

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 26 th ,	5:00 PM	In Memory – Members of the Del Monico Family
Sunday, February 27 th ,	8:00 AM	Pro Populo
	10:00 AM	In Memory – Kelly Silvestro
Monday, February 28 th ,	9:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday, March 2 nd ,	9:00 AM	Special Intention - Illness
Thursday, March 3 rd ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Donald Ford
Friday, March 4 th ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – Thomas A. Lamb
Saturday, March 5 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Maurice Curtis
	5:00 PM	In Memory – Members of the Russo Family
Sunday, March 6 th ,	8:00 AM	In Memory – Vincent McCormick
	10:00 AM	3 rd Anniversary – Molly Contillo

St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday, February 26 th ,	4:00 PM	1 st Anniversary – Grace Farina
Sunday, February 27 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – John W. Koza
	11:00 AM	Anniversary – Joseph & Eva Formicola
Saturday, March 5 th ,	4:00 PM	Special Intention – Members of the Military
Sunday, March 5 th ,	9:00 AM	10 th Anniversary – Joseph Beuth
	11:00 AM	6 th Anniversary – Howard Kenny



"Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?" - Mt 6:26

HOLY HOUR FOR WORLD PEACE

The next Holy Hour for prayer is for world peace - **Friday, March 4th**, beginning at 9:30AM. We will pray for Christians in war torn countries. Everyone is welcome.

RCIA

The next class is on Tuesday, March 1st at 7:30PM.

☞ Volunteer

We are looking for volunteers to cook a Sunday Night meal at Welcome House for 20 people. 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 Friday, March 11th at the Storehouse in Peacedale. For more information, please call Patti at 783-7165.

MARDI GRAS PANCAKE SUPPER TO BENEFIT MISSION TRIP

St. Veronica Chapel on Tuesday March 8th from 5:00pm – 7:00pm. Please join us and celebrate Mardi Gras with delicious pancakes and toppings and Mardi Gras crafts for the kids. Only \$5 per person or \$20 per family (pay at the door). Cooks and Servers will be our Confirmation students!

Welcome the Newly Baptized:
Camila Joan Capaldi
Daughter of Philip & Michaela
Luke Robert Taliani
Son of Robert & Jennifer
Congratulations!!

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Religious Education Schedule

February/March 2011

SUN. AM: FEB. 27TH
GR. 1-4 MARCH 6TH, 13TH, 20TH & 27TH
10:05-10:55AM @ ST. V.

MON. PM: FEB. 28TH
GR. 1-4 MARCH 7TH, 14TH, 21ST & 28TH
4:10-5:00PM @ STM

GR. 5 & 6: WED., MARCH 2ND, 16TH, 23RD & 30TH
4:10-5:00PM @ ST. V.

GR. 7 & 8: WED., MARCH 2ND, 16TH, 23RD, 30TH
7:00-8:00PM @ ST. V.

CONF. I: SUN., FEB. 27TH
SUN. & MON. MARCH 13TH & 14TH – LENTEN
MISSION AT ST. V. – 7-8PM
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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.

OPEN HOUSE

Bishop Hendricken High School will have an Open House on Sunday, March 6th, from 12:30PM-3:00PM. For more information, please call the admissions office at 739-3450 ext. 162.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Please join us on Friday, March 4th – 2PM at the Peacedale Congregational Church. This year it is led by women from Chile, to help us to reflect on Christ's words, "How many loaves have you?" Christian women, from around the world, come together to affirm that prayer and action are inseparable & both have immeasurable influence as they address the needs of women and children.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Ash Wednesday – March 6th
Masses – STM – 9:00AM & 12Noon
Masses – St. V. – 7:00AM & 7:00PM

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

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.

FOOD COLLECTION

Next weekend is our monthly Food Collection. Items needed are: juice boxes, cans of juice, cereal, cookies, crackers, hot chocolate, jelly, coffee, pasta, pasta sauce, spaghetti, baked beans, soups, canned fruit, tuna fish, personal hygiene products and gift certificates. Please deposit items in the bins located at the Church entrances.

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.

THEOLOGY UNCORKED

This talk is on Friday, March 4th - St. Francis of Assisi, beginning at 6:30PM with a wine & cheese reception, talk to follow. The topic for our upcoming gathering is: "New Words: A Deeper Meaning but the Same Mass". Fr. Jeremy Rodrigues, former assistant pastor of St. Thomas More, will speak on the upcoming changes in the liturgy of the Mass. RSVP is required by March 2nd – 783-4411.

Blessed John Paul II!

You may have heard or read by now that Pope John Paul II will be beatified on May 1st this year in St. Peter's in Rome. It has been six years (hard to believe) since his going home to the Lord. I have a profound and distinct memory of watching the funeral mass in my room at the seminary at 4am with several brother priests and being most moved by the millions who were chanting "santo subito" or "sainthood now" in the crowds. I also remember the call from the crowds of "magnus" (Latin for "great") which is a rare distinction given to saints that can only really come from the laity and not the hierarchy.

Some have asked what the distinction is between *beatification* and *canonization*. When someone who is reputed to be extraordinarily holy dies they are declared *venerable* by the Church. A formal process ensues in which the life is closely examined to ensure a consistent and virtuous life. John Paul, of course, was found to have led such a life not only by the Congregation of Saints but also in the court of public opinion.

In order to be beatified, there must be one authenticated miracle credited to his intercession that would be miraculous and confirmed by medical specialists outside of the Church's purview. Sr. Marie Simon Pierre invoked John Paul when she was suffering Parkinson's disease and was miraculously cured. Pope John Paul II also suffered from Parkinson's disease himself and was notable for his patient trust of God amidst his very public physical maladies while he continued to serve the People of God.

His papacy was the third longest (28 years!) in the 2000+ year history since St. Peter. He survived the assassination attempt by Mohammed Ali Acga whom he personally forgave after recovery. He was instrumental in helping bring down communism to much of Eastern Europe with his tremendous influence in Poland and the Soviet Union. He was Pro-Life and Pro-Love in his ministry. His teachings of Theology of the Body are finally beginning to circulate through catechetical programs providing a modern language for the church's rich teachings on sexuality, marriage and family.

Having been blessed to serve Mass with him at St. Peter's on several occasions, I was witness to his contemplative prayer preparation before he would enter a full St. Peter's. The Holy Father would groan in prayer on the prie dieu (kneeler) for twenty minutes before presiding. I consider these graces to be so special.

In light of the scandals of some priests and the secularism in the west we are experiencing, I pray that this beatification will be a strength to us all as we pilgrim home to our Heavenly Father. (Almost) Blessed John Paul II, pray for us!

Fr. Taillon

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