

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, Intention. Rows include Saturday, November 22nd (5:00 PM Anniversary - Leeann Miele), Sunday, November 23rd (8:00 AM Birthday Remembrance - Peter J. Davis), Monday, November 24th (9:00 AM Anniversary - Kermit L. Davis), Tuesday, November 25th (9:00 AM In Memory - Lucy Cicilline), Wednesday, November 26th (9:00 AM 5th Anniversary - Gertrude Huntley), Thursday, November 27th (8:30 AM Thanksgiving Day Mass), Friday, November 28th (9:00 AM Pro Populo), Saturday, November 29th (9:00 AM 11th Anniversary - Francis Hannigan), Sunday, November 30th (8:00 AM Anniversary - Margaret Harten, 10:00 AM In Memory - Ralph Papa).

St. Veronica Chapel

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, Intention. Rows include Saturday, November 22nd (4:00 PM Anniversary - Alfred & Mary Gomes), Sunday, November 23rd (9:00 AM 2nd Anniversary - William F. Mann, 11:00 AM 1st Anniversary - Robert Sands), Sunday, November 30th (9:00 AM In Memory - Ronald & Mary Hartington, 11:00 AM In Memory - William & Elizabeth Davy).

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"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'" - Mt. 25:34-36

BAPTISM

Recently, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcomed into our Parish Family, Marshall Allen Benn, son of John & Sara, Marcella Gloria DelPonte, daughter of Richard & Giana, Jenna Elena Simshauser, daughter of Jeffrey & Jolene and Siena Catherine Taliani, daughter of Robert & Jennifer. Congratulations!!!

Wedding Banns

II Matthew Sposato & Ashley Pacheco

Thanksgiving

Mass on Thanksgiving Day is at 8:30AM at St. Thomas More. Please bring non-perishable food items and place them in the receptacles at the Church entrances. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE MISSIONARY ORPHANAGE FUNDRAISER On the weekend of Dec. 6th & 7th, after all Masses, there will be a Christmas Wreath sale. All proceeds will go to our mission - an orphanage in the Dominican Republic.

Stay Tuned. . . Christmas ornaments will be available soon, of our Churches and the Holy Family, to benefit our Mission Trip!!

The ACI Chaplain's Office is collecting all occasion cards for the inmates, especially Christmas cards. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 789-7682.

Religious Education Schedule
December 2008

MON. PM: DEC. 1ST & 15TH
GR. 1, 3 & 4: 3:45-5:00PM @ STM
PLEASE NOTE: NO CLASS ON DECEMBER 8TH

MON. PM: DEC. 15TH
GR. 2: 3:45-5:00PM @ STM
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION-TUES., DEC. 2ND
- 6:30PM AT ST. VERONICA
PLEASE NOTE: NO CLASSES ON DEC. 1ST & 8TH

TUE. PM: DEC. 2ND, 9TH & 16TH
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- 6:30PM AT ST. VERONICA
PLEASE NOTE: NO CLASS ON DEC. 2ND

GR. 5 & 6: WED. DEC. 3RD, 10TH & 17TH
3:45-5:00PM @ ST. VERONICA

GR. 7 & 8: WED. DEC. 3RD & 17TH
7:00-8:00PM @ ST. VERONICA

CONF. I & II: MON. DEC. 1ST
7:00-8:15PM @ STM
MON. DEC 8TH
7:00PM MASS @ ST. VERONICA

Msgr. Clarke will have their Annual Christmas Bazaar on Sunday, December 7th from 9AM-3PM. There will be games, food, raffles and many gift ideas.

ENTRANCE EXAMS

The Prout School will have their entrance exam on Saturday, December 6th at 8:30AM. The cost is \$25.00 and pre-registration is required. For more information, call the Admissions Office at 789-9262 ext. 15.

Bishop Hendricken will have their entrance exam on Saturday, December 6th at 8:30AM. For more information, call the Admissions Office at 739-3450 ext. 162.

La Salle Academy will have their entrance exam on Saturday, December 6th at 8AM. For more information, call the Admissions Office at 351-7750.

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

Date: Sunday, November 30th

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.)

Walk-ins welcome!!

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. It is a great way for men to meet, share faith values and to prepare for Sunday liturgy. All men are welcome.

Bishop Tobin to Offer Retreat

Bishop Tobin will direct a weekend retreat for men 18-35 who are discerning a call to the priesthood on January 16-17, 2009 from 7:00PM on Friday to 7:00PM on Saturday at the Seminary of our Lady of Providence. Do you know someone who might be interested? Even if they are away at college, consider sending in their name. Anyone interested should call Fr. Michael Najim, Assistant Vocation Director at 831-8011 or contact Fr. Taillon.

Anyone in need of a hospital bed or transport chair for your home? Please call Phyllis at 783-4341.

WEB-SITE

Check out our newly designed web-site at **stthomasmoreri.org**.

NOVEMBER 23, 2008

Congrats, Cameras and Thanks...

Proud congratulations to Fr. Paul Bolton who received an award from the Knights of Columbus at a recent dinner they held to honor K of C chaplains for their great service. He is a devoted and faithful chaplain...congratulations to him and the Knights from the council where he serves, many of whom are members of our parish and who nominated him for this distinction. Blessings and good health as he "flies south" after this week.

We also wish to thank the benefactor who made possible the installation of electronic surveillance systems at both churches. All of our classrooms as well as entrances to St. Thomas More Church have cameras that ensure security and a safe environment for our children and our staff. There is a camera in the sacristy at St. Thomas More that monitors our valuables and one outside at St. Veronica that monitors the parking lot so that local college students visiting their friends in nearby rentals will no longer be able to park overnight in our lots, a practice that forced many parishioners attending weekend Masses to leave their cars on nearby streets. Thanks to the company that donated the countless work-hours and to the donor who paid for the equipment to make this all possible. We are forever in debt.

As Thanksgiving approaches we are called to prayerfully reflect on all that we have as Americans and have been given by God's grace. Thanksgiving remains a more pure holiday of sorts in that it remains a celebration of prayer, gratitude, family and friends (and a little football!). In this year of economic duress might it be even easier to be more deeply aware of all that we have that we so often take for granted: our food, shelter, family and friends! Let us be attentive to those in need, the less fortunate that are in fact the vast majority of our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Let us pray for those families where there will be an empty chair at the table this year due to someone being called home and those families where that will be the case due to difficulties or past hurts. Let us commend them to the Lord for healing.

The word "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving". Why not start the day at the Eucharistic table this Thursday at 8:30. Mass is the best way to celebrate Thanksgiving. Kindly bring a non-perishable food item if you can and place them in the receptacles found at the doors of St. Thomas More.

Let us remember the greatest thing to be thankful for...the sacrifice of God's only Son for our sins and redemption. Thanksgiving is not only about material things but relationships and deeper blessings too! No matter what we are lacking, we remain in enormous debt to God!

Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

Fr. Taillon