

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 11 th ,	5:00 PM	2 nd Anniversary – Patricia Healey
Sunday, February 12 th ,	8:00 AM	In Memory – Donald Moffitt
	10:00 AM	13 th Anniversary – Dr. John Brady
Tuesday, February 14 th ,	9:00 AM	Special Intention – Corine Langendoen
Wednesday, February 15 th ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – Gertrude Hall
Thursday, February 16 th ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – Walter & Josephine Kieon
Friday, February 17 th ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – Sarah Carpenter
Saturday, February 18 th ,	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday, February 19 th ,	10:00 AM	In Memory – Frank, Peter & Edmund Dubilewski

St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday, February 11 th ,	4:00 PM	In Memory – Antonio & Concetta Previte and Leo & Connie Graves
Sunday, February 12 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Lydia J. Coli
	11:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Felix Berardas
Saturday, February 18 th ,	4:00 PM	13 th Anniversary – Albert Christopher
Sunday, February 19 th ,	9:00 AM	7 th Anniversary – Marguerite Carty
	11:00 AM	Anniversary – Joseph & Eva Formicola



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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.

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 are able to attend.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next meeting is this Monday, February 13th at 7:30PM at St. Thomas More, Parish Hall. Any questions, please call Bill Munroe at 295-0171.

UPDATE

Last week, I was attending a Legatus (Ambassadors for Christ) Conference out of state and took ill. This resulted in a hospital stay. I am on a full road to recovery and I am grateful for those who heard about this and prayed. I will have a limited schedule for a few more days and appreciate your patience!

Fr. Taillon

OUR LADY'S GUILD

The next meeting of Our Lady's Guild is this Tuesday, February 14th, following the 9:00AM Mass. Everyone is invited and new members are always welcome.

CAPUCHIN SISTERS OF NAZARETH

Young Woman's Vocation Discernment Retreat date: February 17th-19th (Snow date: February 24th-26th). Come and see if God may be calling you! Please call Sr. Veronica at (570) 836-2737 to register or for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

February 2012

SUN. AM: FEB. 12TH & 26TH
GR. 1-4 10:05-10:55AM @ ST. V

MON. PM: FEB. 13TH & 27TH
GR. 1-4 4:10-5:00PM @ STM

GR. 5 & 6: WED., FEB. 29TH
4:10-5:00PM @ ST. V.

GR. 7 & 8: WED., FEB. 29TH
7:00-8:00PM @ ST. V.

CONF. I: SUN., FEB. 12th & 26^{th**}
In lieu of class on 2/26, students will attend the Lenten Mission @ STM
7:00 – 8:15PM @ ST. V.

CONF. II: SUN., FEB. 12th & 26^{th**}
In lieu of class on 2/26, students will attend the Lenten Mission @ STM. Also, Conf. II students will also attend the Lenten Mission on Monday, 2/27 & Tuesday, 2/28.
7:00 – 8:15PM @ ST. V.



NEW ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING

There will be a training session, for new altar servers with Fr. Taillon, on Sunday, February 12th at 2:30PM at St. Thomas More for anyone in grades 3 to 8. Also, those already trained may come for a refresher class. Don't miss out on this opportunity to serve the Lord and to strengthen your understanding of the Mass. The MC Program (Master of Ceremony) is for high school students. Call the Parish Office at 789-7682 to register.

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE

Federal & State Income Tax returns will once again be prepared free of charge at the Narragansett Community Senior Center on Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 9:00AM-1:00PM. Please call 782-0675 for an appointment and bring last year's return and this year's supporting documents.

LENTEN MISSION

7:00PM – ST. THOMAS MORE

SUNDAY – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH -28TH

The Three Theological Virtues

Sunday, February 26th:

The Theological Virtue of Faith – What does it mean to be a faithful Catholic in 2012?

Monday, February 27th:

The Theological Virtue of Hope – Is Christian hope real and reliable?

Tuesday, February 28th:

The Theological Virtue of Love – How do we practice charity in an age of violence and egoism?

Msgr. Mancini, Rector of the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Director of the Diocesan choir is the speaker.

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ROSARY REPAIR

Bring your rosaries to the Parish Office in an envelope with your name and telephone number on the front and we will call you when they are repaired.

Wedding Banns

III Robert McClanaghan & Daniela DeSimone



Dear Parishioners,

Recently, a government mandate was issued that requires employers, including religious institutions, to provide health coverage that includes contraception, sterilization, and abortifacients. This mandate would force Catholic institutions to purchase coverage for drugs and procedures that are opposed to the teaching of Christ. Underlying the legal separation of church and state issues in this mandate are moral issues involving procreation and respect for life. To understand the legal issues, our conscience must be properly formed to appreciate the moral issues.

Openness to children is a part of every marriage and every marital act. “A child does not come from outside as something added on to the mutual love of the spouses, but springs from the very heart of that mutual giving [in conjugal love], as its fruit and fulfillment” (CCC n. 2366). That said, spouses may, for just reasons, wish to space the birth of their children for a period of time, perhaps indefinitely. In fact, “The regulation of births represents one of the aspects of responsible fatherhood and motherhood. [However], legitimate intentions on the part of the spouses do not justify recourse to morally unacceptable means (for example, direct sterilization or contraception)” (CCC n. 2399). There are methods of regulating births through natural family planning which are safe, effective, *and moral* because they “respect the bodies of the spouses, encourage tenderness between them, and favor the education of an authentic freedom” (CCC n. 2370).

Once conceived, “Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception” (CCC n. 2270). Procured abortion fails to respect the life of the human person in the womb.

Space does not allow for an in-depth review of these moral issues. The references to the Catechism give you a starting point if you are looking for additional information. Christopher West’s *Good News About Sex and Marriage: Answers to Your Honest Questions About Catholic Teaching* is another good resource.

Let us first form our consciences properly and then pray that the laws and mandates of our country will respect our beliefs and allow us to follow our conscience.

Fr. Fisette

P.S. Don’t forget that training for new altar servers (grades 3-8) takes place today (Sunday) at St. Thomas More at 2:30. Come join us in serving the Lord at the altar!