

Religious Education Schedule
October/November 2010

SUN. AM: OCT. 24TH
GR. 1-4 NOV. 7TH, 14TH 21ST & 28TH**
10:05-10:55AM @ ST. V.

****Please Note: There is no class for grade 2 on Nov. 28th – Sacrament of First Reconciliation is on Monday, Nov. 29th at 6:30PM – St. Veronica Chapel.**

MON. PM: OCT. 25TH
GR. 1-4 NOV. 8TH, 15TH 22ND & 29TH**
4:10-5:00PM @ STM

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GR. 5 & 6: WED., OCT. 27TH
WED., NOV. 3RD, 10TH & 17TH
4:10-5:00PM @ ST. V.

GR. 7 & 8: WED., OCT. 27TH
WED., NOV. 3RD, 10TH & 17TH
7:00-8:00PM @ ST. V.

CONF. I: SUN., OCT. 24TH
SUN., NOV. 14TH & 21ST
7-8:15PM – ST. V.

CONF. II: SUN., OCT. 24TH
SUN., NOV. 14TH & 21ST
7-8:15PM – ST. V.

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. Bring your aunts, grandmas, nieces, sisters, girlfriends! **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 368-8830, or email : tierabcd@cox.net with the names of those attending, number of houses you would like to purchase and a contact phone number for your group.

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 28th, so their names will be included in this liturgy. A light reception will follow. All are encouraged to come and pray for the dead.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

(Family or Individual Activity)

Prepare for the Birth of Jesus!!!

Date: Sun., Nov. 28th - 12Noon at Msgr. Halloran Hall

Reservations: Gloria Roman 782-6653.

Cost: \$12.00 per wreath-all supplies included

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL WITH

BISHOP THOMAS TOBIN

As President Obama visits Rhode Island on Monday, October 25, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence's 40 Days for Life Campaign will sponsor a special peaceful, prayerful vigil to end abortion at the Women's Medical Center (abortion provider), 1725 Broad St., Cranston at 11:30am. Bishop Tobin will attend and participate in the prayer vigil. A Mass will follow at 12:05pm at St. Paul Church. For more information or to attend, call 421-7833 x 118.

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.

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

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 1st. For more information or to purchase a lot, please call 782-2711.

What makes a Saint?

This past week we heard about Pope Benedict canonizing six new saints. Two of them Mary McKillop of Australia (their first-ever saint) and Brother Andre Bessette (Canada's first male saint with a RI connection) have garnered much attention in our part of the world. Some parishioners have asked "how does that work...how does one become publicly canonized?"

To be honest it is an arduous and tedious process. After the death of someone who is renowned for outstanding holiness and sanctity there are many believers who feel close to the deceased and begin intercessory prayers for them (similar to Mother Teresa and John Paul II). After some time if the spiritual movement continues a bishop may move to formally open a cause for that person and a postulator is appointed to gather all information and documents as well as testimony from as many sources as possible to begin to formulate a case for public veneration and gifts in the person's earthly life. They are considered Venerable. If someone receives a verified miracle by the intercession of that venerable person, he/she would then be declared "Blessed". Once the case continues it is scrutinized by the "devil's advocate" who examines the case for weaknesses. When three miracles are verified then the saint is declared a public saint of the Church in a ceremony usually presided over by the Pope himself. Such was the case last Sunday for these six "Blesseds".

Now let's make sure we know the person is already in heaven when they are canonized but the process and declaration makes them a role model, friend and intercessor for others in the Body of Christ to emulate. Public veneration becomes a formal reality.

It is especially wonderful that St. Andre Bessette was a poor young boy with nine brothers and sisters when his father died leaving his mother a widow at forty. He was not well-schooled and jumped job-to-job to help his family. He immigrated to the US and worked in the textile mills for four years spending time in Rhode Island! He returned to Canada and entered the Brothers of the Holy Cross in Montreal. He was assigned the lowly task of porter to welcome guests, wash the floors and deliver messages. He became renowned for welcoming the sick and encouraging all to pray to St. Joseph to obtain graces from Christ. Many miracles of physical healing but even more healings of the interior spirit of those he prayed with were realized. Today the Oratory of St. Joseph (not so many hours from Narragansett) is arguably the most impressive shrine to St. Joseph in the world.

As All Saints Day approaches us on November 1st (and election day is All Souls Day November 2nd when we pray for the dead) let us remember we are all called to be saints, to love and follow Christ, to heal others with prayer and charity. The saints, too, are our friends. Let us go a bit deeper this season to knowing them, seeking their intercession and imitating their great love for Christ and the Church.

Fr. Taillon

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