

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Table with 3 columns: Date, Time, Intention. Rows include Saturday, July 21st (5:00 PM, Birthday Remembrance - John White, Jr.), Sunday, July 22nd (8:00 AM, Marriage & Family Life), Wednesday, July 25th (9:00 AM, Birthday Remembrance - Richard Buscher), Thursday, July 26th (9:00 AM, Birthday Remembrance - Donald Shaghalian), Saturday, July 28th (5:00 PM, 10th Anniversary - Mario Rosati), Sunday, July 29th (10:00 AM, In Memory - Manuel Tavares).

St. Veronica Chapel

Table with 3 columns: Date, Time, Intention. Rows include Saturday, July 21st (4:00 PM, 1st Anniversary - Maria DiCiccio), Sunday, July 22nd (9:00 AM, In Memory - Patrick & Elizabeth Smith), Sunday, July 22nd (11:00 AM, Special Intention - Members of the Delaney & Kirwan Families), Monday, July 23rd (8:00 PM, In Memory - Roland Dufault), Tuesday, July 24th (8:00 AM, Pro Populo), Tuesday, July 24th (8:00 AM, 12th Anniversary - Keri Lynn Monaghan), Friday, July 27th (8:00 AM, Anniversary - Regina Sullivan), Saturday, July 28th (4:00 PM, In Memory - Anthony Moretti), Sunday, July 29th (9:00 AM, Birthday Remembrance - Jennie Mansolillo), Sunday, July 29th (11:00 AM, In Memory - Members of the Pingitore Family & Joseph Scichilone), Sunday, July 29th (8:00 PM, 25th Anniversary - Anthony Boscia II & Stephen Adam Ricci), Sunday, July 29th (8:00 PM, In Memory - Neil Sprague).



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.

ENDER'S ISLAND - SUNSET CRUISES

Board the schooner Argia for an evening of reflection on Mondays through August 20th. Suggested donation is \$40.00 per person. Reservations must be made by 12Noon the day of the sail. Please check endersisland.com for updates and call 860-536-0565 for availability.

TALK

Dr. Fritz Wenisch will speak on the topic of Jehovah Witnesses' and Catholicism on Monday, July 30th from 6-7PM at St. Thomas More Parish Hall. All are welcome.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

St. Veronica, Msgr Halloran Hall Tuesdays though August 28th from 8:30-10:00AM. This week's topic is: "The Liturgy of the Word: The Presentation of the Gifts, the Preface and the Sanctus". For more information, contact Maryann Knag, mmknag@aol.com or 203-213-4809. All are welcome, bible beginners to bible scholars. No need to register - just come with a bible.



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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Children and families-VBS 2012 will be held on August 13-17 from 9:30am to 12:30pm, St. Veronica, Msgr. Halloran Hall. All children ages 4-11 are invited to join us for "Sonrise." Registration forms are available in the parish office and at Church entrances. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Missie Antone @ 783-2113 or e-mail her at stmantone1@yahoo.com. We are in need of teens and adults! Please let me know if you are interested!

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment of the Diocese of Providence is sponsoring the 2010 Wedding Anniversary Celebration **on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00PM at the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul.** Married couples who are celebrating their **25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and Over** anniversary will be honored at this celebration. Couples, who would like to attend, can register for this event through the Parish Office before August 24<sup>th</sup>. This celebration will include Mass, renewal of marriage vows and a personalized certificate for each couple. Following the Mass, there will be a reception for the couples and their families. Bishop Thomas J. Tobin is the main celebrant and the homilist.

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### A DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Enders Island, Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> from 10AM-3:30PM with Fr. John Burchill, OP. This day of reflection will explore the central truth of our relationship with God. This day includes 2 conferences, Mass recollection, time to explore the Island and box picnic lunch. The cost is \$35.00p/p. Reservations required - 860-536-0565.

### 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.

### SAVE THE DATES!

#### Special Last Call Mass & Pizza



Next, Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, we will welcome Fr. Garcia & the St. Charles Latino Praise & Worship band – Mass followed by pizza.

Come and hear Sr. Christina's & Fr. Murphy's journeys of Faith.

Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> – 8:30-6PM – All Day Confessions – St. Veronica with Holy Hour to follow from 6-7PM.

Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM – Blessing of the Animals at St. Veronica. More details to come.

### Welcome to the Newly Baptized:

*Andrew William Davis*

*Son of Andrew & Maryellen*

*Rylie Marie Girard*

*Daughter of Ryan & Maryellen*

*William Edgar Hallenbeck IV*

*Son of William & Lindsay*

*Shawn Joseph Levesque*

*Son of Brian & Caitlin*

*Elle Binh Hope McManus*

*Daughter of Ryan & Hoa-Lisa*

***Congratulations!!***

### RESPIRE CARE – HELP FOR CAREGIVERS

The Diocese of Providence, Community Services & 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. Call 421-7833 Monday – Friday, 8:30AM to 4:30PM, and ask for Elder Services.

**Time to Contemplate not Calculate!**

I have fond memories of reading a philosophy book at Providence College by Josef Pieper regarding leisure. It was a short and excellent work that stopped me in my tracks and invited me to think and reflect on the reality of leisure. A nice summer read if you have a chance.

In our modern and manufacturing culture the art of leisure has been lost for so many. Summer time and vacations are time to step out of our routines to see the forest through the trees. Having lived in Italy five years, many friends who came to visit quickly learned and observed that Italian culture seems to promote a “work to live” culture, rather than a “live to work” culture that we experience here. How many times have we lamented that we are so stressed trying to do so many things, acquire so many things and provide so many things that we can’t seem to slow down and really contemplatively experience our surroundings. Even restaurants where the table is yours for the whole night and there is a de-emphasis on turning a table over leads frustrated Americans to repeatedly ask for the check.

I remember in Europe so many students were majoring in philosophy, literature, the arts and other courses of study. I would ask routinely “so what are you going to do with that degree?” and receive in response an empty stare revealing to me over time that I was seeing their knowledge and study from a more strictly utilitarian and economic perspective. I learned to frame the responses differently and it helped me grow. In short, it shouldn’t matter how useful something, but it is important to regularly see things and the world in their nature, essence and beauty.

Let us recall the Lord’s teaching with regard to the very busy and entertaining Martha contrasted with the quietly sitting Mary who listened to the words of her teaching Son. While Jesus respected and appreciated Martha’s good works, he exalted Mary’s “work” of being present to Him and his teachings. This summer vacation season provides an opportunity to those of us who live here to practice both Martha’s gracious hospitality and experience a renewed awakening to Mary’s contemplative stance to the world and the Lord around her.

In the spirit of Martha, we welcome Bishop Daniel Thomas, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia into our midst this week as well as Fr. Joseph Fonti from the great holy city of Brooklyn, NY. They will celebrate the 11 am Mass Sunday. May they be renewed in spirit during their time in this grace-filled part of the world.

*Fr. Tailon*