

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, April 28 <sup>th</sup> ,	5:00 PM	Birthday Remembrance – James Doherty
Sunday, April 29 <sup>th</sup> ,	10:00 AM	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary – Robert Stearns
Monday, April 30 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – Frank Jacobik
Tuesday, May 1 <sup>st</sup> ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Francis Maiorano
Wednesday, May 2 <sup>nd</sup> ,	9:00 AM	10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Paul Dignan
Thursday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Andimo Vellone
Friday, May 4 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Richard Buscher
Saturday, May 5 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Robert Wiggins
	5:00 PM	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary – Ann Picchione
Sunday, May 6 <sup>th</sup> ,	8:00 AM	Pro Populo
	10:00 AM	In Memory – Arthur & Ada Hebert
	1:00 PM	Sacrament of First Communion

**St. Veronica Chapel**

Saturday, April 28 <sup>th</sup> ,	4:00 PM	In Memory – Members of the Andersen & Wojciechowski Families
Sunday, April 29 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary – Amleto Salvatore
	11:00 AM	In Memory – Members of the Delaney & Kirwan Families
Saturday, May 5 <sup>th</sup> ,	4:00 PM	10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Mathew J. Serpa
Sunday, May 6 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary – Edith Paul
	11:00 AM	In Memory – Edward Berrigan, Nancy McMahon & Patricia O’Gara



**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.

**1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY HOLY HOUR**

The next Holy Hour is this **Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 9:30AM. Everyone is welcome.

**THANK YOU!**

On behalf of all the people around the world whose lives will be transformed by the work of Operation Rice Bowl, I would like to thank all the members of your faith community at St. Thomas More Parish for your generous donation of \$6, 405.25. 75% of your contributions will support projects to help people around the world who struggle with hunger & poverty and 25% will stay in RI assisting our communities.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
 Rev. Msgr. William I. Varsanyi  
 Diocesan Director

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

The Serra Club is sponsoring a Mass for vocations this Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM at Saint Lucy Church in Middletown. Father Jim Mazzone, vocation direction for Diocese of Worcester, will be the guest homilist. A simple reception will follow and all are welcome!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

April 2012

**CONF. I** SUN., - APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> - LAST CLASS  
7:00 – 8:15PM @ ST. V.

**CONF. II:** SUN., - APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup> - LAST CLASS  
7:00 – 8:15PM @ ST. V.

Conf. II overnight retreat is from Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> - Friday May 11<sup>th</sup> at Camp Hazen.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Alexa Nelson, Sophomore at South Kingstown High School, who received the Sacrament of baptism and Holy Communion at St. Thomas More last Sunday!!

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to Our Lady's Guild for providing refreshments for our well attended Healthcare Mandate talk last Sunday.

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION



**SUNDAY, MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>**

The second practice date for First Communion is this Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00-5:30PM at St. Thomas More. **The date for the**

**Sacrament of First Communion is on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM at St. Thomas More.**

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



**SUNDAY, MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>**

The practice date for Confirmation, with sponsor or proxy, is on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 4:00PM at St. Thomas More, with a Pot Luck Dinner to follow. **The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM, St. Thomas More,** with Bishop Robert Gruss, of Rapid City South Dakota Presiding. Candidates and sponsors are to be at the Church at 12:30PM.

## 2012 CATHOLIC CHARITY

### FUND APPEAL

The Theme for this year's Appeal is *"Give and Gifts Will Be Given To You"*. In pew solicitation will take place this weekend. We as a family of faith can help bring a little light and hope to thousands of people who benefit from the 39 agencies and programs supporting the Catholic Charity Fund Appeal. **Our Parish's goal is \$125,000.00. All checks are to be made out to Catholic Charity Fund. Credit card pledges must be done through the diocesan web-site - see CCF envelope for details.**

Let us pray for this campaign that helps thousands of needy Rhode Islanders, especially in this time of economic challenge.

Total Received: \$42,593.00

Needed for Goal: \$82,407.00

## FOOD COLLECTION

Next weekend is our monthly Food Collection. Items needed are: juice boxes, cans of juice, cereal, cookies, crackers, peanut butter, jelly and packages of cheese slices, coffee, pasta, pasta sauce, spaghetti, baked beans, soups, canned fruit, canned meats/tuna fish, personal hygiene products, diapers, dish & laundry detergent and there is a need for \$25.00 gift certificates. Please deposit items in the bins located at the Church entrances.

## SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School 2012 will be held August 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 12:30pm at St. Veronica. All children ages 4-11 are invited to join us. More information to come.

## MOTHER OF HOPE DAY CAMP

Looking for a great, safe place to send your children to camp this summer? The Mother of Hope Day Camp, located on beautiful Echo Lake in Chepachet, RI, is a Catholic Charity Fund agency sponsored by the Diocese of Providence. Discounts are available for multiple children in the family. Please call 568-3580 for a brochure or for more information.

*APRIL 29, 2012*

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### **Off the Reservation...**

Well, we have returned and as we shared with you last weekend, the graces flowed on our mission trip. I am sure it was in no small part due to the many prayers we received from so many. Thank you for all your support and notes of encouragement to everyone! Some of our tasks and adventures included:

-clearing and cleaning two large cemeteries including one of unmarked graves in Kennel, South Dakota, a town with a population of 250.

-painting homes of needy and elderly Lakota people in town and doing some yard work and cleanup for an elderly couple.

-leading a retreat to jumpstart the Confirmation program at St. Bernard Parish in McLaughlin, South Dakota at the main church. The parish covers an area ten times the size of our whole diocese!

-playing sports and sharing with the local Lakota children in the main town each evening and some days.

-Going to Rapid City to do construction clean up and set up for the new Catholic retreat center called *Terra Sanctae* that has just opened.

-celebrating Mass and praying the rosary daily for St. Bernard and St. Thomas More Parish.

-evening journaling and prayer time as well as morning offerings before the Blessed Sacrament.

-Meeting and visiting Bishop Gruss of Rapid City who took us to Crazy Horse Monument to meet "Ruth" whose husband began the construction and whose family has continued the tradition. The Bishop took us to Mt. Rushmore, then hosted us at his home for our "Last Supper".

-On our way to the airport, we visited with Fr. Tom Richter's family that owns a dairy farm in Bismarck. The graces we received were overwhelming. Our kids and chaperones alike worked and prayed hard. We pray that the Lord will accomplish whatever He desires from this mission.

***\*\*Thanks to all who have generously donated to the ongoing Catholic Charity Drive! Please consider a pledge or gift for our needy Rhode Islanders. Our goal is \$125,000. At present we are at \$42,593.00.***

*Fr. Taillon*