

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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St. Veronica Chapel

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"But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mk 10:43-45

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

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.

RCIA MEETING

The next meeting of the RCIA is this Tuesday, October 20th at 7:30PM.

Wedding Banns

III Gabriel Fielding & Monica Mullen

Cardinal Sean O Malley was in Ars for the International Priests Retreat last week. Fr. Taillon gave a video tour of the rectory in Ars and the museum depicting St. John Vianney's life....go to Cardinal Sean's Blog website to visit Ars with Fr. Taillon and see the priests retreat!!



FREE FLU SHOT CLINIC

A Flu Shot Clinic will take place at St. Thomas More on Tuesday, October 27th from 9:30AM-12Noon. There is no cost if you have health insurance (bring your health insurance card & the cost is \$30.00 with no insurance.) You have to be at least 18 years old to get a shot. Please note: this is not the H1N1 (Swine Flu shot).

SUPPORT GROUP

The SDRW Support Group meets the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 22nd. For more information, please call Gloria at 782-6653.

**Religious Education Schedule  
October 2009**

<b><u>SUN. AM:</u></b>	OCT. 18 <sup>TH</sup> & 25 <sup>TH</sup>
<b><u>GR. 1-4</u></b>	10:10-11:00AM @ ST. V.
<b><u>MON. PM:</u></b>	OCT. 19 <sup>TH</sup> & 26 <sup>TH</sup>
<b><u>GR. 1-4</u></b>	4:10-5:00PM @ STM
<b><u>GR. 5 &amp; 6:</u></b>	WED., OCT. 21 <sup>ST</sup> & 28 <sup>TH</sup>
	4:10-5:00PM @ ST. V.
<b><u>GR. 7 &amp; 8:</u></b>	WED., OCT. 21 <sup>ST</sup> & 28 <sup>TH</sup>
	7:00-8:00PM @ ST. V.
<b><u>CONF. I:</u></b>	MON., OCT. 19 <sup>TH</sup> & 26 <sup>TH</sup>
	7-8:15PM – STM
<b><u>CONF. II:</u></b>	TUE., OCT. 20 <sup>TH</sup> – MOTHER OF HOPE CHALLENGE COURSE
	9:00AM-2:00PM

**OPEN HOUSE**

The Prout School will have an Open House on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 1-4PM. Meet students, faculty and coaches. Tour the facilities, learn about Prout's academics. For more information, please call The Prout School Admissions Office at 789-9262 ext. 515.

** Volunteer**

We are looking for volunteers to cook a Sunday Night meal at Welcome House. This is a great way for students to get service hours. A couple of families could get together to share in making a meal. For more information, please call Patti at 783-7165.

**ST. JOHN VIANNEY SOCIETY**

On Wednesday evening October 28<sup>th</sup>, the St. John Vianney Society will meet at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence. It will begin with prayer at 5:30, followed by dinner and a talk. The St. John Vianney Society is open to any young man in high school (grade 9-11) who is interested in learning more about the priesthood. We will need to have an accurate count for dinner. For more information, contact Fr. Michael Najim at 331-1316 or [www.catholicpriest.com](http://www.catholicpriest.com).

**LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE**

On **Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup>, so their names will be included in this liturgy. A light reception will follow.

**BABY SHOWER THANK YOU!!**

Dear St. Thomas More Parish Family,  
As I write this note of thanks to the beautiful members of Our Lady's Guild and the Social Committee, the gifts you have gathered at your "Baby Shower" are being unloaded and stored in St. Rita Rectory. I have been informed that your Christ-like work is connected to the Gabriel Project which is part of the Respect Life Office. May God bless all of you and your families.

*Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Fr. Bert Anderson*

Our Lady's Guild wishes to thank all the parishioners who participated in the "Baby Shower" to benefit St. Rita Parish. All the baby items, along with \$1054.00 in cash and gift certificates, were delivered last week. Special thanks to the Social Activities Committee for coordinating the Coffee An' at both churches. What a beautiful way to celebrate Respect Life Month!!

St. Francis Cemetery will begin their fall clean-up and winter hours from Columbus Day to Memorial Day. Hours are 8:00AM to 4:00PM. Please remove any decorations, arrangements, etc. by November 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information or to purchase a lot, please call 782-2711.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE**

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you get back to basics in this complicated day and age. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is October 23-25. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit the website at [www.meMA.org](http://www.meMA.org).

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***“You Seldom Get a 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance to Make a 1<sup>st</sup> Impression.”***

Like most clichés, borne from repetition and tested by experience, the headline above rings of truth. So greeting a new face in the Church parking lot or in “my pew” with a warm smile and a “hello” can go a long way toward welcoming someone to our parish community.

Such is the work of *evangelization*, a responsibility that we believers bear but are frequently reticent to exercise, primarily because we think it involves so much more. You may have read that the entire Diocese of Providence is launching an Evangelization TV ad campaign (visit [www.catholicscomehome.org](http://www.catholicscomehome.org) ) designed to bring new (and long-absent but familiar) faces to our parishes. An anonymous gift of \$200k has seeded this important effort to invite “home” those who have left the Church. The question we all must ask, then, is this: What can I do to evangelize the faith?

Prayer, of course, is the greatest tool of evangelization. Recently I met someone I had not seen in years who told me he was lapsed in his faith and was now building “meditation spaces” for all religions, including new-age movements so prevalent here in South County. “It doesn’t matter what you believe as long as you believe in something,” he said. My heart sank as this wonderful person spoke his mind, so sad was I that the uniqueness of Jesus Christ and the Eucharist found in the Church was not part of his life. I gently invited him to pray to the Lord and open his heart again to Jesus just to “come and see.” As awkward as these situations can be for us, we need to believe and know that only God can arrange moments and conversations like that. Carrying on that conversation with a warm smile can be very persuasive indeed.

May I ask you to take this evangelization call by Bishop Tobin and the Holy Spirit to prayer? Perhaps the Lord will give you some ideas on what we could/should do to welcome others home to the Altar and the Word of God again:

Perhaps inviting someone who has fallen away to join you at Mass next weekend?

Perhaps planning a welcoming gathering after masses on a certain weekend?

Perhaps organizing a small Bible-reading group (John 3:16 is always a good starting point).

Perhaps . . .

We have to keep it sincere, simple and open. So when we see a new face in our parking spot or in our pew we should NOT ask “What are you doing here?”, but rather “Am I ever glad to see you here!”

The Lord is up to great things . . . let us pray a lot!

And keep smiling.

*Fr. Taillon*