

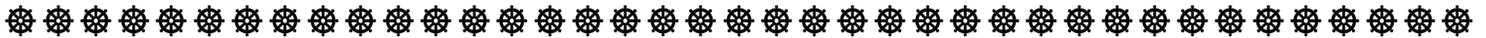


**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday, July 28 th ,	5:00 PM	10 th Anniversary – Mario Rosati
Sunday, July 29 th ,	10:00 AM	In Memory – Manuel Tavares
Monday, July 30 th ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Cecile Bernard
Tuesday, July 31 st ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Angelo Paparello
Thursday, August 2 nd ,	9:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Rosemary Walsh
Saturday, August 4 th ,	5:00 PM	1 st Anniversary – Edward Hopkins
Sunday, August 5 th ,	8:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Vincent Pellegrino

St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday, July 28 th ,	4:00 PM	In Memory – Anthony Moretti
Sunday, July 29 th ,	9:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Jennie Mansolillo
	11:00 AM	In Memory – Members of the Pingitore Family & Joseph Scichilone
		25 th Anniversary – Anthony Boscia II & Stephen Adam Ricci
	8:00 PM	In Memory – Neil Sprague
Wednesday, August 1 st ,	8:00 AM	Pro Populo
Saturday, August 4 th ,	4:00 PM	In Memory – Bud & Evelyn Gunning
Sunday, August 5 th ,	11:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Michael Maggiacomo



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.

Wedding Banns

- III John Ruggieri & Bridget Butler
- I John Oliver & Holly McPartlin
- I Nicholas Stebenne & Vanessa Amaral

TALK

Dr. Fritz Wenisch will speak on the topic of Jehovah Witnesses' and Catholicism this 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 Eucharist: The Institution Narratives in St. Paul, St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke & St. John"**. For more information, contact Maryann Knag, mmknag@aol.com or 203-213-4809.

PETER'S PENCE - SECOND COLLECTION

Our second collection next weekend is for the 2012 Peter's Pence Collection for the Works of the Holy Father. This collection enables Pope Benedict XVI to respond to requests for emergency relief assistance to those throughout the world who suffer from war, oppression and natural disasters. Your continued support is appreciated.

ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Mark your calendar!! – Sunday, August 12th – meet at Applebee's at 1:00PM (South County Commons). Look for the flier in the mail.

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 to volunteer! Please let me know if you are interested!

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Our Ladies Guild invites the members of our St Thomas More parish community to a Day of Recollection on Tuesday October 2nd from 10AM - 3:30PM at St Edmund's, Enders Island, Mystic, CT. The cost is \$35.00 p/p and includes lunch. Presentation: "Prayer: Presence To The Presence Of God" by Fr. John Burchill OP. Please RSVP by September 4th. Car pools will assemble by 8:45 AM on October 2nd in the St Thomas More Parking Lot. For more information or to register contact Kathy Rigney 782-4545 or call the Parish Office at 789-7682.

"NIGHT UNDER THE STARS RECEPTION"

August 12th - Dunes Club – 6PM. The cost is \$100 per person -
★ Cocktails/hors d'oeuvres - Surf and
★ Turf dinner followed by dessert.
★ Entertainment - Brass Attack. For reservations or more information, please call 789-0244. All proceeds will go to the DeLasalle Christian Brothers Retirement Fund.

SAVE THE DATES!

Special Last Call Mass & pizza



This, Sunday, July 29th, we 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 24th – 8:30-6:00PM – All Day Confessions–St. Veronica Holy Hour - 6-7PM.

FROM OUR PASTOR - EMERITUS

I wish to express profound gratitude to the faith community of Saint Thomas More Parish, and to everyone who helped to make the recent celebration of my fiftieth anniversary of Priesthood so memorable. Everything about the day: the prayerful Liturgy and all who shared in its celebration, the magnificent musical arrangements, the Sacred Procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of the parish, the joyful reception at the Dunes Club, all reflected careful preparation and long hours of planning by many people.

To all who helped in any way, I express deep appreciation and assurance of my continuing prayer. It has truly been a joy to serve the Lord over these many years and to meet and walk the journey of faith with so many wonderful people.

The rich blessing of Priesthood has enabled me to share in sacred moments of joy and sorrow within families throughout these years in my various priestly assignments, reflecting the awesome honor and privilege of serving of serving as a priest. The rich outpouring of beautiful cards, gifts, good wishes and personal reflections from so many of you remind me again and again of God's generous graces and blessings in my life. Please know how much each of you means to me. You have enabled me to serve as a priest. May God continue to bless you and your families.

Msgr. Halloran

JULY 29, 2012

After the Colorado Shootings...What Can We Do?

During these past days we have all seen images of the grieving, anguished and frustrated as some of the details became known in the Colorado shootings. This massacre is the latest in what seems to be an increasingly more common modern phenomenon in society.

Commentaries and conversations about it this past week among friends and parishioners were varied. I spoke to several young people who seemed thrilled at the idea of putting the attacker to death in a public and humiliating fashion for all to see so that we might be “comforted”. Their solutions made me pause.

I know when these things happen and the evil and injustice are almost impossible to imagine or process our responses and feelings follow in tow in the same ways. This is even more deeply felt when there are children among the innocent victims.

I think the hardest part of something like this is the helplessness we feel to respond, prevent or control the situation. Will going out to a movie now become as anxiety-ridden as getting on an airplane?

But what can we do? Blessed John Paul II warned of the “Culture of Death” that was spreading in western culture in his Gospel of Life encyclical. This is a culture where the common good and shared community gives way to a radicalized individualism that deteriorates into false freedom that is not based on truth. This pervasive movement also negates the society’s necessary dependence on God and tries to annihilate Him or at least silence Him from the public square and public morality.

We can do something to respond to this tragedy. We can more intensely promote and live the Gospel of Life. We can re-dedicate ourselves to the common good right here in our own communities, we can trust that from the ashes of a violent attack God will raise up miracles of grace (as already seen in the stories of heroism of those who died to save others). We can pray for all the victims and their families and yes, for the attacker and others like him who suffer severe psychoses or pain in their lives. We can become more aware of the reality of Evil in our world and know that Christ came into our world to overcome it and already has. We can ask for and practice the virtue of hope. God is always good, man is not.

As Blessed John Paul said, “we are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life. The culture of death and the culture of life. We find ourselves not only ‘faced with’ but necessarily ‘in the midst of’ this conflict. We are all involved and we share in and with the inescapable responsibility of being unconditionally pro-life” *Evangelium Vitae*.

May Jesus Christ be encountered and known by all.

Fr. Taillon