

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday, March 11 <sup>th</sup> ,	8:00 AM	Pro Populo
Monday, March 12 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – John Griffin
Tuesday, March 13 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Special Intention
Wednesday, March 14 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Special Intention
Thursday, March 15 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – Francis Maiorano
Friday, March 16 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Special Intention
Saturday, March 17 <sup>th</sup> ,	5:00 PM	In Memory – Members of the Russo Family
Sunday, March 18 <sup>th</sup> ,	10:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Joseph Cicchelli

**St. Veronica Chapel**

Saturday, March 10 <sup>th</sup> ,	4:00 PM	In Memory – Mary Rigney Andrews
Sunday, March 11 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Month’s Mind – Raymond Flynn
	11:00 AM	4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Molly Contillo
Saturday, March 17 <sup>th</sup> ,	4:00 PM	11 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Pamela Holmberg
Sunday, March 18 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Thomas & Irene Landry
	11:00 AM	Anniversary – Donna Marton-Benner



**THE WAY OF THE CROSS WITH MUSICAL**

**MEDITATIONS**

Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 3PM in the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul, the Gregorian Concert Choir will present the “Way of the Cross with Musical Meditations” to benefit the Haitian Project, which assists in the education of poor Haitian children free of charge. These Meditations were composed by Pope Benedict XVI. Tickets are \$10.00/pp. Call the Cathedral office at 331-2434. Tickets will also be sold at the door on the day of the Concert.

**THANK YOU**

A special “thank you” to St. Thomas More Parish for your generous donation of \$4,294.00 to the Mission Hill Missionaries. This collection will enable us to continue our work - spreading the gospel to the poor.

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES**

*Please try to participate on one of the following dates:*

- Mon., March 26<sup>th</sup> - 1:00PM- St. Francis of Assisi
- Thur., March 29<sup>th</sup> - 7:00PM- St. Mary Star of the Sea
- Tue., April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7:00PM – St. Veronica Chapel**
- Wed., April 4<sup>th</sup> - 7:00PM- Christ the King



**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.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The next meeting is this Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM at St. Thomas More, Parish Hall. Any questions, please call Bill Munroe at 295-0171.

**OUR LADY’S GUILD**

The next meeting of Our Lady’s Guild is this Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, following the 9:00AM Mass. Everyone is invited and new members are always welcome.

**RCIA**

The next class is this Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM – St. Thomas More.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Fridays during Lent- 7PM- St. Thomas More.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

March 2012

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



**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

Parishioner Tim Whalen was the winner of the “*Moneyball*” raffle basket, which included tickets for the Boston Red Sox.

**OPEN HOUSE**

Bishop Hendricken High School will have an Open House this Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, from 12Noon-3:00PM - tour the facilities, meet the staff. To pre-register or for more information, please call the admissions office at 739-3450 ext. 162.

**MSGR. CLARKE OPEN HOUSE**

Msgr. Clarke School will have an Open House on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:00AM-1:00PM. Tour the facilities and learn about Msgr. Clarke’s academic program. For more information, please call the School Office at 789-0860.

**KNITTING MINISTRY**

The next meeting is this Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30PM at the St. Thomas More Parish Hall. For more information, please call Pat Wesselhoeft at 783-1956. All are welcome.

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TRIP VIGNETTE**

“Lord, open my lips and my mouth will proclaim your praise.” Every day the Church begins to praise the Lord with these words and I believe they are a fitting way to describe my time with the orphans and missionaries in DR. Every morning we started with praise and thanksgiving. This was exciting for me as I have never had a good voice in English and maybe the Lord blessed me with a good voice in Spanish. Unfortunately, the vocal cords don’t go through a miraculous conversion when you change languages. However, being with the orphans, the staff, and with my fellow missionaries in praise and song energized me for the work and faith that would come alive during the day. It was a blessing to be with the talented men and women who can open hearts by giving a smile and expressing their love. The praise we gave in the morning resounded throughout the day. Knowing that the lord was amongst us in his vineyard was one of countless insights I received while being in DR. My love and affection to the people who afforded us the opportunity to be on Mission.  
Nicholas Di Iorio, STM - Mission 2011

**LENTEN VIDEO SERIES**

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 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm  
Ballroom at The Village Inn

**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 31, 2012. You may apply on-line or get an application through your school. Scholarship awards are based on need.

***This and That...***

Thanks to Gianna Tucker, our missionary and Narragansett Senior who organized and spearheaded our “mission celebration” last Sunday. The overwhelming attendance, new video, fundraising and awareness were outstanding! Thanks to all who donated, supported and encouraged our missions.

Our first ever Catholicism Video Series last Sunday evening was also a huge success. Almost 90 people came and the video was so informative that there was a unanimous vote to go through all ten videos. So...our next video night will be held in the Ballroom at the Village Inn on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 and will feature the Beatitudes of Jesus and include a short discussion. We will set more dates soon. Thanks to the St. Pius Knights of Columbus for underwriting the rental space for us.

The graces received during our Lenten Mission with Msgr. Mancini continue to flow. Don't forget our reconciliation/confession possibilities coming up in our regional penance services (at St. Veronica on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>) as well as each Saturday from 4-4:45 at St. Thomas More.

This Sunday our 10<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation students will be heading to the Lifeteen Mass at Holy Apostles in Cranston and to attend the Lifenite regarding pro-life teachings and human dignity. Please keep in your prayers our candidates for Confirmation (scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>) as well as those adults who will receive Confirmation at the Easter Vigil on Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Now is also a good time to make some plans for Holy Week and try to carve out some time to celebrate the Triduum April 5, 6, and 7<sup>th</sup>. These three nights comprise the “high holy days” of our Christian faith and life. Also, perhaps try to walk with us on our Good Friday “Stations in the Streets” at noon on Good Friday.

It was suggested that we hold an information/discussion night on the threats to religious freedom and the First Amendment going on in the present healthcare mandates for religious institutions. I will do my best to get this on the calendar in a fitting time.

Thanks to the knitting ministry for making so many items for the Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Your efforts and warm clothes will make a difference there.  
A holy Lenten journey to all.

*Fr. Tailon*