



Saturday, December 27 th ,	5:00 PM	In Memory – Annette Riccitelli
Sunday, December 28 th ,	10:00 AM	In Memory – Benjamin Fitzgerald Tweedie
Monday, December 29 th ,	9:00 AM	3 rd Anniversary – Rita Phaneuf
Tuesday, December 30 th ,	9:00 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving
Wednesday, December 31 st ,	5:00 PM	Special Intention (living) – Alice Kilsey
Thursday, January 1 st ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Betty Braisted
Friday, January 2 nd ,	9:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Michael Vigliotti, Jr.
Saturday, January 3 rd ,	9:00 AM	Special Intention
	5:00 PM	In Memory – Thomas & Michael Carroll
Sunday, January 4 th ,	8:00 AM	In Memory – Bernice McCormick
	10:00 AM	In Memory – James & Anna Mancini

St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday, December 27 th ,	4:00 PM	In Memory – Anthony Moretti and Angelo & Marie Calore
Sunday, December 28 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Eileen Jones
	11:00 AM	In Memory– Members of the Silvia & Gelinas Families
Thursday, January 1 st ,	10:00 AM	In Memory – Patrick & Teresa Dwyre
Saturday, January 3 rd ,	4:00 PM	Month’s Mind - Dr. Domenic Petronio
Sunday, January 4 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Robert & Anna Parkinson
	11:00 AM	In Memory – Jane Orsini



"My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." - Lk 2:30-32

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.

HOLY HOUR FOR PRO-LIFE

The next Holy Hour prayer for pro-life will be this **Friday, January 2nd**, beginning at 9:30AM. Everyone is welcome.

Wedding Banns

I Frank Whitten & Martha Nailor



The Social Ministry Committee cordially invites you to a Coffee An' next Sunday, January 4th, following the 10:00 AM Mass at St. Thomas More and the 9:00AM Mass at St. Veronica. Please come and join us!!

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.

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.

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!

Religious Education Schedule
January 2009

MON. PM:	JAN. 5 TH , 12 TH & 26 TH
GR. 1-4:	3:45-5:00PM @ STM
TUES. PM:	JAN. 6 TH , 13 TH & 27 TH
GR. 1-4:	3:45-5:00PM @ STM
GR. 5 & 6:	WED., JAN. 7 TH , 14 TH & 28 TH
	3:45-5:00PM @ ST. VERONICA
GR. 7 & 8:	WED., JAN. 7 TH & 28 TH
	7:00-8:00PM @ ST. VERONICA
CONF. I & II:	MON. JAN. 12 TH - 6:30PM
	MOVIE "BELLA" AT THE PIER CINEMA
	MON., JAN 26 TH
	7:00-8:15PM @ STM



 **Volunteer**

We are looking for volunteers to cook a Sunday Night meal at Welcome House. This is a great way for students to get service hours. A couple of families could get together to share in making a meal. Also, volunteers are needed to bake desserts for a couple of weekends during the year (2009) at the Storehouse in Peacedale. For more information, please call Patti at 783-7165.

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.alzecure.org). This event will take place on Epiphany Sunday, Jan. 4th at 3:00pm at The Cathedral- (Snow Date is Jan. 11th at 3:00pm). Tickets are a donation of \$20 per person. For more information or tickets, call 401-473-7019.



The Feast of Mary, Mother of God
January 1, 2009 - Mass Schedule

Wed., Dec. 31st - Vigil Masses:
4:00PM - St. Veronica
5:00PM - St. Thomas More

Thurs., Jan 1st - Holyday Masses:
9:00AM - St. Thomas More
10:00AM - St. Veronica Chapel

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.

**DATES TO REMEMBER IN THE
NEW YEAR!**

Tony Melendez Concert - Friday, March 20th
at 7:00 PM - St. Thomas More

Mission Trip to the Orphanage in the
Dominican Republic - April 13th - 19th

Mass of Anointing of the Sick - Saturday,
April 25th at 11:00AM - St. Thomas More

First Communion - Saturday, May 2nd at
11:00AM - St. Thomas More

Sacrament of Confirmation - Saturday,
May 9th at 11:00AM - St. Thomas More with
Bishop Daniel Thomas

St. Thomas More Parish Feast - Friday-
Sunday, June 19th-21st

Stay tuned!!

The Holy Family Feast

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. We automatically are drawn to the scene of the manger with Mary and Joseph adoring the Christ child. There are other meditations too, though. Have you ever meditated upon the countless times that the three of them shared meals together? How about the scenario of Joseph and Jesus heading off to make furniture together then returning home after a long work day to pray, share and relax? Most of the Holy Family's life is unrecorded. It is in fact called the hidden life since it is so unknown. Yet, among the things that are known is that God had a plan for Jesus and for family life. God went through a lot of trouble to ensure that Jesus had both a mother and father. In light of recent challenges to traditional family life in law and culture this feast is cause for meditation and reflection. We know that many people today experience broken homes and failed marriages, and mothers and fathers and single-parent families need special support and encouragement from the Church and her members. At the same time, hopefully, we can consider that paradigm of the Holy Family as the ideal for society and culture. (I hope to write a more extensive column in the near future about marriage issues). In the meantime, here are some ideas to ponder this Christmas season:

God selected our families for us (even by marriage, since they are a vocation and a calling). We need to respect that and see our families as God-chosen even in times of difficulty.

We need to ask for patience and for a spirit of forgiveness within and towards our families.

As Christ's disciples we should be able to "give" more than "receive" at times and be at peace with that.

We should be grateful for the gift our families are.

We should commit ourselves to supporting other people's families and be encouraging and positive about family life and responsibilities, careful not to ever encourage the breakdown of families when crises arise.

Invoke Mary and Joseph as role models and spiritual friends concerning our own role in our own family and that of God's family, the Church.

In Christ Jesus,

Fr. Taillon