

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Intention. Rows include Saturday, April 2nd (5:00 PM, In Memory - Agnes M. McCreanor), Sunday, April 3rd (10:00 AM, Anniversary - Joseph Baglini), Monday, April 4th (9:00 AM, Birthday Remembrance - Judy Buchanan), Tuesday, April 5th (9:00 AM, In Memory - Sadie Jacobik), Wednesday, April 6th (9:00 AM, Pro Populo), Thursday, April 7th (9:00 AM, Birthday Remembrance - Kathryn Hopkins), Saturday, April 9th (5:00 PM, Marriage & Family Life), and Sunday, April 10th (8:00 AM and 10:00 AM, In Memory - Charles & Regina Miner and In Memory - Raymond Nedwidek).

St. Veronica Chapel

Table with 3 columns: Day, Time, and Intention. Rows include Saturday, April 2nd (4:00 PM, In Memory - Mary Laurelli), Sunday, April 3rd (11:00 AM, In Memory - Domenic & Irene Quintovallo), Saturday, April 9th (4:00 PM, In Memory - Marie Calore), and Sunday, April 10th (9:00 AM and 11:00 AM, Anniversary - Frank J. D. Surprenant and 2nd Anniversary - Kathy Connors).

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They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a Sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." - Jn 9:13-15

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.

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.

RCIA

The next class is on Tuesday, April 5th at 7:30PM.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW YOUNG MISSIONARIES - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC ORPHANAGE - INFORMATION NIGHT

On Sunday, April 3rd - 5:30PM at St. Thomas More Parish Hall, there will be a meeting for those who are interested in going on our DR Mission Orphanage trip- November 19th-25th. The trip is for junior or senior year high school students or students in our Confirmation II program. Please bring a parent with you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

OPERATION THANKSGIVING - SOLDIERS

Our soldiers in the US Army 2nd Stryker Regiment are moving to another location. Please do not send any packages until we have received updated information. Thank you for all your support.

2011 CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL

Our Parish's goal this year is \$121,000.00. In pew solicitation will take place on the weekends of April 30th/May 1st and May 7th/8th. All checks are to be made out to Catholic Charity Fund. CCF Envelopes are available at the Parish Office, if you wish to pledge now. Credit Card donations must be made through the diocesan secure website at www.providencediocese.org.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Religious Education Schedule

April 2011

SUN. AM: APRIL 3RD & 10TH – LAST CLASS
GR. 1-4 10:05-10:55AM @ ST. V

MON. PM: APRIL 4TH & 11TH – LAST CLASS
GR. 1-4 4:10-5:00PM @ STM

GR. 5 & 6: WED., APRIL 6TH & 13TH
– LAST CLASS
4:10-5:00PM @ ST. V.

GR. 7 & 8: WED., APRIL 6TH & 13TH
LAST CLASS
7:00-8:00PM @ ST. V.

CONF. I: APRIL 3RD & 10TH
7:00 – 8:15PM @ ST. V.
GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 22ND
STATIONS IN THE STREET @ 12NOON - STM

CONF. II: APRIL 3RD & 10TH
7:00 – 8:15PM @ ST. V.
GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 22ND
STATIONS IN THE STREET @ 12NOON - STM

5K HEART WALK - MY HEART MY LIFE

The Narragansett Schools Wellness Committee invites you to join the American Heart Association for a walk, on Saturday, April 9th. Meet at the Narragansett High School Gym at 12Noon. This is a walk, for the whole family - strollers welcome, to support the fight against heart disease, the number one killer of Americans.

COMMUNITY MEETING

The Hunger Task Force, a joint initiative of the Jonnycake and the URI Feinstein Center for a hunger Free America, would like to do an overview of the status of hunger in our community. The meeting is on April 7th at the Peace Dale Congregational Church 261 Columbia St. We have some new projects on the horizon that could make a real impact. One is the possibility of a Community Kitchen. We would like to get some feedback from the community. Please come with the intent of helping to make a difference in our community. Refreshments will be served.



LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 7:00PM – St. Thomas More
Daily Mass is at 9:00AM.

REGIONAL PENANCE SERVICES

The following are the dates and times for each Penance Service. There are six priests available for each one. Please try to participate on one of the following dates:

Wed., April 13th 12Noon – St. Thomas More
Thur., April 14th @ 7:00PM – St. Mary Star of the Sea
Tues., April 19th @ 7:00PM – St. Francis of Assisi
Wed., April 20th @ 7:00PM – Christ the King

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Families eat 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 17th. Please change coins into dollars or a check. Thank you!!

FAST & FEAST IN LENT:

Fast from idle gossip, feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from discontent, feast on gratitude.

EASTER SUNDAY TULIP SALE

FOR OUR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MISSION

After all the Masses on Easter Sunday, April 24th and following the Easter Vigil – potted tulips will be available for sale. Proceeds will go to our Dominican Republic Orphanage Trip in the fall. More information to come.



THE JOURNEY OF ST. PAUL

Immaculate Conception is sponsoring a theatrical presentation, “The Journey of St. Paul - from the darkness of sin to the light of life” on Tuesday, April 5th at 7:00PM in the Church. For tickets - \$5.00/per person - or for more information, call the Immaculate Conception Rectory at 596-2130.

APRIL 3, 2011

Fasting? Faster? Fastest?

I thought it was a good time to reflect a bit on fasting during this Lenten season after I was at the barber shop recently (yes, I don't go often but once in awhile it helps build my morale and the local economy!) and a young barber shared out loud that he was fasting from coffee for Lent and it was difficult but he was persevering. A middle schooler was present and he said, "What is fasting -- you drink the coffee faster?" We all laughed but then we all realized he was serious. His Dad hung his head as it was quickly obvious they were Catholic. I explained with some seriousness and a lot of humor what fasting was and why we did it. It was a moment of grace where the Lord was truly present and the Spirit free among all of us.

I shared that our forty days of Lent are a work-out session for all Christians and that Catholics have fasted for centuries. I explained how we fast all year from any food or drink an hour prior to receiving Holy Communion and how we fast from meat on Fridays in Lent and then our more serious days of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. We conversed about the myriad of ways people can fast and how we can design our personal fasting depending on what the Lord places in our hearts and what is an area that can help us grow in our appreciation of the Passion of Jesus as well as a greater awareness and compassion to our neighbor.

The young boy was intrigued to hear that some people fast all year on Fridays and Wednesdays and how Muslims and Jews also have various fasting in their own religions.

The most important thing about fasting is to remember that it is not a contest against material things per se or even the world, but it is an invitation to strengthen the will, unite ourselves to Jesus and to come into deeper communion with God and each other.

It is never too late to re-group on Lent or to begin fresh now with fasting. Our middle schooler proudly announced that he was going to give up bubble gum and threw his gum away right there!

We fast in order to have greater life, not less...may our fasting be blessed, sincere and lead to more faith and love!

Fr. Taillon

*P.S. Sorry it was chilly in St. Veronica a couple of weeks ago. Our boiler broke & needed \$1,600.00 worth of repairs!

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