

 **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, November 28 th ,	5:00 PM	Anniversary – LeeAnn Miele
Sunday, November 29 th ,	8:00 AM	In Memory – Joseph & Flora Zarrella
	10:00 AM	1 st Anniversary – Albert DeCristofano
Monday, November 30 th ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – James L. Ricci
Wednesday, December 2 nd ,	9:00 AM	In Memory - Members of the Smith Family
Thursday, December 3 rd ,	9:00 AM	5 th Anniversary – Rose Richard
Friday, December 4 th ,	9:00 AM	Priestly Vocations
Saturday, December 5 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Geraldine Adams
	5:00 PM	1 st Anniversary – Ronald W. Anderson
Sunday, December 6 th ,	10:00 AM	In Memory – Louis Donocci

St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday, November 28 th ,	4:00 PM	3 rd Anniversary – Donald Thuotte
Sunday, November 29 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Francis Hannigan & Mary Annechiarico
	11:00 AM	3 rd Anniversary – William Mann
Saturday, December 5 th ,	4:00 AM	In Memory – MaryLou Lewis
Sunday, December 6 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Edward & Kathleen Very



"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man." - Lk 21:36

RCIA MEETING

The next meeting of the RCIA is this Tuesday, December 1st at 7:30PM.

HOLY HOUR FOR PRO-LIFE

The next Holy Hour prayer for pro-life will be this **Friday, December 4th**, beginning at 9:30AM. Everyone is welcome.

KNITTING MINISTRY

The next meeting of the Knitting Ministry will be this Wednesday, December 2nd, from 12:30- 2PM in the St. Thomas More Parish Hall. We welcome anyone who can knit or crochet to please join us. For more information, please call Mary Mann at 792-2210.

**CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE
MISSIONARY ORPHANAGE
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Next weekend, **December 5th & 6th**, after all Masses, there will be a Christmas Wreath sale. The cost is \$15.00 or 2 for \$25.00. All proceeds will go to our mission - an orphanage in the Dominican Republic.

VOLUNTEER FOR MANGER SET-UP!!

We are setting-up the mangers, at both Churches, next Saturday, Dec. 5th. Anyone interested is to meet at St. Veronica Chapel at 8:30AM. Men of all ages are needed. This is a great chance for students to get service hours!!

HELP - PHOTOS NEEDED!!

Pictures of the exterior of St. Thomas More prior to 1981!! We need these to help determine shingle design, as we evaluate necessary repairs. Please put your name and address on back, if you want your picture returned. Thank you.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Religious Education Schedule November /December 2009

SUN. AM:	NOV. 29 TH
GR. 1-4	10:10-11:00AM @ ST. V. TUE., DEC. 1 ST – 6:30PM – ST. V. 1 ST RECONCILIATION (GR. 2 ONLY) DEC. 6 TH & 20 TH 10:10-11:00AM @ ST. V.
MON. PM:	NOV. 30 TH
GR. 1-4	4:10-5:00PM @ STM TUE., DEC. 1 ST – 6:30PM – ST. V. 1 ST RECONCILIATION (GR. 2 ONLY) DEC. 7 TH & 21 ST 4:10-5:00PM @ ST. V.
GR. 5 & 6:	WED., DEC. 2 ND 4:10-5:00PM @ ST. V. WED., DEC. 9 TH – CONFESSIONS 3:00-5:00PM @ ST. V.
GR. 7 & 8:	WED., DEC. 2 ND – CONFESSIONS 6:30-8:00PM @ ST. V. WED., DEC. 9 TH 7:00-8:00PM @ ST. V.
CONF. I:	MON., NOV. 30 TH MON., DEC. 7 TH 7-8:15PM – STM
CONF. II:	MON., NOV. 30 TH MON., DEC. 7 TH 7-8:15PM – STM

YOUTH GROUP LASALETTE TRIP

The Youth Group is going to LaSalette Shrine this Friday, December 4th. The bus is leaving from St. Thomas More at 4:30PM & return at 9:00PM.

YOUTH GROUP

The next meeting will be on Sunday, December 6th from 6:30-8:00PM, all 9th-12th grade students are invited. We will meet at St. Thomas More Parish Hall. All are welcome.



Msgr. Clarke will have their Annual Christmas Bazaar on Sunday, December 6th from 9AM-3PM. There will be games, food, raffles and many gift ideas. Come support Catholic education.



The children's Christmas Pageant will be on **Sunday, December 13th following the 10:00AM Mass at St. Thomas More Church.** Practice dates are: Thursday, December 3rd, Friday, December 4th, Thursday, December 10th and Friday, December 11th from 3:45-5PM. Call Sarah Cullen at 783-2113 for more information. Please come and embrace the true spirit of Christmas.

IN HIS PRESENCE

Year of Evangelization

... *Expect Great Things!*

Shhh-hh . . . Carve out an hour from the hectic pace of your day-to-day life and invite our Lord to:

Touch your heart,
Heal your ills,
Bless your family
Illuminate your pathway.

IN HIS PRESENCE is an opportunity for quiet intimacy before the Lord, including: Rosary, Adoration, Live Music, and a Reflection from Fr. Taillon

Sunday, December 6th
@ St. Veronica Chapel
7:30 – 8:30pm
Coffee 'n' Brownies to follow

FOOD COLLECTION

Next weekend is our monthly Food Collection. This is the last collection before Christmas. 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.



Advent is here...what should we do?

Recently at a retreat at Enders Island, Connecticut with brother priests I was in the kitchen and I noticed a sign that read, "Jesus is coming...look busy!" Seemingly harmless and of course a motivator for the hard-working staff. Yet, I think if Advent needed a thematic decal for our kitchens and indeed all our lives it would be, "Jesus is coming...slow down, be still!"

The season of Advent is probably my favorite because it is a subdued and penitential reflective time. Our churches will be draped in purple-the more serious color of the season. The Advent wreath with the four candles should not be mistaken for a countdown like the ball in Times Square but instead a time of increased anticipation that Christ will come again in Bethlehem. Each candle brings more light from God so that we can be more aware of the Lord's presence and love.

This Advent is the year we should plan to slow it down. How about viewing the tough recession as an accidental grace that teaches us that Christmas is about giving to the poor and not receiving gifts of purely material nature. So...how about proposing to your loved ones to bypass material gifts this year and instead to donate time, talent and treasure to the needy. Perhaps everyone brings a bag of groceries for the soup kitchen to Christmas dinner and leaves them under the tree. What a revelation of why Christ came! Perhaps, instead of gifts, sponsoring one of our young missionaries who needs to raise funds to go to tend to the young special-needs orphans. Two couples did this on their own last year.. How about introducing "spiritual bouquets" for gifts? Instead of a material gift you say a rosary or certain prayers for someone in your family and make a card sharing this "spiritual gift" instead?

Plan to get to confession during the season. Give Jesus the gift of our sins which is what He desires most.

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Please also keep in mind the ongoing healthcare debate that has moved to the Senate. This Advent season will see the most important threat to human life inside our nation since Roe v. Wade. If we do not pray and act and make our voices heard we all may find our tax dollars and our government paying for abortions of our fellow citizens! The house passed the Stupak Amendment because of Catholic voices and so many others. Won't you make your voice known by calling the offices of Senator Reed and Senator Whitehouse? I already have this week.

And may I suggest we pray for Bishop Tobin and Rep. Patrick Kennedy. Pray that the Holy Spirit guide their thoughts and actions. May the Lord be honored and respected in these challenging days for us all.

Fr. Tailon

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