

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, June 26 th ,	5:00 PM	Anniversary – Mario Rosati
Sunday, June 27 th ,	8:00 AM	16 Anniversary – Herb Bennett
	10:00 AM	40 th Wedding Ann. Int. – Paul & Maryann Knag
Monday, June 28 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – John & Mary Maciel
Tuesday, June 29 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Members of the Inman & Riley Families
Wednesday, June 30 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Joseph Baglini
Thursday, July 1 st ,	9:00 AM	Special Intention
Friday, July 2 nd ,	9:00 AM	20 th Anniversary – Frederick G. Harlowe, Jr.
Saturday, July 3 rd ,	9:00 AM	Special Intention
	5:00 PM	15 th Anniversary – James Cosgrove
Sunday, July 4 th ,	8:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Antonette Riccitelli
	10:00 AM	In Memory – Joseph Baglini

St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday, June 26 th ,	4:00 PM	5 th Anniversary – Janice Eldridge
Sunday, June 27 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Vincent Calise
	11:00 AM	In Memory – Richard P. & Eleanor McMahon
Monday, June 28 th ,	8:00 AM	Anniversary – Jennie Carr
Tuesday, June 29 th ,	8:00 AM	Anniversary – Jennie Mansolillo
Wednesday, June 30 th ,	8:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Members of the Ricciutti Family
Thursday, July 1 st ,	8:00 AM	Pro Populo
Friday, July 2 nd ,	8:00 AM	50 th Wedding Ann. Int. – Thayer & Liddy Donovan
Saturday, July 3 rd ,	9:00 AM	Memorial Service – Gilbert Gonsalves
	4:00 PM	In Memory – Ted White
Sunday, July 4 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Mary Lowell
	11:00 AM	In Memory – Paul & Mary Patrice McMahon



And another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but first let me say farewell to my family at home." To him Jesus said, "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God." - Lk 9:61-62

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 can.

2010 Summer Courtyard Concert!!
 Paul Koleske
 Renowned Singer/Songwriter
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 Sunday, July 18 6:00pm
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 Light Refreshments Served!

ROCKETTES AT PPAC

There are 20 tickets available for the Rockettes Show on Wednesday, November 17th at 2:00PM at PPAC in Providence. The cost is \$63.25 for the first level or \$36.25 for the second level. Call Pauline at 782-9969.

Wedding  Banns

- III What Vu & Jennifer Dionne
- I Jarrett Podoski & Margeaux Souter
- I Kevin Reilly & Ashley Peterson

Gospel According to Luke
Summer Bible Study Returns to
St. Veronica on Tuesdays from
July 6th-August 31st

Come study the Bible with us this summer! We will be taking an in-depth look at the *Gospel according to St. Luke*.

The Bible Group meets every Tuesday morning from 8:30 - 10:00AM in Msgr. Halloran Hall at St. Veronica's Chapel.

All are welcome - Bible beginners to Bible scholars. Just come with a Bible.

Come spend a bit of your summer with Jesus, the Twelve and the unusual women who travel with Our Lord in the Gospel of Luke. Come watch and listen to Jesus in His parables, His healings, His exorcisms, and His passion, death and resurrection.

It will lift your heart and deepen your faith.

For more information, contact Maryann Knag, mmknag@aol.com or 203-213-4809

ANNUAL COLLECTION

Next weekend, July 3rd & 4th, our second collection is the Annual Collection for the support of Saint Thomas More and Saint Veronica Chapel. This is the central collection for the year and we depend on it to meet our financial needs throughout the year.

We depend on your generous support to maintain and improve our programs and facilities. Please give generously to the Annual Collection. There are extra envelopes available at the church entrances. Thank you for the magnificent expression of faith reflected in your weekly presence and participation at liturgies, your willingness to offer your time and talent in response to parish programs and your loyal financial support to our beloved parish.

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YOUTH GROUP

The next meeting will be this Sunday, June 27th, from 6:30-8:00PM at St. Veronica/Msgr. Halloran Hall (prior to "Last Call" Mass). All 9th-12th grade students are invited. For more information contact Nick at nrobenhymer@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School 2010

Boys & Girls ages 4-11, mark your calendars for the week of August 2nd - 6th from 9:30AM-12:30PM - St. Thomas More. It will be lots of fun!!

FOOTBALL CAMP

The Elite Football School, RI's premier non-contact Football Camp for players between the ages of 5-15, will be held at Bishop Hendricken High School on the weeks of June 28-July 1, July 5-8 & July 19-22. For more info: www.elitefootballschool.com or call Keith Croft, Camp director at 489-8643.



1ST ANNUAL QUO VADIS DAYS CAMP

August 15-17, 2010 - Camp Canonicus, Exeter

Attention all Catholic young men ages 14-19. "Quo Vadis" is Latin for "Where are you going?" The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to attend the First Annual Quo Vadis Days Camp (QVD) to spend time with other young men your age exploring the Lord's call in your life while having fun. QVD is led by priests and seminarians of the Diocese of Providence and is supported by the Diocesan Office of Vocations. It will include talks, prayer, and recreational activities. The cost is \$50 & scholarships are available. Registration deadline is July 23. If you'd like to attend or to obtain more information, contact Father Michael Najim at 331-1316 or email: mnajim@catholicpriest.com

RACHEL VINEYARD RETREATS

Post Abortion Healing: Do you wonder? Do you regret? Rachel Vineyard weekends are available to women and men who are seek to reconcile a past abortion experience. Come meet Jesus and be made whole again. For more information, please call Kristin Caproni at 421-7833 x119 or email rachelsvineyard@dioceseofprovidence.org. All calls are confidential.

JUNE 27, 2010

(Reflection offered by the Supreme Court Justice Hon. Francis X. Flaherty at the 10am Mass last weekend upon his selection as the recipient of the 2010 St. Thomas More Narragansett Medal)

The life of St. Thomas More should serve as an inspiration to all Catholic laymen, particularly lawyers, for whom he is the patron saint, for a host of reasons. More himself was a successful and brilliant lawyer, a political leader, an author, scholar, husband and father. St. Thomas More was known among his contemporaries to be particularly devout and humble.

The basic facts of his life, those that set him apart, are well known. By 1531, More had risen to the very pinnacle of power in England. He held the office of Lord Chancellor, had been knighted, and was Henry VIII most trusted advisor.

We all know that Thomas More lost everything – his wealth, his office, and his very life – because he refused to take an oath which said that Henry was supreme over even the Pope in matters of religion. For this he was deemed to be a traitor and sentenced to death. Although he did not want to die, he met his death calmly and with great courage. Indeed, the king did not want to execute Thomas, and he held him in the tower of London for a lengthy period of time, hoping he could negotiate a compromise with his trusted advisor. Thomas, however, would not compromise his faith or his principles. As he mounted the scaffold to be beheaded, his last words were “I die the king’s good servant, but God’s first.”

As inspiring as that life was, one must ask if the life of a saint who died nearly 500 years ago can have any relevance to the world that we live in today. But to me, St. Thomas More’s life, his principled stand, and his willingness to place his conscience over expediency and power have very real relevance in today’s world.

Too many of our modern political leaders and holders of powerful offices, many of them Catholics, are simply unwilling to live their lives and administer the duties of their offices in accordance with the principles, values, and beliefs that they claim to hold.

Too many fear the loss of office as a result of reprisals from one angry interest group or another and use that concern as a justification for turning their backs on what they say they believe.

To paraphrase a popular modern political expression, could we imagine Thomas More saying “Personally, I do not believe the king should be the supreme leader of the Church, but publically I support it and will take the oath”? After all, that’s all he had to say and his office, his wealth, his lands, and his life would have been saved.

But principles mean something, beliefs mean something, and values mean something, and Thomas stood by them whatever the cost.

And that is why he remains so very relevant in this day of flexible principles, where right very often is relegated to the back seat in favor of expediency.

Each of us, especially those of us in public life, whether we are Catholic or not, should study the life of St. Thomas More and should be influenced and inspired by his example of following his conscience and his heart, even when the consequences are severe.

In closing, may I thank you again for bestowing this wonderful honor on me. I will try to be worthy of it.

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