

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 12 th ,	5:00 PM	In Memory – Virginia Gilmartin
Sunday, February 13 th ,	8:00 AM	Special Intention – Illness - Janice Simpson
	10:00 AM	Anniversary – Lillian burke
Monday, February 14 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Richard Buscher
Tuesday, February 15 th ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary - Gertrude Hall
Wednesday, February 16 th ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – Michael B. & Josephine Kieon
Thursday, February 17 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Donald Ford
Friday, February 18 th ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – Sarah Carpenter
Saturday, February 19 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – James Maloney
	5:00 PM	In Memory – Antonio & Concetta Previte and Leo & Connie Graves
Sunday, February 20 th ,	8:00 AM	Pro Populo
	10:00 AM	12 th Anniversary – Dr. John F. Brady

St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday, February 12 th ,	4:00 PM	Birthday Remembrance – Anthony Moretti
Sunday, February 13 th ,	9:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Lydia Coli
	11:00 AM	Pro Populo
Saturday, February 19 th ,	4:00 PM	12 th Anniversary – Albert Christopher
Sunday, February 20 th ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – Marguerite Carty
	11:00 AM	In Memory – Members of the Struck & O'Rourke Families



"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, you shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with brother will be liable to judgment." - Mt 5:21-22a

WHY DOES MARRIAGE MATTER??

What can you do??

Call you State Representative and Senator and tell them that you oppose efforts to redefine marriage.

Sen. James Sheehan – 885-1988

Rep. Teresa Tanzi – 527-9468

Rep. Donald Lally – 792-9090

Please voice your support for marriage & family in Rhode Island.

HOLLYWOOD VS. FAITH

Frank Runyeon will be at St. Thomas More this Sunday, February 13th – 6PM for a talk on "Hollywood vs. Faith". Mr.

Runyeon has always felt torn between the world of the media and the world of faith and thinks much of America is: We go from our TV to church, and then back to our TV (I-Pod or computer). We want to live in both worlds. But is that really possible?

Over the past 30 years, as the way of life embodied by the mass media has moved further and further from the Christian way of life, Mr. Runyeon confides he has struggled to make the right choices. He speaks with humor about that struggle and shares the fruits of lessons he has learned—from his studies at Princeton to working opposite Meg Ryan on the soaps, from hosting comedy talk shows on L.A. radio to 20 years touring America. All are welcomed to attend!!



Religious Education Schedule

February 2011

SUN. AM: FEB. 13TH & 27TH
GR. 1-4 10:05-10:55AM @ ST. V.

MON. PM: FEB. 14TH & 28TH
GR. 1-4 4:10-5:00PM @ STM

GR. 5 & 6: WED., FEB. 16TH
4:10-5:00PM @ ST. V.

GR. 7 & 8: WED., FEB. 16TH
7:00-8:00PM @ ST. V.

CONF. I: **SUN., FEB. 13TH – STUDENTS
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1ST COMMUNION - PARENTS MEETING

There is an important meeting for First Communion (Grade 2) parents on Monday, February 28th, at 7:00PM at St. Thomas More. **At least one parent must attend!** Babysitting will be provided.

PARISH TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Tuition assistance is available for families who are registered members of St. Thomas More Parish and have children attending Catholic Schools in grades K-12. Any family wishing to apply for assistance should submit a FACTS application before March 15, 2011. You may apply on-line or get an application through your school. Scholarship awards are based on need.

ST. VERONICA MUSIC - CD

The St. Veronica Music Ministry has recorded a live liturgical CD. They are at the Parish Office or available at St. Veronica. The cost is \$15.00 and proceeds will go to our orphanage in the Dominican Republic.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 8th - 5-7PM – Mardi Gras Tuesday - at St. Veronica. \$5.00/person or \$20.00/family – donations going to our Dominican Republic Orphanage – Last feast before Lent!!

Lenten Retreat – Capucin Sisters - Sunday & Monday, March 13th & 14th - 7PM at St. Veronica

RHODE ISLAND CATHOLIC

The Rhode Island Catholic annual campaign lasts through the month of February. Why not receive the news from our diocese, country and around the world!! Subscribe and have it delivered to your home, just call 272-1010. Only \$25.00 for a one year subscription – 48 issues!

FREE TAX ASSISTANCE

Federal & State Income Tax returns will once again be prepared free of charge at the Neighborhood Guild on Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:00AM-1:00PM – first come first serve (no appointments taken). Please bring last year's return and this year's supporting documents.

REFLECTIONS ON MATRIMONY

Sacrament of Enduring Love – Saturday, March 12th from 1-4PM, Bryant University – MAC Center. Calling all couples – enrich and deepen your love with an afternoon of reflection on the rich sacrament and the unique spirituality of Matrimony. The deadline to register is March 1st. For more info., call Office of Marriage Preparation at 278-4576.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life Kick-Off Rally will be held on Saturday, February 26th - 8AM with a peaceful vigil at the Women's Medical Ctr., Broad Street, Cranston, then a 9AM Mass at St. Paul Church, Cranston followed by the kick-off rally in the school auditorium until 12:30pm. All are invited. For more information & to R.S.V.P., please call Carol at 421-7833 ext. 118.

FEBRUARY 13, 2011

An Update On Marriage...

I know that many of you have been kind enough to call our local representatives and encourage them to respect same sex couples and their goals while at the same time finding other ways to meet them legally without redefining marriage for all. I, too, have reached out to our representatives. **Senator Sheehan** and I keep playing a phone tag game and I hope to meet with him in person to explain the seriousness of this issue for all and find out how he would vote.

Rep. Teresa Tanzi who is our newly elected representative finally called back after several inquiries. We spoke for some time by phone. She is a *co sponsor* of the same sex marriage bill and is extremely “progressive” on social issues including her longstanding support for Planned Parenthood and abortion rights. In addition, she is vehemently against letting all our citizens have a vote on the same sex marriage issue but in favor of the General Assembly doing so. The arguments about nature, motherhood and fatherhood are not relevant and she thinks consenting adults a marriage makes. She has no issue with those rooted in the Judeo-Christian tradition being mandated to promote and espouse “same sex marriage” as marriage in public school curriculums, etc. I found the greatest inconsistency in her philosophy is in not wanting the people of our district to be able to voice their opinion by referendum on such an important issue that certainly undermines and threatens our religious liberties.

Rep. Donald Lally has not responded at all as of Wednesday, February 9th. I have left several messages over the last week and a half and went personally to his law office with parishioners to meet with him! He was not in when I went, so I left a hand written letter stating that I was hoping to meet with him in person to help him understand the magnitude of this legislation that he has *co-sponsored* and in his pivotal position on the judiciary committee. It is disheartening that as a constituent and as a local Pastor he would not make any response!

In any event, there is a lot to pray for and lots to hope for in light of this past week. Let us pray for all those who experience same sex attraction, those of us who respect and care about them and our legislators that they will be open to real and honest dialogue about the role of government, family and marriage and the laws of nature.

Our parish website has a good “Q” and “A” about this sensitive but paramount issue. As we so often say at Mass, “let us pray!”

Fr. Taillon

**saw the movie *The Rite* this week. Very interesting and thought provoking. Recommended but not for the faint of heart about evil!

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