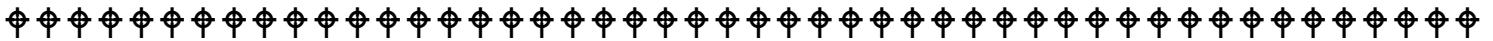


MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 25 th ,	5:00 PM	6 th Anniversary – Dorothy Cook
Sunday, February 26 th ,	8:00 AM	Marriage & Family Life
Monday, February 27 th ,	9:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday, February 29 th ,	9:00 AM	Pro Populo
Saturday, March 3 rd ,	5:00 PM	In Memory – Members of the Del Monico Family
Sunday, March 4 th ,	8:00 AM	Month’s Mind – Mary Ryan
	10:00 AM	2 nd Anniversary – Joseph Baglini

St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday, February 25 th ,	4:00 PM	In Memory – Grace Farina
Sunday, February 26 th ,	9:00 AM	Month’s Mind – Gov. J. Joseph Garrahy
	11:00 AM	In Memory – Virginia Gilmartin
Sunday, March 4 th ,	11:00 AM	In Memory – Members of the Struck & O’Rourke Families



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.

1ST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

The next Holy Hour is this **Friday, March 2nd**, beginning at 9:30AM. Everyone is welcome.

CELEBRATE THE MISSIONS!

Come and enjoy the fun and learn about the experiences of the St. Thomas More parish missionaries on Sunday, March 4th at 12pm at St. Veronica Chapel. A new, never-seen-before video of our most recent Thanksgiving trip to the Dominican Republic will be viewed! We will also be selling beautiful Pashmina scarves of every style and color and a beautiful array of jewelry from the display cases of Danecraft Jewelry! Come meet the missionaries going to the Indian Reservations of South Dakota in April as well as veteran missionaries from past trips to the DR and New Orleans. Bakes goods and coffee/juices will be served. See you there!

REGIONAL LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Please try to participate on one of the following dates:

- Mon., March 26th - 1:00PM- St. Francis of Assisi
 - Thur., March 29th - 7:00PM- St. Mary Star of the Sea
 - Tue. April 3rd – 7:00PM – St. Veronica Chapel
 - Wed., April 4th - 7:00PM- Christ the King
- There will be six priests available each evening.*

LENTEN VIDEO SERIES AT THE VILLAGE INN

Join us for a viewing of the highly acclaimed video series **CATHOLICISM**, a “visually stunning and remarkable video series” that is being called “one of the great evangelical works of modern times.” These 50-minute presentations will be followed by a brief discussion. Pizza and coffee will be served.

Sunday, March 4th 6:30pm
 Sunday, March 25th 6:30pm
 Ballroom at The Village Inn

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

February/March 2012

- SUN. AM:** FEB. 26TH
GR. 1-4 MARCH 4TH, 11TH 18TH & 25TH
 10:05-10:55AM @ ST. V
- MON. PM:** FEB. 27TH
GR. 1-4 MARCH 5TH, 12TH, 19TH & 26TH
 4:10-5:00PM @ STM
- GR. 5 & 6:** WED., FEB. 29TH
 WED., MARCH 7TH, 14TH, 21ST & 28TH
 4:10-5:00PM @ ST. V.
- GR. 7 & 8:** WED., FEB. 29TH
 WED., MARCH 7TH, 14TH, 21ST & 28TH
 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 – 7-8PM.
 SUN., MARCH 11TH & 18TH - CLASS
 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 – 7-8PM.
 SUN., MARCH 11TH – LIFETEEN MASS AT HOLY APOSTLES - MEET - 3PM - ST. V.
 SUN., MARCH 18TH - CLASS
 7:00 – 8:15PM @ ST. V.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Bishop Evans invites all high school, college, and post-college age men interested in learning more about the priesthood to join him for prayer, discussion, and pizza **Tuesday, March 6, 2012** 6:30PM Seminary of Our Lady of Providence, 485 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence. Please contact Fr. Carl Fisette –789-7682/revcbf@catholicpriest.com “Jesus said to them, ‘Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men.’” www.catholicpriest.



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!!

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 beginning Monday, January 30th. Please call 782-0675 for an appointment. Please bring last year’s return and this year’s supporting documents.

Dear Parishioners,

We have entered the holy season of Lent—a time to return to the disciplines that keep us close to the Lord. We all know that Lent is a time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These are three tasks which are never outdated. The Gospel on Ash Wednesday (Mt 6:1-6, 16-18) told us that *when* we pray; *when* we fast; and *when* give alms, we are to do it privately and not to make it public. Jesus doesn't say *if* but *when* we pray, fast, and give alms.

We already know the importance of praying daily and participating in Mass **every** Sunday. One of the best Lenten practices is to attend daily Mass during Lent. The spiritual benefit of attending daily Mass will change your life. It is understandable that some cannot attend daily Mass because of work, etc. but we can all make time during the day for prayer even if it means getting up a little earlier. Perhaps we can pray the Rosary each day, meditating on the mysteries of Jesus life, death, and Resurrection or we can come to St. Thomas More at 7:00 each Friday evening during Lent to pray the Stations of the Cross.

We fast during Lent, giving up something that we enjoy for the sake of God and His kingdom. Fasting helps us to put our focus back on the Lord and recognize that it is from Him that we have these things. It puts our attention back on Him rather than on the things of the world.

As we become aware of the blessings that each of us has received, we are also aware that they are not meant for us alone but are to be shared with those in need through our almsgiving.

So if we are doing all this prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent, why not do it publicly like when we received ashes on our forehead? Lent is not a time for *show*—it is a time for *change*. The three tasks which our Blessed Lord gives us are meant to lead us to change our hearts and focus on Him. Prayer is simply conversation which brings us closer to God. Fasting invites us to give up what may have become a god in our lives so that we can focus on the one, true God from whom all good things come. Almsgiving helps us to recognize Christ in the poor. And, of course, let's make sure that we don't let this Lent pass by without making a good confession.

What we do in secret in Lent will be rewarded by true change in our hearts.

Fr. Fiset