

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, Intention. Rows include Saturday, August 1st (5:00 PM, Special Intention - Wedding Anniversary) through Sunday, August 9th (10:00 AM, Birthday Remembrance - James Ricci).

St. Veronica Chapel

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, Intention. Rows include Saturday, August 1st (4:00 PM, Anniversary - Anthony Boscia & Stephen Ricci) through Sunday, August 9th (11:00 AM, Birthday Remembrance - Michael Maggiacomo).

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So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." - Jn 6:34-35

HOLY HOUR
On Tuesday, August 4th, Fr. Joseph Fonti, Brooklyn, NY will host a Holy Hour from 9:30-10:30AM at St. Thomas More. This is the feast day of St. John Vianney to pray for the Year for Priests. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.
Includes a small illustration of a table with flowers.

2009 SUMMER BIBLE STUDY SERIES AT ST. VERONICA CHAPEL:

The Messiah: from King David of Israel to Jesus - The Story of David in the Books of 1st and 2nd Samuel in the Hebrew Bible
Meeting Dates: Aug. 4, 11, 18 & 25
Time: 8:30 AM to 10:00 on Tuesdays (follows the 8:00AM Mass)
This week's session is on "David Centralizes Yahweh's Power in Jerusalem". Home Reading: 1 Samuel Chapters 26 & 2 Samuel Chapter 5:10. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Maryann at 203-213-4809 or mmknag@aol.com.

Sons of the Father Gathering: Young men of high school age and their fathers are invited to an evening of prayer and fellowship on Friday, August 21 at 7:00 PM at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence (485 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence). Fr. John Codega, pastor of Christ the King (West Warwick) will give a talk on St. Joseph and Christian Manhood. Pizza will be served. If you plan to attend please contact Fr. Michael Najim at 831-8011 or mnajim@catholicpriest.com. Sons of the Father is a ministry dedicated to empowering fathers and sons to live the call to holiness in their daily lives.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

After all Masses, both churches, this weekend - August 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. The registration fee is \$25.00 per child or a maximum of \$75.00 per family. Please note: Grades 1 through 4 have the choice of Sunday morning or Monday afternoon (there are no classes on Tuesdays). For more information, please call Sarah Cullen at 783-2113.

### CONGRATULATIONS!!

Nicole Vicario, who made First Holy Communion, last week, at Last Call Mass - Blessings and graces!!



### "SUMMER-TIME BLAST"

#### Vacation bible school 2009

Register Now!! Boys & Girls ages 4-11, mark your calendars for the week of August 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> - 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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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.

### FOOD COLLECTION

Next 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.

### MARRIAGE DAY AT THE ALDRICH MANSION

**When:** Sunday, August 16, 2009-3pm - 8pm  
**Where:** Aldrich Mansion - 836 Warwick Neck Ave., Warwick - Join Fr. Taillon and stand with us for marriage on August 16!! The Marriage Day Celebration will include live worship music, guest speakers, plenty of food, and activities for children. Tickets will be sold for a cook-out style meal but attendees can also bring a picnic. The highlight of the Sunday afternoon event will be an opportunity for married couples to renew their vows together at a beautiful waterfront setting. This is a great opportunity to take a stand for marriage as it was created to be: between a man and a woman. Our goal is to esteem marriage to its proper place in society and make a statement that Rhode Islanders believe strongly in this cherished institution. **Please let us know you're coming! To RSVP, contact:** Christopher Plante - Director, Rhode Island Chapter National Organization for Marriage - [cplante@nationformarriage.org](mailto:cplante@nationformarriage.org) or call 228-7602 for more information.

### Wedding Banns

III Brian Levesque & Caitlin Mullen

### FOUND!!

A wallet was found after the 11AM Mass at St. Veronica two weeks ago. No ID, but it has a picture of a little boy & girl and a MVP card in it. Please call the Parish Office at 789-7682, if you have any information.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment of the Diocese of Providence is sponsoring the 2009 Wedding Anniversary Celebration **on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul.** Married couples who are celebrating their **25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and Over** anniversary will be honored at this. Stop by the Parish Office to register.

*AUGUST 2, 2009*

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*The New Age Movement and Reiki*

**“A Catholic who puts his or her trust in Reiki would be operating in the realm of superstition, the no-man’s land that is neither faith nor science”** *US Catholic Bishops Committee on Doctrine*

A few days ago I was visited by two local “Reiki Masters” from our area. The visit stemmed from a homily I gave a few weeks ago about some new age activities that I urged parishioners to be wary of. I’ve always encouraged dialogue about issues of faith that might be confusing or challenging; oftentimes it is this kind of healthy introspection and clarification that deepens the roots of our faith. To be honest this particular conversation was a bit terse and difficult at times. My visitors did not see any incompatibility with Reiki and the Catholic faith or any faith for that matter. Interestingly (and I think importantly) they were Christians but not Catholics. Presumably they are working with some Catholics (perhaps some parishioners) which precipitated their visit. As a result of our meeting I know they found and read the recent teaching put forth by the Doctrine Committee as to why there is certain incompatibility. They and I were both aware of Catholics who participated in and offered Reiki. They did not want to continue meeting after reading the document.

In March of this year the Doctrine Committee of the United States Catholic Bishops issued a teaching entitled, “Guidelines for Evaluating Reiki as an Alternative Therapy”. The “Reiki Masters” who visited were unaware of the existence of this teaching document. I know once they discovered it they did not feel there was any need to continue meeting. In light of the many questions and the well-intentioned Catholics who have or consider participating in Reiki and other new age practices I thought it timely to do a few things and offer a few opportunities for our community:

-Make the Bishop’s document about Reiki known and available at the doors of our churches. One can also download it from the Bishops Conference website which is one of the links on our parish website.

**-Invite all to attend a presentation on Monday, August 17, 2009 by Fr. Paul Desmarais entitled, “An Introduction to New Age and Reiki – A Catholic Perspective”. This will be held from 7-8pm at St. Thomas More Parish Hall.**

-Invite all to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in discerning what kind of places and ways we seek healing, comfort and help in times of suffering for ourselves or those we love.

*In Christ Jesus,*

*Fr Taillon*