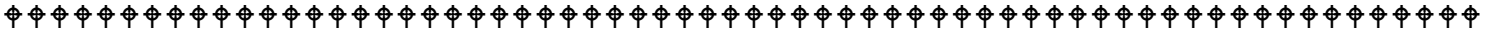


# Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 30 <sup>th</sup> ,	8:00 AM	Anniversary – Margaret Harten
	10:00 AM	In Memory – Ralph Papa
Monday, December 1 <sup>st</sup> ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Alice Morris
Tuesday, December 2 <sup>nd</sup> ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Claire Taillon
Wednesday, December 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving
Thursday, December 4 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Pro Populo
Friday, December 5 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Jeffrey Banach
Saturday, December 6 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – John Meehan
Sunday, December 7 <sup>th</sup> ,	8:00 AM	In Memory – John & Ellen Fahey
	10:00 AM	In Memory – Tom Callanan

## St. Veronica Chapel

Sunday, November 30 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Ronald & Mary Hartington
	11:00 AM	In Memory – William & Elizabeth Davy
Sunday, December 7 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – Lori O’Hara
	11:00 AM	In Memory –Mary Sormanti



*"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping." - Mk 13:35-36*

### RCIA

The next meeting of the RCIA program will be this Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:30PM.

### HOLY HOUR FOR PRO-LIFE

The next Holy Hour prayer for pro-life will be this **Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 9:30AM. Everyone is welcome.



The Social Ministry Committee cordially invites you to a Coffee An' next Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, following the 9:00AM Mass at St. Veronica. Please come and join us!! St. Thomas More will have Coffee An' following the 10AM Mass on December 14<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Christmas Pageant.

### MEN OF ST. THOMAS MORE MEETING

The reorganization meeting of the Men of St. Thomas More will be on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7PM - Fr. Halloran Hall/St. Veronica Chapel. We will organize the Outdoor Manager Set-Up which will take place on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 1PM, St. Veronica Chapel. Feel free to invite anyone else you think might want to help out!! "...hope to see you there! For more info, please call Jim at 789-3102.

Did you know that our Parish has a Prayer Chain Ministry? If anyone would like some extra needed prayers, you may call 295-1241 and express your request.

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

There will be six priests available at each of these services to hear private confessions.  
 Wed., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> - 7:00PM -Christ the King  
 Thur., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> - 7:00PM - St. Francis of Assisi  
 Fri., Dec.19<sup>th</sup> – 7:00PM- Mary Star of the Sea  
**Mon., Dec. 22nd- 3:00PM - St. Veronica Chapel**



**Religious Education Schedule  
December 2008**

**MON. PM:** DEC. 1<sup>ST</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup>  
**GR. 1, 3 & 4:** 3:45-5:00PM @ STM  
PLEASE NOTE: NO CLASS ON DEC. 8<sup>TH</sup> – HOLY DAY

**MON. PM:** DEC. 15<sup>TH</sup>  
**GR. 2:** 3:45-5:00PM @ STM  
**FIRST PENANCE –TUES., DEC. 2<sup>ND</sup> – 6:30PM  
 AT ST. VERONICA**  
PLEASE NOTE: NO CLASSES ON DEC. 1<sup>ST</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup>

**TUE. PM:** DEC. 2<sup>ND</sup>, 9<sup>TH</sup> & 16<sup>TH</sup>  
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PLEASE NOTE: NO CLASS ON DEC. 2<sup>ND</sup>

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

**GR. 7 & 8:** WED. DEC. 3<sup>RD</sup> & 17<sup>TH</sup>  
 7:00-8:00PM @ ST. VERONICA

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



The children's Christmas Pageant will be on **Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00AM Mass at St. Thomas More Church.** Practice dates are: Thurs., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, Fri., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> (Parish Hall) and Fri., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> from 4-5PM. Please come and embrace the true spirit of Christmas.

**Wedding  Banns**

III Matthew Sposato & Ashley Pacheco

**CD/Pamphlet Racks** are located at the Church entrances. These CD's would be great for the car or as holy stocking stuffers. Beautiful and inspirational talks about key elements of living our faith.

**CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE  
MISSIONARY ORPHANAGE**

**FUNDRAISER**

Next weekend, **December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>**, after all Masses, there will be a Christmas Wreath sale. The cost is \$15.00. 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!! You can view them on our website at **stthomasmoreri.org**.



Msgr. Clarke will have their Annual Christmas Bazaar on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-3PM. There will be games, food, raffles and many gift ideas. Come support Catholic education.

**CONCERT**

"The Sounds of the Seasons" concert to benefit the "Keep the Heat On" program will be held on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3PM at the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and may be obtained by calling the Cathedral Office at 331-2434.

**DINNER PARTY & HOUSE TOUR**

The Junior League of Rhode Island will host a scenic tour of coastal Narragansett homes, beginning with a dinner party at the Towers in Narragansett from 7:30-10:30PM on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. The House Tour will begin with check-in at the Marketplace or Café at the Towers on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM. For more information, please go to [www.jlri.org](http://www.jlri.org) or call 331-9302.

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.

### ***Advent Traditions***

We have begun the new liturgical year! The season of Advent is one of expectation, hope, penance and peace. The dark purples are to remind us of the royalty that anticipates the coming birth of Christ and the spirit of penance. The pink of the third week represents the joy of the season.

The wreath greens themselves (and those on our door wreaths that are being offered) remind us of the eternal life that comes to us through Jesus Christ.

This season is so beautiful. The music, readings and subdued environment are almost counter-cultural to the excessive materialism that has crept into the mainstream of our Christmas holy day.

Some great ways to enter into Advent include:

- Participating/attending our Advent wreath making event this weekend at Fr. Halloran Hall.
- Donating monies and food to charities, helping our missionary endeavors to St. Michael's in the inner city and giving Jesus Himself a gift by supporting our youth trip to the orphanage. (See details of wreath and Christmas ornaments).
- Attending one of our reconciliation services in one of our local parishes or on Saturday afternoons at St. Thomas More between 4 and 4:45pm.
- Buying a Christmas gift for a needy child.
- Baking cookies for the homebound/shut ins.
- Praying the rosary alone or with rosary group after morning Mass as a way to spend Advent with Our Lady.
- Honoring the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> by attending Holy Day Mass.
- Praying grace at every meal no matter where or whom we are with.
- Attending our Christmas pageant after 10am Mass on December 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Thomas More.
- Taking time to stop in the church once in a while to meditate and visit the Blessed Sacrament.
- Meditating on the manger scene of the Christ Child and reading the scriptures about it.

Advent is a wonderful and prayerful season. Let us enter into this anticipatory season with hearts that long for Christ to be more welcome in our hearts, our lives and our love.

In Christ Jesus,  
***Fr. Taillon***