



Saturday, March 17 th ,	5:00 PM	In Memory – Members of the Russo Family
Sunday, March 18 th ,	10:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Joseph Cicchelli
Monday, March 19 th ,	9:00 AM	Special Intention
Tuesday, March 20 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Christine Gosselin
Wednesday, March 21 st ,	9:00 AM	Special Intention
Thursday, March 22 nd ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Carl & Ruth Bolster & Family
Friday, March 23 rd ,	9:00 AM	Special Intention
Saturday, March 24 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Richard Huntley
	5:00 PM	2 nd Month’s Mind – Gov. J. Joseph Garrahy
Sunday, March 25 th ,	8:00 AM	In Memory – Members of the Military

St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday, March 17 th ,	4:00 PM	11 th Anniversary – Pamela Holmberg
Sunday, March 18 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Thomas & Irene Landry
	11:00 AM	Anniversary – Donna Martone-Benner
Saturday, March 24 th ,	4:00 PM	In Memory – Charles & Helen Napolitano
Sunday, March 25 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Rocco & Alelaide Ferolito and Anthony Salvato
	11:00 AM	1 st Anniversary – Carmella Pimental



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.

A DAY OF RECOLLECTION

St. Edmund’s Retreat, Enders Island, this Monday, March 19th from 10AM-3PM with Sr. Eugenie Brady, SJC. We will celebrate the feast of St. Joseph and reflect on the humility and simplicity evident in his life. This day includes 2 conferences, Mass recollection, time to explore the Island and hot lunch served. The cost is \$35.00p/p. Reservations required - 860-536-0565.

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

THE WAY OF THE CROSS WITH MUSICAL MEDITATIONS

Sunday, March 18th 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.

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
- Six priests will be at each service.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

March 2012

SUN. AM: GR. 1-4	MARCH 18 TH & 25 TH 10:05-10:55AM @ ST. V
MON. PM: GR. 1-4	MARCH 19 TH & 26 TH 4:10-5:00PM @ STM
GR. 5 & 6:	WED., MARCH 21 ST & 28 TH 4:10-5:00PM @ ST. V.
GR. 7 & 8:	WED., MARCH 21 ST & 28 TH 7:00-8:00PM @ ST. V.
CONF. I:	SUN., MARCH 18 TH - CLASS 7:00 – 8:15PM @ ST. V.
CONF. II:	SUN., MARCH 18 TH - CLASS 7:00 – 8:15PM @ ST. V.

1ST COMMUNION - PARENTS MEETING

There is an important meeting for First Communion (Grade 2) parents this Monday, March 19th at 6:45PM at St. Thomas More. **At least one parent must attend!** Babysitting will be provided.

MSGR. CLARKE OPEN HOUSE

Msgr. Clarke School will have an Open House on Sunday, March 18th 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.

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.



LENTEN VIDEO SERIES

Join us for the second 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. Light refreshments will be served. Sunday, March 25th 6:30pm
Ballroom at The Village Inn

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Families cook a "poverty meal" once a week during Lent and then place the money saved in a "Rice Bowl" as a contribution for the poor of the world. Contributions will be collected on Palm Sunday, April 1st. Please change coins into dollars or a check to St. Thomas More. Rice Bowls are available at the Church entrances.

PROVIDENCE BRUINS

This Friday, March 23rd - 7PM, the Providence Bruins will have their annual faith night at the Dunkin Donuts Center. All children will receive a free P-Bruins hat. Tickets are \$15.00. Call Andrew at 680-4732 or andrew.swartz@providencebruins.com.

ADOPTION INFORMATION

Adoption by choice, a program of Catholic Social Services, provides confidential supportive pregnancy counseling to individuals experiencing and unplanned pregnancy. For more information or to speak to a counselor, please call 401-624-9270.

RESPITE CARE – HELP FOR CAREGIVERS

The Diocese of Providence, Community Services and Catholic Charities, provides assistance to family caregivers who care for a person over 60 years of age or someone with Alzheimer's Disease of any age. Respite care is arranged by bringing a trained worker into the home for Adult Day Services or overnight care in a licensed care facility. For low to moderate income seniors, assistance in paying for respite care may be available. Call 421-7833 Monday – Friday, 8:30AM to 4:30PM, and ask for Elder Services.

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The Real March Madness

Due to a lot of interest and questions, I will be holding a talk entitled “The Health Care Mandate and Religious Liberty” at St. Thomas More Parish Hall on Sunday, April 22nd from 6-7pm. I plan to speak for about 30 minutes and take questions for the remainder of the hour. The news media of late has portrayed this issue as being about funding for artificial contraception and women’s rights to healthcare, but I assure you that is not the main premise at stake here. It is so difficult in a sound-bite culture to grasp the enormity and the seriousness of this situation. Please try to be there so we can all get some background and information about what is really happening. Let us also not forget to pray about these issues. We all need to call on the Holy Spirit for guidance and wisdom for ourselves and especially our political leaders.

The other day I was asked again by a young person if it was true the world was going to end. I asked where they had gotten the idea. They shared that they had heard at school about the Mayan Calendar and that it was an indicator that the end was this year. In addition, they had heard things at school about Nostradamus and his predictions. I think most of us remember the pastor out west who predicted that the world was going to end last May. The question of the world’s end is one that is perennial in the mind of humanity. We know that Jesus was asked about this as well. We must remember as followers of Christ that we do not know when the world will end, but we know at some point it will and it will be the will of Jesus Christ when it does. Predicting (and worrying!) about the world’s end is rooted in superstition. It is not good to be anxious about this, but simply to prepare for it by living holy lives day to day.

Thank you to all who supported our mission trip/outreach by purchasing scarves and jewelry these last two weeks. Your funding of our work is appreciated. We leave Friday, April 13th (we are not superstitious!) and met this week to plan our retreat that we hope to present to the kids out there. Thank you to Danecraft Jewelry for their generous donation that helped make this fundraiser such a great success. Once again, please remember to pray for our mission and the people of Standing Rock Reservation who we will serve!

Blessed and Holy Lent!

Fr Taillon