

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Table with 3 columns: Date, Time, Intention. Rows include Saturday, December 3rd (5:00 PM, Special Intention - Members of the Military), Sunday, December 4th (8:00 AM, Marriage & Family Life), Monday, December 5th (9:00 AM, In Memory - Carmela Sivo), Tuesday, December 6th (9:00 AM, Anniversary - Saverio & Lena Ruscito), Wednesday, December 7th (9:00 AM, In Memory - Rita Gustafson), Thursday, December 8th (9:00 AM, In Memory - John S., Mary C. & John W. Koza), Saturday, December 10th (9:00 AM, In Memory - Peter Yannon), Sunday, December 11th (10:00 AM, In Memory - Louise Dupre).

St. Veronica Chapel

Table with 3 columns: Date, Time, Intention. Rows include Saturday, December 3rd (4:00 PM, In Memory - Austin Donnelly), Sunday, December 4th (9:00 AM, In Memory - Ralph & Edith Papa), Thursday, December 8th (7:00 AM, Pro Populo), Saturday, December 10th (4:00 PM, In Memory - Charles Andrews), Sunday, December 11th (9:00 AM, In Memory - Donna Martone-Benner & Robert C. Benner).



IN HIS PRESENCE...HOLY HOUR
'O Come let us Adore Him'
Next Sunday, December 11th from 6:30-7:30PM - St. Veronica Chapel
Wise men still seek Him! Take a break from secular preparation and be with Him. Praise and song.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY PROJECT - HELP NEEDED!!

Next Saturday, December 10th, we are going to St. Patrick Church, Providence to help restore & repair this beautiful building in this challenged community. Meet at St. Thomas More at 8:15AM - go to 244 Smith Street, then return by 4:00PM. High School to older folks who can work, are welcome. Please call the Parish Office at 789-7683, if interested.

ENDERS ISLAND

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

'Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary'- Getting ready for the season of Advent in the midst of the many activities that vie for our attention with Fr. Tom Hoar on Thur., Dec. 8th-10AM-3:30PM. The cost is \$35.00p/p and includes 2 conferences, Mass, confessions, time to explore the island. Hot lunch is served. Pre-registration is required - please call 1-860-536-0565 ext. 110.

CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE

Next weekend December 10th & 11th, there will be a Christmas Wreath sale following all the Masses. Proceeds from donations will go to our next missionary trip in April, Standing Rock Reservation, a South Dakota Indian reservation.

SANTA CLAUS - ST. NICK

On Sunday, December 18th - Santa Claus will be at St. Veronica, Msgr. Halloran Hall following the 11:00AM Mass. If you are willing to bake for this event, please call Missie Antone at 783-2113.

RCIA

The next class is this Tuesday, December 6th, at 7:30PM. Topic - 'Advent Season'.

Religious Education Schedule

December 2011

SUN. AM: DEC. 4TH
GR. 1-4 10:05-10:55AM @ ST. V

**Sacrament of First Penance @ St. V. –
Sunday, December 4th – 1:00PM
2nd Grade only!!**

SUN., DEC. 11TH – NO CLASS

All are encouraged to attend the Christmas Pageant on Sunday, Dec. 11th at St. Thomas More following the 10AM Mass.

SUN., DEC 18TH – CLASS
10:05-10:55AM @ St. V.

MON. PM: DEC. 5TH
GR. 1-4 4:10-5:00PM @ STM

**Sacrament of First Penance @ St. V. –
Sunday, December 4th – 1:00PM
2nd Grade only!!**

MON., DEC. 12TH – NO CLASS

All are encouraged to attend the Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 11th at St. Thomas More following the 10AM Mass.

MON., DEC 19TH – CLASS
4:10-5:00PM @ STM

GR. 5 & 6: WED., DEC. 7TH 14TH & 21ST
4:10-5:00PM @ ST. V.

GR. 7 & 8: WED., DEC. 7TH, 14TH & 21ST
7:00-8:00PM @ ST. V.

CONF. I: SUN., DEC. 4TH - Retreat @ St. V. –
3PM followed by a bus trip to LaSalette Shrine
(Conf. I only!)

SUN., DEC. 11TH - CLASS
7:00 – 8:15PM @ ST. V.

CONF. II: Retreat at Enders Island on
Friday, December 9th (Confirmation II only!)

SUN., DEC. 11TH - CLASS
7:00 – 8:15PM @ ST. V.



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH**

Vigil Mass (Wednesday): 5:00PM –
St. Thomas More

Holy Day: 7:00AM – St. Veronica
9:00AM - St. Thomas More
7:00PM – St. Veronica



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The children's Christmas Pageant will be next Sunday, December 11th, following the 10:00AM Mass & Coffee An' at St. Thomas More. All are encouraged to attend this 20 minute production. Children's practice dates are: Thursday, December 8th and Friday, December 9th from 3:45-5:30PM.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

There are four Regional Penance Services and six priests will be available at each of these services to hear private confessions.

Tues., Dec. 13th – 12 Noon – St. Thomas More
Wed., Dec. 14th - 7:00PM – Christ the King
Mon., Dec. 19th – 7:00PM – St. Mary Star of the Sea
Wed., Dec. 21st - 7:00PM - St. Francis of Assisi



SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend, the second collection is the Annual Retirement Fund for Religious. Religious institutes must provide for their own retirement costs. Religious men and women work long past the age of 65 in compensated ministries that help to support their communities and only "retire" in the sense that compensated work ends. Please be generous to those, who have given a lifetime – www.retiredreligious.org.

DECEMBER 4, 2011

Congratulations New Parish Council!

I am pleased to announce those chosen to serve a term on our new parish council.

They are:

Age Group Two:

Tracey Kennedy

Matthew Mannix

Kevin O'Neill

Victor Primavera

Age Group Three:

Angela Del Monico

Donna Monaghan

Age Group One: (no election needed here)

Mary Kate Sullivan

Jamie Doyal

There were a total of 17 people that presented themselves for consideration for only 8 spots! Many were just behind by a few votes and the results were close. I interpret the large number of candidates and the close results to be indicative of a generous and ready-to-serve parish family! I want to thank all who presented themselves for service and hope you can find new ways to do so in the not-too-distant future (we know who you are!).

It is also fitting to thank our outgoing council for great work in the last years. They include:

Joe Notarantonio (President)

Jim Pontarelli

Cathy McMahan

Mary Buchanan

Gerry Coli

Thanks too, to our trustees Doris Manganaro and Tom Regan, Deacon Paul Sullivan, Missie Antone (DRE), Steve Crawford (Pastoral Assistant), Ann Marie Silveira (Feast) and Jackie Baglini (Lady's Guild) who regularly attend meetings and round out our council in the past years!

St. Thomas More...pray for us!

Fr. Tailon