

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 7 th ,	8:00 AM	In Memory – John & Ellen Fahey
	10:00 AM	In Memory – Tom Callanan
	5:00PM	Birthday Remembrance – James Kearney
Monday, December 8 th ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – Rita Gustafson
Tuesday, December 9 th ,	9:00 AM	3 rd Anniversary – Madelyn O’Hara
Wednesday, December 10 th ,	9:00 AM	6 Month Memorial – Alexander Jory
Thursday, December 11 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Claire Taillon
Friday, December 12 th ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – Arthur Vincent
Saturday, December 13 th ,	5:00 PM	Anniversary – Mary Turco
Sunday, December 14 th ,	8:00 AM	5 th Anniversary – William Bushee
	10:00 AM	In Memory – Joseph & Mary Hodde

St. Veronica Chapel

Sunday, December 7 th ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – Lori O’Hara
	11:00 AM	In Memory –Mary Sormanti
Monday, December 8 th ,	7:00 AM	Anniversary – Mary Angela Kelly
	7:00 PM	Pro Populo
Saturday, December 13 th ,	4:00 PM	4 th Anniversary – Raymond J. Doyle, Jr.
Sunday, December 14 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Donna Martone-Benner
	11:00 AM	In Memory – Rev. Joseph L. Powers



As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way." - Mk 1:2

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. All men are welcome.

OUR LADY’S GUILD

The next meeting of Our Lady’s Guild is this Tuesday, December 9th, following the 9:00AM Mass. Everyone is invited and new members are welcome.

RCIA

The next meeting of the RCIA program will be this Tuesday, December 9th, at 7:30PM.

FOOD COLLECTION

This weekend is our monthly Food Collection. We are now donating to the Jonnycake Food Pantry Program. We are also in need of gift certificates to local markets. We give them to people who come to the rectory in need.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, HOLY DAY,

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8th

Vigil Mass (Sunday): 5:00PM –

St. Thomas More

Holy Day: 7:00AM – St. Veronica

9:00AM - St. Thomas More

7:00PM – St. Veronica

MEN OF ST. THOMAS MORE

We will set-up the outdoor manger on Sunday, December 7th - 1PM, St. Veronica Chapel. Feel free to invite anyone else you think might want to help out! For more info, please call Jim at 789-3102.

BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the light and informal Book Club is on Tuesday, December 9th, 7:00PM at the home of Betty DiMeglio. For more information, please call Betty at 782-4739 or Marguerite at 789-5074.

The Parish Office will be closed this Monday, December 8th, for the Holy Day.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Religious Education Schedule December 2008

MON. PM:	DEC. 8 TH -NO CLASS-HOLY DAY
GR. 1-4:	DEC. 15 TH 3:45-5:00PM @ STM
TUE. PM:	DEC. 9 TH & 16 TH
GR. 1-4:	3:45-5:00PM @ STM
GR. 5 & 6:	WED. DEC. 10 TH & 17 TH 3:45-5:00PM @ ST. VERONICA
GR. 7 & 8:	WED. DEC. 17 TH 7:00-8:00PM @ ST. VERONICA
CONF. I & II:	MON. DEC 8 TH 7:00PM MASS @ ST. VERONICA



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



The Social Ministry Committee cordially invites you to a Coffee An' next Sunday at St. Thomas More following the 10AM Mass on December 14th, in conjunction with the Christmas Pageant.

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 12th. The House Tour will begin with check-in at the Marketplace or Café at the Towers on Saturday, December 13th at 9:30AM. For more information, please go to www.jlri.org or call 331-9302.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will have their monthly meeting this **Monday, December 8th** at 7:00PM at St. Thomas More Parish Hall.

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Christmas ornaments will be available to purchase next weekend, after all the Masses. There are 2 ornaments, one of our Churches and the other of the Holy Family. The proceeds will go towards our Mission Project!! The cost is \$10.00. You can view them on our website at stthomasmoreri.org.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

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

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to the 32 families who participated in the "Advent Wreath Making Event" to prepare for Jesus' birth. A special "thanks" to the helpers and those who donated evergreens: Jan, Kay, Marge, Chris, Paulina, Pat, Johanna and Claire.

ANNUAL COOKIE WRAP for the Homebound, sponsored by Our Lady's Guild, will take place on **Thursday, December 18th, following the 9:00AM Mass** at St. Thomas More. We need volunteers to bake. Please bring in cookies by 9:30AM on that day.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

Anyone wishing to donate new cloths or gift certificates for St. Michael's Parish in Providence, (note: St. Teresa Parish has closed) please bring them by the Parish Office by **Friday, December 12th** and we will bring them with us on Saturday, December 13th.

SECOND 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. There are more than 40,000 religious over the age of 70 in need of assistance. Your support is greatly appreciated.



DECEMBER 7, 2008

Advent This and That...

We are off to a wonderful start to this holy season! Let us continue to make time for prayer amidst the busy-ness of the hectic holiday preparation. Today's Gospel presents John the Baptist to us for example, inspiration and challenge. John the Baptist remains one of only three people whose birth is celebrated. (Jesus and Mary being the other two!)

Today he is presented as the paradigm to "prepare the way of the Lord"!

Our statues for St. Veronica Chapel have arrived from their time away in Pennsylvania! They have been restored and repainted and will be mounted on the walls in their new resting spot. Thank you to the two families who graciously provided for this part of our project. Phase One of the stained glass windows (including the four windows around Our Lady and Joseph and the confessional room window) will be formally commissioned. Several parishioners have inquired if there are any opportunities left. Some had inquired about the possibility of partially sponsoring the two windows of St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher. Please contact me if you are interested.

The prayer garden at St. Thomas More has been professionally landscaped and trimmed thanks to our new garden crew and a generous parishioner who memorialized that effort.

The sound system at St. Veronica has been tweaked and adjusted. Thank you for your patience as we continue to adjust to our new equipment and speakers.

Congratulations to Doris Manganaro and Kirk Pickell for their recent recognition for outstanding service to South County Hospital.

Advent thanks to all those who generously donated to the Thanksgiving Food Drive and gave food baskets, gift certificates and monetary contributions!

Thank you to those who donated the new clothes and toiletries that were distributed to the poor and struggling at this time.

Thank you to the knitting ministry that made and donated a whopping 130 items to help warm inner-city children and families at St. Michael's in Providence.

Thank you to the Men of St. Thomas More for re-grouping and putting up the mangers for our Holy Family Manger displays. Kindly display your outdoor mangers or car magnets starting on December 8th – the holy day.

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Taillon