

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 24 <sup>th</sup> ,	5:00 PM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Month's Mind – Gov. J. Joseph Garrahy
Sunday, March 25 <sup>th</sup> ,	8:00 AM	In Memory – Members of the Military
Monday, March 26 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Francis Maiorano
	10:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Angelina Ricci-Ventura
Tuesday, March 27 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Anne Walsh
Wednesday, March 28 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Joseph Poirier
Thursday, March 29 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Month's Mind – Anne Walsh
Friday, March 30 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Marcelline Henderson Mason
Saturday, March 31 <sup>st</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Pro Populo
	5:00 PM	In Memory –Helen Silvia
Sunday, April 1 <sup>st</sup> ,	8:00 AM	Marriage & Family Life
	10:00 AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary – Gaile Phaneuaf

### St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday, March 24 <sup>th</sup> ,	4:00 PM	In Memory – Charles & Helen Napolitano
Sunday, March 25 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Rocco & Alelaide Ferolito and Anthony Salvato
	11:00 AM	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary – Carmella
Saturday, March 31 <sup>st</sup> ,	4:00PM	In Memory – Mary Sornberger
Sunday, April 1 <sup>st</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Antonetta Pasquazzi
	11:00 AM	In Memory – Francis Maiorano



### 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.

### RCIA

The next class is this Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM – St. Thomas More.

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

### 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  
 Six priests will be at each service.

### OPERATION RICE BOWL

During Lent, families cook a “poverty meal” once a week and then place the money saved in a “Rice Bowl” as a contribution for the poor of the world. Contributions will be collected next Sunday, Palm Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please change coins into dollars or make out a check to St. Thomas More. Thank you!

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Matt Matrullo, (one of our master of ceremony altar servers), who received an award from Bishop Tobin at the Cathedral recently!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

March/April 2012

**SUN. AM:** MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>  
**GR. 1-4** APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> & 22<sup>ND</sup> – LAST CLASS  
10:05-10:55AM @ ST. V

**MON. PM:** MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>  
**GR. 1-4** APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup> – LAST CLASS  
4:10-5:00PM @ STM

**GR. 5 & 6:** WED., MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>  
WED., APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup> – LAST CLASS  
4:10-5:00PM @ ST. V.

**GR. 7 & 8:** WED., MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>  
WED., APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup> – LAST CLASS  
7:00-8:00PM @ ST. V.

GOOD FRIDAY - STATIONS IN THE STREETS  
APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> - 12NOON - STM

**CONF. I:** GOOD FRIDAY  
STATIONS IN THE STREETS  
APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> - 12NOON – STM  
SUN., - APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> - LAST CLASS  
7:00 – 8:15PM @ ST. V.

**CONF. II:** GOOD FRIDAY  
STATIONS IN THE STREETS  
APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> - 12NOON – STM  
SUN., - APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> - LAST CLASS  
7:00 – 8:15PM @ ST. V.

**THIS SUNDAY NIGHT  
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 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm  
Ballroom at The Village Inn

**2012 CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL**  
Our Parish’s goal this year is \$128,000.00. **In pew solicitation will take place on the weekends of April 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.** All checks are to be made out to Catholic Charity Fund. CCF Envelopes will soon be available at the Parish Office.

**FOOD COLLECTION**

Next weekend is our monthly Food Collection. This is the last collection before Easter and the school break. Items needed are: juice boxes, cans of juice, cereal, cookies, crackers, peanut butter, jelly and packages of cheese slices, coffee, pasta, pasta sauce, spaghettios, baked beans, soups, canned fruit, canned meats/tuna fish, personal hygiene products, diapers, dish & laundry detergent and gift certificates. Please deposit items in the bins located at the Church entrances.

**CONCERT**

Next Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – 3:00PM at St. Francis Church, Wakefield, South County Chamber Singers will present “A Concert of Sacred Music”. Free will offering. For more information, please call 789-0943.

**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. Call 782-0675 for an appointment.

**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.

**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.

MARCH 25, 2012

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### ***Do We Study Our Catholic Faith?***

We all are well aware of the decrease in the northeast United States in the ratio of Catholics who regularly practice their faith. There are many and varied reasons for this. I do think the main reason that is underneath all this and maybe not so obvious is the lack of formation and theological understanding of our own faith.

I think in a personal way we are aware of this. Our parish survey completed last year clearly resonated with a desire among many of us to have opportunities to study and know our faith better.

In a recent meeting with our open and sincere First Communion parents, there was a great desire to know and understand the Real Presence of the Eucharist and find ways to communicate this gift and reality to their children. While Fr. Fisette toured the children through the church, we spent time unpacking the history and implications of the Jewish Passover as the precursor to the Mass and the paschal mystery we are preparing to celebrate in Holy Week.

I would like to issue you a challenge. That is to commit to spending on half-hour a week (or fifteen minutes if you can!) actually studying the Catholic faith. This could be accomplished easily by attending this Sunday evening's Catholicism series at the Village Inn where we will learn the meaning and history of the Beatitudes. You could also purchase at little cost the CD's that are at our church entrances (front entrance at STV and parking lot entrance at STM) and listen to a talk about a topic of interest. With the advent of the internet, it's easy to locate sites that are helpful (and not-so-helpful anti-Catholic sites as well!) on the web. The USCCB (United States Catholic Conference of Bishops) has a really helpful site that has great stuff on family life, marriage, current issues and scripture...and it is all free to view. Stuck at the airport? At the DMV for an hour? Waiting for a loved one in a doctor's office? Why not log on to a Catholic site and start exploring. I find the Catechism of the Catholic Church a great paperback resource to have in the home. There are summary pages at the end of each chapter that are easy to read and digest about the central mysteries of our faith and redemption.

I remain open to hosting topic nights of any sort or bringing in speakers about certain things if you would find that helpful. Don't be shy about suggesting topics. We are hoping Dr. Fritz Wenisch, our local and helpful theologian will be presenting some offerings soon. I am also looking into a Catholic book fare that would make it easy to obtain some materials.

Lent is halfway over and it remains time to always start again! Let's study so we can spread, explain (and sometimes defend) the teachings of Christ!

*Fr Taillon*

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