

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 19 th ,	5:00 PM	Pro Populo
Sunday, May 20 th ,	10:00 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving
	1:00 PM	Sacrament of Confirmation
Monday, May 21 st ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Thomas & Rita Monroe
Tuesday, May 22 nd ,	9:00 AM	10 th Anniversary – John R. Boland
Wednesday, May 23 rd ,	9:00 AM	13 th Anniversary – Ralph Annechiarico
Thursday, May 24 th ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – Catherine Halloran
Friday, May 25 th ,	9:00 AM	Month’s Mind – Barbara Johnston
Saturday, May 26 th ,	9:00 AM	1 st Anniversary – Mary Elizabeth Holland
	5:00 PM	In Memory – Dorothy Cook
Sunday, May 27 th ,	8:00 AM	In Memory – Maureen White
	10:00 AM	In Memory – Manuel Tavares

St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday, May 19 th ,	4:00 PM	Birthday Remembrance – Michael T. Mannix
Sunday, May 20 th ,	9:00 AM	Anniversary – Jack Barry
	11:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Frank Maiorano
Saturday, May 26 th ,	4:00 PM	In Memory – Salvatore Tudino
Sunday, May 27 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Lydia Coli
	11:00 AM	In Memory – Dick & Eleanor McMahon

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ONGOING ADULT EDUCATION LECTURE SERIES

Comparing the Mormon faith and the Catholic religion - A lecture and Q & A presented by Dr. Fritz Wensch this Monday, May 21st, 6-7PM at St. Thomas More. All are welcome to attend.

MSGR. HALLORAN 50TH ANNIVERSARY
LUNCHEON
Dunes Club, Sun., July 1st - 1:00 PM
Adults \$50.00
Please RSVP by May 25th
Space is limited.

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.

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: \$85,208.00
Needed for Goal: \$39,792.00

Wedding Banns

III John Knag & Amy McAlexander

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation is this 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 this 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!"

SPRING 2012 WORSHIP EVENT

This 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.

OCEAN TIDES – HALL OF FAME

Ocean Tides 4th Annual Hall of Fame Reception- benefiting Ocean Tides School on Friday, May 25th from 6:00-9:00PM at the Dunes Club, Narragansett. Tickets are \$75.00. This year we are honoring William T. Horan, Lawrence C. Grebstein, Ph.D and Ambrose "Amby" Smith (posthumously). Questions or to purchase tickets, please call Holly at 789-1016.

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!!



CATHOLIC BOOK FAIR

After all the Masses next weekend – May 26th & 27th, at St. Veronica – Msgr. Halloran Hall, there will be a Catholic Book Fair with Kathy Lilla from the Morning Star Christian Center. Come and check-out some great publications.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Next Saturday, May 26th from 9:30AM to 8:30PM in the church hall of St. Charles Borromeo, 178 Dexter St., Providence. This one day seminar will help you make a renewed commitment to the Lord and experience a fuller life in the spirit. Call the rectory at 421-6441 or e-mail StCharlesProv@verozon.net to register or for more information.

A DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Enders Island, this Thursday, May 24th from 10AM-3:30PM with Fr. Benedict Groeschel, C.F.R. This day includes 2 conferences, Mass recollection, time to explore the Island and box picnic lunch served on the grounds. The cost is \$60.00p/p. Reservations required - 860-536-0565.

MAY 20, 2012

This and That...

We are pleased to welcome Bishop Robert Gruss, the Bishop of Rapid City, South Dakota who is here with us this weekend to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are grateful for his coming on "mission" here as we went to Standing Rock Reservation there this past April. It is especially a grace for me in that Bishop Gruss is a classmate from Rome and a dear friend. He was with us for Christmas a few years ago and we are blessed to welcome him "home" to St. Thomas More.

We pray for our young people who will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit this weekend. Pray for them as they come to the end of their formal religious training but certainly not the end of it! Their Confirmation can be a clarion call for all of us to ask how many minutes a week we spend studying our faith. In this time of the New Evangelization (and as a response to our parish survey's clear call for more adult educational opportunities) I am proud to remind us all that Monday evening we will have Dr. Fritz Wenisch who will offer a one-hour presentation comparing Mormon theology to Catholicism. I have often learned more about Jesus and the Church's teaching by studying comparative religions. Attending a seminar on Muslim theology crystallized yet again the Christian teaching and understanding of the Trinity. In light of Mitt Romney's candidacy and other prominent Mormons in our culture it is a good way to deepen our appreciation for our own faith while learning more about what some of our neighbors believe. We hope to offer more evenings and opportunities for adult education such as the Catholicism series by Fr. Baron of which we have covered two of the ten videos.

Here come the snowbirds and the summer visitors! This is a great time to offer hospitality and welcome and share our spaces (pews, parking and restaurant booths!). Let's remember their presence enhances our outreach and community as well as helps many of the small businesses in town that rely on their presence to make their businesses successful. Remember to pray to St. Martha for intercession for patience and a welcome spirit.

We will offer a 24-hour period of Adoration of the Eucharist Friday, June 29- Saturday June 30th for religious liberty. We will be looking for adorers for each hour of the period. Consider signing up with friends, group or family! Details will be coming soon!

Fr. Tailon