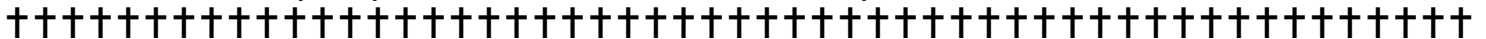


MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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St. Veronica Chapel

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HOLY DAY - MAY 17TH

ASCENSION THURSDAY

Vigil Mass: 5:00PM-St. Thomas More
Holy Day: 7:00AM - St. Veronica
9:00AM - St. Thomas More
7:00PM - St. Veronica

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, May 14th, at 7:30PM at St. Thomas More, Parish Hall. Any questions, please call Bill Munroe at 295-0171.

2012 CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL

The Theme for this year's Appeal is "Give and Gifts Will Be Given To You". 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: \$82,438.00
Needed for Goal: \$42,562.00



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SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is next Sunday, May 20th 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 by 12:30PM. All are welcome!



BISHOP HENDRICKEN INNER CITY

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Bishop Hendricken will host their annual "Cigar Dinner" that supports the Inner City Scholarship Fund. This annual event is at the Alpine Country Club on Thursday, May 24th at 6pm. This fund pays a full tuition for one boy each year from the inner city. I have selected a young man named Pedro who attends Bishop McVinney School in Providence. Tickets are \$125 for this fun and life-changing event. Call Fr. Taillon at 789-7682. It is held outside under tents. One may say it is a night of "holy smoke!"

ADDING-UP – PENNIES FOR THE POOR

There is a small box near the parking lot entrance of St. Thomas More Church and the poor box at St. Veronica Chapel where people place change, mostly pennies. Donations go to the Diocesan Dire Emergency Fund in South County that helps with rental assistance, utilities, prescriptions and other emergencies. Thanks to all who make "change", "change" the world.

SPRING 2012 WORSHIP EVENT

Next Sunday May 20th - 7pm at St. Brendan's in East Providence, come to the Spring 2012 Heart of Worship Event, "Free to Worship Without Fear," for a special opportunity to worship and pray before the Eucharistic Lord. Fr. Andrew Beauregard, FPO will lead us in adoring the Eucharistic Lord. All are invited.



St. Thomas More Parish Feast
Save the dates!! June 29th - July 1st
Friday, June 29th -
24 Hour Adoration at St. Thomas
More from 12Noon
Friday to 12Noon
Saturday
Saturday, June 30th -
Festival at Veteran's
Park - 4:00-9:00pm Raffle, Gift
Baskets, Food, Kid's Games -
Entertainment -Michael Dutra and
The Strickly Sinatra Big Band
Sunday, July 1st - Solemn Mass 10am
- Procession - 11am
More information to come!!



RESPIRE 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.

ROSIE'S RACE - JUNE 2ND - 5K WALK/RUN

Pre Registration \$20 - \$25 on race day - www.active.com. There will be a Catholic Mass overlooking the Atlantic Ocean at 8:30AM on the new Black Point Trail. Registration is at 9AM on Christian Brothers complex – Race is at 10AM along Ocean Route. Refreshments to follow. Winners both Male and Female will win \$100. Age categories will receive prizes also. Questions, call Ed Walsh at 585-4700. Proceeds to go to Msgr. Clarke School tuition assistance.

MAY 13, 2012

Mass...Come early but don't leave early!

I realize that at times all of us have had to rush to make it to church on time (priests included!). Sometimes the phone rings or we have to help someone, kids are not cooperating and a myriad of other challenges. Overall at St. Thomas More, we do all right but I think there is room for improvement in our spiritual preparation for Holy Mass and our sharing communal life around the liturgy. Of course we believe that the Mass is a sacred meal where we receive the Real Presence of Jesus into our bodies, souls and even minds. Old habits are hard to break for us all. If you are one of those folks who tries to time it to arrive right on time for Mass perhaps our "spring cleaning" can include a re-adjustment in trying to arrive a bit earlier for mass (how about scheduling as if Mass starts at ten of the hour instead?) Coming to Mass unflustered and more leisurely helps one to enter into the liturgy more peacefully and to slow down, pray and have a different experience at Mass. This also gives us time to greet and meet other people or offer genuine hospitality to a vacationer or visitor to our parish. Smiles, handshakes and hellos should always prevail even if someone is in "our" parking spot (or, God forbid, our pew!). Bibles have recently been put in the pews for your prayer especially before Mass. Monastic chants can be heard before mass regularly to quiet the soul and help the environment. Many parishioners who arrive early often comment on this. Perhaps you could take up praying the rosary this May before or after Mass?

Leaving Mass before the final blessing and hymn is not good. I know we can all get frustrated in the parking lot exit and think we can get an edge to get to our favorite restaurant or dinner invitation but in all reality the Mass is not ended even when the priest says "the Mass is ended..." The church calls us to sing and share after Mass. Some parishioners stay back and make a prayer of thanksgiving in the pews in quiet which always has been a special part of the day for me too. ***There is one thing that should never happen, though, and that is walking out the door while consuming the Sacred Host.*** Imagine serving someone dinner at your table and as soon as they eat the main course they grab their jacket and say goodbye while still chewing! Our mothers would send us to our room at the very least! We believe in the Real Presence of Jesus. Please take the time to enter into a prayer and thanksgiving while consuming the host. If you are a "pattern walk-away" Catholic, then I challenge you to stop this habit and simply to think of what is really happening at this moment. Besides being irreverent to the Eucharistic Lord, the parish needs you at the end of Mass and in the hallways to check in on your neighbors, meet new people and share the joy of the meal that we have just shared. If you have some struggles and are not a "people person" than why not stay back and offer prayers for all those who are making their way home.

There are always times we will be late and perhaps even charity will call us to leave early but certainly not regularly. No matter what time we arrive normally, all of us could use a few more minutes on either end of our Sunday worship so God can have his way with us.

Fr. Tailon

Special blessings to all mothers living and deceased.
May Mary, our mother, pray and intercede for them and with us!