

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, December 20 <sup>th</sup> ,	5:00 PM	31 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary – Patricia Johnson
Sunday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> ,	8:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Raymond Contillo
	10:00 AM	In Memory – Joseph & Giovanna Fiore
Monday, December 22 <sup>nd</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Gerard Finn
Tuesday, December 23 <sup>rd</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – Carmella M. Pari
Wednesday, December 24 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – Mary Early
Friday, December 26 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – Margaret Eldredge
Saturday, December 27 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – John & Mary Koza Family
	5:00 PM	In Memory – Annette Riccitelli
Sunday, December 28 <sup>th</sup> ,	10:00 AM	In Memory – Benjamin Fitzgerald Tweedie

**St. Veronica Chapel**

Saturday, December 20 <sup>th</sup> ,	4:00 PM	In Memory – Jane Orsini
Sunday, December 21 <sup>st</sup> ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Jacqueline Benjamin and John Fuyat III
	11:00 AM	In Memory – Dante Pingitore
Saturday, December 27 <sup>th</sup> ,	4:00 PM	In Memory – Anthony Moretti and Angelo & Marie Calore
Sunday, December 28 <sup>th</sup> ,	11:00 AM	In Memory – Members of the Silvia & Gelinas Families



*And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God." - Lk 1:35*

**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. It is a great way for men to meet, share faith values and to prepare for Sunday liturgy. All men are welcome.

**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.



☆☆ 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**

There are Christmas ornaments available for purchase at the Parish Office. There are 2 ornaments, one of our Churches and the other of the Holy Family. The proceeds will go towards our Mission Project!! You can view them on our website at [stthomasmoreri.org](http://stthomasmoreri.org). Please Call Steve Crawford at 789-7682.



Religious Education Schedule  
January 2009

**MON. PM:** JAN. 5<sup>TH</sup>, 12<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup>  
**GR. 1-4:** 3:45-5:00PM @ STM

**TUE. PM:** JAN. 6<sup>TH</sup>, 13<sup>TH</sup> & 27<sup>TH</sup>  
**GR. 1-4:** 3:45-5:00PM @ STM

**GR. 5 & 6:** WED., JAN. 7<sup>TH</sup>, 14<sup>TH</sup> & 28<sup>TH</sup>  
3:45-5:00PM @ ST. VERONICA

**GR. 7 & 8:** WED., JAN. 7<sup>TH</sup> & 28<sup>TH</sup>  
7:00-8:00PM @ ST. VERONICA

**CONF. I & II:** MON. JAN. 12<sup>TH</sup> - 6:30PM  
MOVIE "BELLA" AT THE PIER CINEMA  
MON., JAN 26<sup>TH</sup>  
7:00-8:00PM @ STM



EPIPHANY CONCERT

The Gregorian Concert Choir & Orchestra, under the direction of Fr. Anthony Mancini, Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral, is presenting a program full of Christmas Carols and more called "Epiphany Concert: Sing for the Alzheimer's Cure!" to benefit the Alzheimer's CURE Foundation, Inc. ([www.alzcure.org](http://www.alzcure.org)). This event will take place on Epiphany Sunday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm at The Cathedral- (Snow Date is Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm). Tickets are a donation of \$20 per person. They also make wonderful Christmas gifts. For tickets, call 401-473-7019.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE

Give your spouse a special gift this Christmas: Sign up now for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and receive the gift of a great marriage. Making a weekend will help you put a little Christmas in your marriage everyday! This is a great opportunity to rekindle communication and enjoy a weekend away. For more information, please call 1-800-710-9963 or visit our website at [www.wwmeMA.org](http://www.wwmeMA.org).

Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas More/St. Veronica Parish:

On behalf of the diverse community of St. Michael's Parish, we want to thank all of you who gave of your time, talent and treasure to our parish community to help us enter into much needed renovation of St. Michael's Parish House for use as a community center, religious formation hub, social justice think tank, community action command post and pastoral staff office. There is a spiritual zeal in this community that fosters the proclamation of the Gospel to the poor, the stranger, the hungry, the homeless and the prisoner. Unfortunately that spiritual richness is not matched by the financial resources that are needed to maintain this oasis of Christian community in the heart of South Providence. Thus we are grateful for the renovation that has been accomplished through the generous support and hard work of you, the parishioners of St. Thomas More Parish in Narragansett.

This past Saturday was an exciting day when 51 parishioners of St. Thomas More Parish joined with parishioners of St. Michael's to help prepare the third floor of the Parish House so that the space can be used to live and proclaim the gospel.

Thank you for your prayerful and material support of our parish community.

Sincerely yours,  
*Rev. Thomas J. Ferland & Rev. Jaime Garcia*



FOLLOW-UP REQUEST

It was noticed, after our visit to St. Michael's Parish, that the rectory kitchen stove is about 40 years old (barely works!). The priests rely on three burners to cook their meals, since the oven does not work. If anyone has, or knows of someone who has a working natural gas stove that they would like to donate, please call our parish office at 789-7682. Thank you.

LOST COAT

A woman's jacket was mistakenly taken from the coat rack at Fr. Halloran Hall/St. Veronica (black wool, three quarter length). Please call the office, if you have it.

*DECEMBER 21, 2008*

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***BLESSED CHRISTMAS! LET US GIVE THANKS!***

Let our first words and deepest prayers be rooted in thanks as we celebrate the Birth of Christ, our Savior! We come in this holy season to adore the Christ child. It is truly amazing that God came to us as a vulnerable little child. Little babies are so irresistible and their mere presence makes us full of joy regardless of what is happening in the rest of our lives. We remember, too, that Christ was born into homeless, simple poverty. May this fact and choice by God encourage us to not be attached to material things and to lean on them in any way interiorly? Jesus is called the “Prince of Peace” and our world is in need of His love. We pray for an end to war and violence. We remember the oppressed and the distressed in a special way. Let us place our trust in the Lord this Christmas season. May the obedience and silence of Joseph and the faith and openness of Our Lady help us to be faithful to the Lord and celebrate His birth.

I pray that your celebration of the Christmas season (let’s remember that this lasts through January 11<sup>th</sup>!) be filled with joy and peace of the presence of Jesus. Let us remember those separated from loved ones. We remember our military, missionaries and religious and those who are in civil service sacrificing their days for us all. May Christ fill their hearts with joy.

In particular, I am grateful for the arrival from Rome of Msgr. Robert Gruss who will be with us for a full week. He is a priest of the Diocese of Davenport, Iowa and served as a Pastor there and subsequently as Vicar General of the Diocese. Currently he is the Vice-Rector of the North American College, America’s seminary in Rome where we met and studied together. He is a second-year faculty member at the seminary and helps to prepare men for priestly service throughout the United States. He lives with our Fr. Rodrigues and our four other seminarians from Rhode Island. He is a dear friend and true spiritual brother. I am so grateful to God to have the opportunity to share him with you and you with him. He will join us at our Christmas liturgies. Let us welcome him into our community.

Let us also welcome our many visitors to our parish and our town with the spirit of Christ. . Some find it frustrating that someone is “in their pew” or parking spot at the holy days, resonating of no room at the Inn. Imagine how glad the Lord is that so many come to worship and adore Him in these days. Let us rejoice and be glad!

Blessings and graces to you and your loved ones this Christmas Day and season!

*In Christ Jesus,*

*Fr. Taillon*