James Hall
Friday, July 15 <sup>th</sup> ,	8:00 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving
Saturday, July 16 <sup>th</sup> ,	4:00 PM	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary – Kerri Ann O’Donnell
Sunday, July 17 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Janice Berard
	11:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Donna Martone-Benner
	8:00 PM	Special Intention



*And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow... Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirty fold. Whoever has ears ought to hear." -Mt 13:3, 7-9*

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Each Saturday at 7:30 A.M. in the Parish Hall, Men's Prayer Group meets to reflect on Sunday scriptures. All men are welcome.

### 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. If you would like to become part of the prayer chain ministry, call 295-1241.

### SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

**Msgr. Halloran Hall- Tuesdays**

**July 12<sup>th</sup> - August 30<sup>th</sup> - 8:30-10:00AM**

Did you know that all the Gospels quote Isaiah? You will see that some parts of the proper of the Mass are direct quotes from Isaiah. Who was Isaiah of Jerusalem?? What surprising thing did he do in the streets of Jerusalem?? Come and find out!! Just bring a bible. This will be a very rich and rewarding study for all of us. For more information contact Maryann Knag, mmknag@aol.com or 203-213-4809.

### KNITTING MINISTRY



The Knitting Ministry's next meeting is on Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> - 12:30PM at the St. Thomas More Parish Hall. Please call Pat Wesselhoeft for more information - 783-1956.

Also, thanks to all who made cash & yarn donations. We truly appreciate it. All are welcome - summer residents & vacationers!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011

AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>-5<sup>TH</sup>

Vacation Bible School 2011 will be held August 1-5 from 9:30am to 12:30pm. All children ages 4-11 are invited to join us for "God's World". Please register soon to reserve your spot! Registration forms are available in the parish office and at Church entrances. If you have any questions, please contact Missie Antone @ 783-2113. We are also in need of volunteers- teens and adults! Please let me know if you are interested!

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.

2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL QUO VADIS DAYS CAMP

August 14-16, 2011 - Camp Canonicus, Exeter: Attention all Catholic young men ages 14-19. "Quo Vadis" is Latin for "Where are you going?" Come & spend time with other young men your age exploring the Lord's call in your life while having fun. The cost is \$80.00 & scholarships are available. For more info., call Fr. Najim at 331-1316 or [mnajim@catholicpriest.com](mailto:mnajim@catholicpriest.com).

ST. EDMUND'S RETREAT -SUNSET CRUISES

Come and enjoy a sunset sail on the "Argia" with an evening of spiritual reflection and prayer. A boxed picnic supper is included. The dates are July 25<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>. The cost is \$40/pp & reservations are to be made by Noon of the day of the sail. Call 860-536-0565 for reservations or more information.



DR-ORPHANAGE MISSION MEETING

On Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> - 5:30PM at St. Thomas More Parish Hall, there will be a meeting, for those who are going on our mission trip to the orphanage. Please bring a parent or guardian with you.

CAR? - CAN YOU HELP?

Fr. George Nixon was ordained last Saturday & has been assigned to Jesus Saviour Parish, Newport. He will minister there until September 19<sup>th</sup>, when he returns to Rome to complete biblical studies. Fr. Nixon does not own a car and would hope to purchase one next year. Do you have a car that he can borrow until September for ministry? Please call Fr. Taillon at 789-7682.



PC SUMMER RECEPTION

Join Fellow Friars at our summer reception in Newport, RI. Reconnect with classmates, spend an evening with friends, and welcome the Class of 2015 families into the PC community! It is on Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> with a reception at the Hyatt Newport, Goat Island from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. To register go to: [www.alumni.providence.edu/events](http://www.alumni.providence.edu/events) Questions? Please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 401.865.1909 or email Therese Reilly '83 at [treilly7@providence.edu](mailto:treilly7@providence.edu)

BASKETBALL CAMP

LaSalle Academy Boys Basketball Camp at the LaSalle Athletic complex- from August 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> & August 8<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00AM-4:00PM. The fee is \$160.00 per week. If you have any questions or to register, please call Bill Black at 575-8849 or [bblack@lasalle-academy.org](mailto:bblack@lasalle-academy.org).



Wedding Banns

- III Gregory Murphy & Elin Zaikowski
III Gregory Rakovic & Emily Sanderson
II Joseph Janik & Vanessa Lopes
II Jarred Tillinghast & Jordana Ruggieri
I Alan Yick & Kaitlin Sousa

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***Religious Liberties are under deep threat in RI***

We have just celebrated the life and witness of St. Thomas More and Independence Day. We have also witnessed a great legislative tragedy in our state last week with the passage of Civil Unions legislation, which equates and legitimizes same sex unions on par with marriage. The passage of this really does undermine natural law, motherhood and fatherhood and marriage itself. It is truly a social experimentation.

All of us know and walk with and love persons with same-sex attractions. Some have members of families and close friends who experience this to varying degrees. The Church has and will continue to reach out pastorally to all persons especially in the realm of relationships, sexuality and love and attraction regardless of orientation. This is the mandate of the Gospel and the mission of the Church. The Church's vehement opposition to this legislation in the public square in no way diminishes its commitment to the pastoral care of all, nor is it a denial of their experiences.

This legislation is, however, a direct attack on marriage for all Rhode Islanders. One of the most disturbing things that happened last week was Governor Chafee's comments that he was troubled by the exemption of religious institutions from being legally forced and bound to support these new experimental laws. Already there is great concern among many Catholics who in conscience believe in chastity and the institution of marriage who may be challenged and possibly litigated against simply by adhering to Christ's teachings in their own lives and professions. Imagine requiring Catholic schools, universities and institutions to teach something believed to be against Divine Revelation! If religious liberties are not protected and religious conscience not respected there is no real freedom anymore.

Thomas More was beheaded over the issue of the bond of matrimony and his steadfast dedication to apostolic authority. He was opposed to the King's marriage precisely because he loved the King not because he didn't. The same remains true for those who oppose same-sex marriage and civil unions. May St. Thomas More intercede for us all, especially our Catholic politicians and representatives (in greater numbers in these days than in Thomas More's England) who have seemingly abandoned the apostolic tradition to which they belong. One can hear Thomas More's words "but Richard...for Wales?"

I'm sure St. Thomas More was discouraged in the Tower of London and was often told what he said or did wouldn't matter or change anything. His witness and voice rings through the centuries to today. We need the "Man for all Seasons" to intercede for us this summer as we have surely entered the fall and winter is on the horizon.

Let us pray, witness and love.

*Fr. Taillon*