

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 18 th ,	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday, February 19 th ,	8:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Yolanda Turano
	10:00 AM	In Memory – Frank, Peter & Edmund Dubilewski
Monday, February 20 th ,	9:00 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving
Friday, February 24 th ,	9:00 AM	Month’s Mind – Gov. J. Joseph Garrahy
Saturday, February 25 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Suzanne Olson
	5:00 PM	6 th Anniversary – Dorothy Cook

St. Veronica Chapel

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
Saturday, February 25 th ,	4:00 PM	In Memory – Grace Farina
Sunday, February 26 th ,	11:00 AM	In Memory – Virginia Gilmartin



THANK YOU

Thank you for your kind reception, hospitality and generosity to us last weekend. Special thanks to the priests for being such great hosts! We will keep you in our prayers. Fr. Terence Lee & Fr. Brian Coffey Mill Hill Missionaries

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, February 22nd:

7AM-St. Veronica Chapel

9AM-St. Thomas More

12Noon-St. Thomas More

7PM-St. Veronica Chapel

The collection this year is for our Mission Trip to the Standing Rock Indian Reservation in South Dakota, the poorest county in our country.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days for Life Kick-Off Rally will be held on Saturday, February 25th - 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.

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. If you would like to become part of the prayer chain ministry, call 295-1241.

OFFICE CLOSED



The Parish Office will be closed this Monday, February 20th for President’s day.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

February 2012

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

MON. PM: FEB. 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. 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. 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.



ROLLER SKATING NIGHT

A family roller skating night featuring Christian music this Tuesday, February 21st from 6:30-9PM at the Narragansett Ocean Skate Club. The cost is \$6.00 per person or \$25.00 for an entire family (does not include skate rental). Proceeds will benefit the Providence Rescue Mission – homeless and needy of RI.

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.

PLAY BALL!! Support our parish missionary trip to the Indian Reservations of South Dakota by participating in an exciting drawing for two tickets to Fenway Park on May 1st to see the Red Sox take on the Oakland A's of *Moneyball* fame. This prize includes two field box seats along "Canvas Alley" next to the Red Sox dugout, t-shirts, hats, peanuts and Cracker Jacks and a DVD of the Oscar-nominated film *Moneyball*!! Chances are **only \$10 (3/\$25)**, and can be purchased in the Parish Office or at our gala "**Celebrate the Missions Party**" at 12noon on Sunday, March 4th at St. Veronica Chapel, Msgr. Halloran Hall, where the drawing will take place. All proceeds will go toward the mission trip. SEE YOU THERE!!

AN EVENING OF LENTEN REFLECTION

St. Edmund's Retreat on Tue., Feb. 21st from 6-8:30PM with Fr. Frank Sutman, OP. The theme is "*Mardi Gras Feast – A Drink Called Happiness*". On the eve of Lent, come celebrate a joyful meal & prayer. Includes a New Orleans style "Mardi Gras" dinner followed by evening prayer. The cost is \$35.00p/p. Reservations required - 860-536-0565.



“Healthcare” Mandate....

I have never been more concerned, disturbed and shocked at what our government has announced to all Catholics!

The US Dept of Health and Human Services and President Obama offered an “accommodation” last week in that the funding of contraception, abortifacients, and sterilization be provided by the insurer instead of the employer but maintained the mandate that it be provided by all religious institutions. Incidentally, many of our agencies and facilities are self-insured! So what does this accommodation mean anyway?

This mandate is, as Archbishop Chaput of Philadelphia said this week, “at its heart has a seemingly deep distrust of the formative role of religious faith on personal and moral conduct, and a deep distaste for religion’s moral influence on public affairs. This law is bad law; and not merely bad but dangerous and insulting. It needs to be withdrawn now.”

The Providence Journal recently opined that since Catholic institutions and agencies receive some funding from the government that we should accept this mandate. The Catholic Church remains fueled by Christ Jesus to serve the needy and the poor (including the unborn) everywhere when she finds them regardless of the recipient’s beliefs, practice or political beliefs. The Church really practices what she preaches. This law would mandate that Catholic institutions and agencies recommend, provide and encourage practices and medicines that are opposed to Christ’s teachings. Individuals are entitled to contraceptives under civil laws, to sterilize and yes, even to end the life of the unborn child, but for our institutions to be required by federal law to provide, encourage and potentially fund such services is not only wrong but unacceptable. The Catholic Church serves the community and our nation’s citizenry each day not as some extension of the federal government or social agency but as a church committed to the Gospel and its values.

President Obama has chosen this fight at an inopportune time and it is a fight he cannot win because it is simply impossible for the Church to adhere to a mandate that is immoral and against the Apostolic Tradition.

The First Amendment protects our Church (as well as people of other religions and of no faith) to practice that faith freely. The government has overreached and mandated something it has no right to do. I will pray for political and church leaders that the Holy Spirit may guide them and us to ensure the free exercise of religion in our nation. We cannot and will not follow something against conscience formed by the Gospel.

We will discern in the coming weeks how and when we can get this mandate to respect religious exemption. These words are not partisan but necessary.

The mandate must be withdrawn. It is opposed to Jesus Christ. Let us pray.

Fr. Tailon