

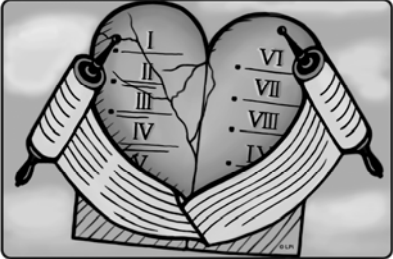
Mass Intentions for the Week

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St. Veronica Chapel

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Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? He said to him, You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart... - Mt. 22:36-40

LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE. On Saturday, November 1st 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.

SUNDAY COFFEE

The Social Ministry Committee cordially invites you to a Coffee An' next Sunday, November 2nd, following the 10:00AM Mass at St. Thomas More and the 9:00AM Mass at St. Veronica Chapel.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Mary Star of the Sea will have their Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 1st from 9AM-2PM and after all the Masses that weekend.

PRAY THE ROSARY

The rosary is prayed each weekday after the 9:00AM Mass at St. Thomas More and for the special intention of Peace in the World on Saturday mornings at 8:30AM before Mass.

THANK YOU!!

A special Thank You to everyone who helped with the parish mailing this past week - completed so quickly and efficiently. Truly appreciated.

BAPTISM

Recently, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcomed into our Parish Family, Michael James Goddard, son of Michael & Alyssa and Cecilia Rose Rei, daughter of Steven & Cathy. Congratulations!!!

Religious Education Schedule

October/November 2008

MON. PM: OCT. 27TH
GR. 1-4: NOV. 3RD, 10TH & 17TH
3:45-5:00PM @ STM

TUE. PM: OCT. 28TH
GR. 1-4: NOV. 18TH
3:45-5:00PM @ STM

PLEASE NOTE: NO CLASSES, NOV. 4TH, 11TH & 25TH

GR. 5 & 6: WED. OCT. 29TH
WED. NOV. 5TH & 19TH
3:45-5:00PM @ ST. VERONICA

GR. 7 & 8: WED., OCT. 29TH
WED., NOV. 5TH & 19TH
7:00-8:00PM @ ST. VERONICA

CONF. I & II: MON. NOV. 3RD & 10TH
7:00-8:15PM @ STM

PLEASE NOTE: IF SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED, THERE IS NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES THAT DAY.

Volunteer

We are looking for volunteers to cook a Sunday Night meal on December 7th 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. Also, volunteers are needed to bake desserts for a couple of weekends during the year (2009) at the Storehouse in Peacedale. For more information, please call Patti at 783-7165.

FOOD COLLECTION

Next weekend is our monthly Food Collection. This is the last collection before Thanksgiving. Items needed are: turkey gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, squash, olives, coffee and potatoes. Gift certificates for the purpose of purchasing turkeys are welcomed. We are always in need of: apple juice, cereal, cookies, crackers, soups, canned meats, vegetables and fruits, pasta, pasta sauce. Thank you for your generosity.



**PANTRY
SUNDAY**

ADVENT WREATHS

(Family or Individual Activity)
Prepare for the Birth of Jesus!!!

Date: Sunday, November 2nd

Time: 12Noon

Place: Fr. Halloran Hall, St. Veronica

Reservations: Call Gloria Roman at 782-6653

Cost: \$12.00 per wreath (includes: wreath, tray, candle holders, candles, accent pieces of pink & purple static, mixed greens and prayer card.) Make checks payable to St. Thomas More and bring or mail to the Parish Office.

If you have access to fresh cut mixed evergreens, please bring them with you - (We will have extra.)

Refreshments will be served

FREE FLU SHOT CLINIC

Flu Shot Clinic will take place at St. Thomas More on Tuesday, October 28th from 9:30AM-12Noon. There is no cost if you have health insurance and it is necessary to 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.

HAUNTED LABYRINTH

Come and enjoy the fun at the Rejoice in Hope Center, 804 Dyer Ave. in Cranston. Open from 7PM – 10PM. All proceeds benefit the Rejoice in Hope Youth Center. The dates are: October 25-31. For more information, call the Center at 943-8686 or visit web-site at www.hauntedlabryinth.com.



Wedding Banns

III Joshua Vallee & Karla Lewis

II Samuel Howe & Lauren Drost

OCTOBER 26, 2008

Pray for the Dead? Purgatory!

It has always been the tradition in the Church to pray for the dead rooted in the understanding that “nothing unclean will enter” (Rev. 21:27) the presence of God in heaven. Purgatory has been defined in the Catholic Catechism as a place of “purification, so as to achieve holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven”. This is entirely different than the “punishment received for the soul of the damned” (Catholic Catechism 1031).

When we die we each receive our personal judgment. We know at once what our final destiny will be. At the end of time, Jesus will return and there will be the general judgment that the Scriptures refer to when all our sins will be publicly revealed. (See Luke 12:2-5)

It is a deep and long tradition to pray for the dead and the souls in purgatory. It is a gift that we can give them while we remain on earth. Some say the Catholic Church “invented” this doctrine. That is simply not true. The earliest Christians asked others to pray for them in death. I have seen myself inscriptions near the tomb of St. Peter in Rome where graffiti reads, “Peter, pray for me, pray for my dead relatives”. St. Monica, mother of St. Augustine, asked her son in the fourth century to remember her soul in Masses after her death. This would make no sense if she thought she would be in heaven immediately.

Prayers are not needed for those in heaven and will not help those in hell. That means that some souls are in the third condition, neither in heaven nor hell after death. A reading of the Second Book of Maccabees is the surest proof of praying for the dead in Sacred Scripture. It is noteworthy that Protestants dropped the Book of Maccabees from their bible!

It is true that Christ’s redemption completely accomplished our salvation for us but we do not know in what way that it is applied to us. Purgatory makes sense because it is the cleansing of the soul, the purification. As Hebrews says, “strive for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.”

In our parish we have two Books of the Dead (one at each church) so we can inscribe the names of all our deceased loved ones who have gone on. We will pray for them next weekend on All Souls Day (November 2), which this year falls on a Sunday. We celebrate All Saints on November 1st for those who can pray for us and the following day we pray for those who need our prayers. How blessed we will be when others pray for us after our death! It is a gift of the Lord and of our beautiful Catholic faith.

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Taillon