

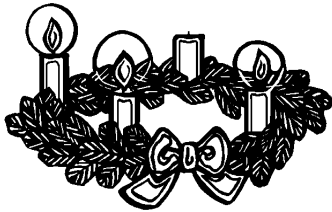
**Mass Intentions for the Week**

Saturday, December 13 <sup>th</sup> , Sunday, December 14 <sup>th</sup> ,	5:00 PM 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Anniversary – Mary Turco 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – William Bushee In Memory – Joseph & Mary Hodde
Monday, December 15 <sup>th</sup> , Tuesday, December 16 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM 9:00 AM	In Memory – Members of the Power Family In Memory – John Meehan
Wednesday, December 17 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday, December 18 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday, December 20 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM	Pro Populo In Memory – John Meehan Anniversary – Albert Grzebien
Sunday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> ,	5:00 PM 8:00 AM 10:00 AM	31 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary – Patricia Johnson Birthday Remembrance – Raymond Contillo In Memory – Joseph & Giovanna Fiore

**St. Veronica Chapel**

Saturday, December 13 <sup>th</sup> , Sunday, December 14 <sup>th</sup> ,	4:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Raymond J. Doyle, Jr. In Memory – Donna Martone-Benner In Memory – Rev. Joseph L. Powers
Saturday, December 20 <sup>th</sup> , Sunday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> ,	4:00 PM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM	In Memory – Jane Orsini In Memory – Jacqueline Benjamin and John Fuyat III In Memory – Dante Pingitore

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*John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." - Jn 1:26-27*

**PRAY THE ROSARY**

The rosary is prayed each weekday after the 9:00AM Mass at St. Thomas More and for the special intention of Peace in the World on Saturday mornings at 8:30AM before Mass. Please join us whenever you can.

**ST. EDMUND'S ENDERS ISLAND**

Evening of Recollection - Fr. Tom Hoar  
"Keeping Christ in Christmas" on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:30PM and includes one conference, Mass, and time to enjoy the beauty and peace of Enders Island. The cost is \$35.00 per person & hot served dinner is included. Please call 1-860-536-0565, ext. 110 to register.



**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  
Thurs., 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**

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

**PRAYER CHAIN**

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.

The ACI Chaplain's Office is collecting all occasion cards for the inmates, especially Christmas cards. The deadline to drop off cards is this Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 789-7682.

Religious Education Schedule  
December 2008

**MON. PM:** DEC. 15<sup>TH</sup>  
**GR. 1-4:** 3:45-5:00PM @ STM

**TUE. PM:** DEC. 16<sup>TH</sup>  
**GR. 1-4:** 3:45-5:00PM @ STM

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

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



WINTER CONCERT

St. Francis of Assisi in Wakefield will present its Winter Concert. The Warwick Symphony Orchestra will play at 2:30PM on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Music will include a Suite – “English Folk Songs” and Irving Berlin – “A Symphonic Portrait”. Suggested donation is \$5.00.

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.

NATURE WALKS

The Friends of Canonchet Farm have guided walks from September to April. Walks are from 1-3PM and start from Anne Hoxsie Lane parking lot across from the Narragansett Town Beach South Pavilion. For more information, call Kathie at 783-3951.



★ ★ Christmas Mass Schedule ★ ★

Christmas Eve:

4:00PM – St. Veronica  
5:00PM – St. Thomas More  
6:00PM – St. Veronica  
12:00 Midnight Solemn Midnight Mass  
with an 11:30PM Music Prelude at  
St. Thomas More

Christmas Day:

9:00AM – St. Veronica  
10:00AM – St. Thomas More

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Christmas ornaments will be available to purchase this 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](http://stthomasmoreri.org). Any additional orders/larger quantities, can be made by contacting Steve Crawford at 789-7682.

**Moving** – Please call the Parish Office at 789-7682, if you are moving out of the parish or at another location within the parish, so we can update our records. Thank you!



A special thank you to all who helped with the Christmas card mailing. You are all so kind and generous with your time.

Blessed Christmas Fr. Rodrigues!

It might be nice to send Fr. Jeremy Rodrigues Christmas greetings. He remains at his studies in Rome. His address is:

Fr. Jeremy Rodrigues  
North American College  
00120 Vatican City State  
Europe

**\*Do not write Rome or Italy on the envelope!**

*DECEMBER 14, 2008*

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I am sure things in the North Pole are busy right now but things here in South County have been busy too! Most of us are getting ready to celebrate the Incarnation of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. This is taking place with shopping, baking, Christmas card writing and hopefully lots of prayerful quiet time too. 'Tis the season to repent above all else! I hope many can participate in our annual regional penance services or take advantage of our Saturday afternoon confessions at St. Thomas More. Of course priests would be happy to hear confessions whenever it is possible, too.

A warm thanks to Our Lady's Guild for their heroic effort of making all those hundreds of bows that went on the Christmas door wreaths that sold out last weekend. Your support generated over \$2000.00 of income that is helping us towards our necessary \$38,000 we need by March to secure our orphanage mission trip.

This week we received the photos of the actual twenty-one children that we will care for and their faces found on posters on our church doors (and soon our bulletin cover) to me reveal the real meaning of Christmas. The faces of the orphans seem so joyful, expectant and vulnerable all at once. In thinking about the Holy Family and the sheer simple surroundings of the Lord's birthplace I can't help but think "at least Jesus had a mother and father!" All families have struggles and joys and Jesus' family was no different. I wonder if one of the reasons the Lord is bringing these orphans into our lives might be to give us a little perspective on our own families. Thank goodness we have them with all their issues, histories, love and crosses! Maybe thinking of these little ones can make us more grateful and a little more patient with spouses, siblings, in-laws and extended family this Advent and Christmas season. I am sure the Lord has plans for us about these kids. To be honest I am not nervous about the travel or anything like that but I am anxious about how this mission trip will help me and my fellow missionaries see our own lives in a new and profound way. I am told that when groups have gone to Mustard Seed Orphanages (Fr. Matt Glover, chaplain at URI went last year with St. Luke's in Barrington and our own Fr. Luke Willenburg is going this year with his parish) they say that leaving the children behind there is the hardest part of it all.

We will have a special second collection next weekend that will go directly to the orphanage as our donation. Please be as generous as you can. Perhaps, though, the reason these children are now in our lives is to change how each of us sees our own family and history. Advent is a time to slow down and pray....these young and innocent faces have already invited me to do that. What does the Lord want to give you through them?

In Christ Jesus,

*Fr. Tailon*