

Mass  for the Intentions *Week*

Saturday, October 9 th ,	5:00 PM	Birthday Remembrance – Dorothy Cook
Sunday, October 10 th ,	8:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Filomena Marino
	10:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Christy Keegan
Monday, October 11 th ,	9:00 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving
Wednesday, October 13 th ,	9:00 AM	1 st Anniversary – Arthur J. Hofstetter
Thursday, October 14 th ,	9:00 AM	Pro Populo
Saturday, October 16 th ,	9:00 AM	Special Intention
Sunday, October 17 th ,	8:00 AM	Anniversary – Virginia Miletta
	10:00 AM	In Memory – John & Ellen Paquet

St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday, October 9 th ,	4:00 PM	In Memory – Madalyn Mannix
Sunday, October 10 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory– Members of the Clays & Hobson Families
	11:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Dante Pingitore
Saturday, October 16 th ,	4:00 PM	In Memory – Maureen Prior
Sunday, October 17 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Richard Guertin
	11:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Molly Contillo



And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. - Lk 17:15-16

PRAY THE ROSARY

For the month of October, we will be praying the rosary every day at 8:30AM, before the 9:00AM Mass at St. Thomas More. Please join us whenever you can.

THANK YOU!!

Our Lady’s Guild is extremely grateful for the wonderful response to the “Baby Shower” held last weekend. On Monday, we delivered \$711.00 in cash, checks and gift cards, along with many gifts of clothing, diapers and baby items. God bless you for your generosity.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed this Monday, October 11th, in observance of Columbus Day.



ATTENTION LADIES!

Mother-Daughter Gingerbread House Decorating and Potluck Lunch – Msgr. Halloran Hall on November 20th from 12:00 - 3:00PM. Not just for mothers and daughters, but for all women of all ages who would like to join in this festive holiday event. Enjoy a potluck luncheon while you decorate a gingerbread house to take home. You can share decorating a house with others in your group, or each person can decorate their own house. It's up to you! Bring your aunts, grandmas, nieces, sisters, girlfriends! Spread the word... the more the merrier! **Everyone please bring a dish to share.** Beverages will be provided. Cost is \$20.00 per Gingerbread House (pay at the door on the day of the event). **Reservations are required.** **DEADLINE to RESERVE is NOVEMBER 6th!** Please call Sue Tierney at 401-368-8830, or email me at: tierabcd@cox.net. I will need to know names of those attending, number of houses you would like to purchase and a contact phone number for your group.

BULLETIN ADS

A representative from Liturgical Publications, our bulletin publisher, will be with us this week. We thank all those for renewing their ads as well as our new advertisers. Anyone interested in advertising in our bulletin, please call the Parish Office at 789-7682.

Religious Education Schedule
October 2010

SUN. AM: GR. 1-4	OCT. 17 TH & 24 TH 10:05-10:55AM @ ST. V.
MON. PM: GR. 1-4	OCT. 18 TH & 25 TH 4:10-5:00PM @ STM
GR. 5 & 6:	WED., OCT 13 TH , 20 TH & 27 TH 4:10-5:00PM @ ST. V.
GR. 7 & 8:	WED., OCT 13 TH , 20 TH & 27 TH 7:00-8:00PM @ ST. V.
CONF. I:	SUN., OCT. 17 TH & 24 TH 7-8:15PM – ST. V.
CONF. II:	SUN., OCT 17 TH & 24 TH 7-8:15PM – ST. V.

1ST COMMUNION - PARENTS MEETING

There is a mandatory meeting for First Communion parents on **Monday, October 18th at 7:00PM at St. Thomas More. At least one parent must attend!**

“CHILDREN OF EDEN”

Come and see some our parishioners in the play *“Children of Eden”* at the Courthouse Center for the Arts in West Kingston, Rt. 138 just past URI. It opens Oct 8th and runs for three weekends. Anyone interested may visit www.courthousearts.org for tickets and information.

“FILL THESE HEARTS” TOUR

Announcing **FILL THESE HEARTS** on Saturday, **October 23rd** at the RI Center for Performing Arts, the Historic Park Theatre in Cranston. Renowned author and speaker Christopher West will be joined by indie folk artist Mike Mangione and the Union for an evening of beauty and reflection on Pope John Paul II’s *Theology of the Body*, which is a bold, organic and contemporary understanding of human love in the divine plan. Through philosophical reflection, humor and our everyday experiences, Christopher West will unpack the message of the *Theology of the Body* in a language and application that anyone can appreciate. This tour has stopped in New York City, Colorado Springs, Houston and Milwaukee— **this show will be the only New England appearance this year.** For more info/register, visit www.FillTheseHearts.org.

SAVE THE DATE!!

Nick Parrendo, Artist for the Stained Glass Windows at St. Veronica Chapel (Hunt Stained Glass Studios, Pittsburgh, PA), will give a lively presentation on symbols, design and production of windows from 10-10:45AM (between Sunday Masses), on October 31st. All are welcome.

ALL SOULS DAY

LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE

On **Tuesday, November 2nd at 7:00PM**, our parish will celebrate a Liturgy of Remembrance for those members of the parish or members of their families who have passed away this past year. Please call the Parish Office at 789-7682 by Wednesday, October 27th, so their names will be included in this liturgy. A light reception will follow.

BOOK CLUB II

The light and informal Book Club II is now forming. Anyone interested in an evening group, please call Marguerite at 789-5074. The first meeting will be on Thursday, October 28th at 7PM at St. Thomas More Parish Hall.

PROJECT UNDERCOVER

From October 16th until November 20th, the Girl Scouts of RI are sponsoring “Project Undercover”. Donations are for NEW (any size) underwear, socks & diapers. Please place them in the boxes at the church entrances. Thank you.

OPEN HOUSE

Bishop Hendricken High School will have an Open House on Sunday, October 17th, from 1:00PM-3:30PM. Tour the School, meet the Faculty, etc. For more information, please call the admissions office at 739-3450 ext. 162.

LaSalle Academy will have an open house on Sunday, October 17th at 1:00PM. No registration needed. For more information, please call 351-7750, ext. 122.

OCTOBER 10, 2010

Operation Thanksgiving: A Lesson in Perspective

I've been remembering a poem written by Emily Dickinson that addressed the subject of *perspective* in a powerful way. She wrote that "*success is counted sweetest/By those who ne'er succeed,*" that the clearest "*definition of victory*" is best told by "*he, defeated on whose forbidden ear the distant strains of triumph burst agonized and clear!*"

There's a lot of truth in that message. Oftentimes we don't appreciate what we have until we don't have it. As I battle these past few days with a very bad cold I am reminded that I take my usual good health for granted. And that instead of whining about how miserable I feel I should be thanking God for the good health he has graced me with for most of my life.

Perspective: Oftentimes, for most of us, it teaches us to see the bigger picture, and when we do we are humbled by the great blessings God has bestowed upon us.

Operation ThanksGiving, the new initiative undertaken by St. Thomas More parish, is about perspective. Far, far away from the comfortable confines of a Narragansett life a group of young men, members of a US Army Stryker Cavalry Regiment, are serving our country in a desolate and dangerous outpost in Afghanistan. Many of these soldiers have lived lives very different than ours, lives constrained by circumstances not always of their own making. Regardless of where our politics may be, all of us recognize the sacrifice they are making, standing in harm's way separated from family and loved ones for a long period of time. My complaining about my cold embarrasses me when I step back and see the bigger picture. Perspective.

And so that is why our ***Operation ThanksGiving*** initiative is so important, and why it needs everyone's participation. We have adopted this regiment of young men in a spirit of great thanksgiving for the many blessings which we have been given and in great thanksgiving for what these young men have given to us and their country. To show our appreciation we are asking everyone to consider "adopting" one of these soldiers, and sending him news of your prayers, cards, letters, supplies, toiletries, etc. We have over 40 names in our office now, so stop by or call and we'll get the easy process started. Many parishioners have already stopped by this past week, but we still have many soldiers who will be so grateful to hear from you. Please stop by and let us introduce him to you!

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