



Saturday, August 11 <sup>th</sup> ,	5:00 PM	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary – Rita Devine
Sunday, August 12 <sup>th</sup> ,	10:00 AM	Birthday Remembrance – Timothy Sullivan Sr.
Tuesday, August 14 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	Pro Populo
	5:00 PM	Special Intention – Members of the Military
Wednesday, August 15 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Brian Gillcrist
Thursday, August 16 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – John & Bernice Wayland
Friday, August 17 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary - Brenda Kieon
Saturday, August 18 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – John & Ida Boitano
	5:00 PM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary – Maureen Prior
Sunday, August 19 <sup>th</sup> ,	8:00 AM	Anniversary – Henry Del Monico
	10:00 AM	In Memory – Adolfo & Elisa DiBiasio

### St. Veronica Chapel

Saturday, August 11 <sup>th</sup> ,	4:00 PM	In Memory – Evelyn Gunning
Sunday, August 12 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	In Memory - John Mansolillo
	11:00 AM	8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Winifred Cox
Monday, August 13 <sup>th</sup> ,	8:00 AM	In Memory – Roland Dufault
Wednesday, August 15 <sup>th</sup> ,	8:00 AM	Special Intention - Sr. Alice McGinn
Saturday, August 18 <sup>th</sup> ,	4:00 PM	4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Mary Annechiarico
Sunday, August 19 <sup>th</sup> ,	9:00 AM	In Memory – Anthony Simonelli
	1100 AM	1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary – Gertrude Hoogasian
	8:00 PM	In Memory – Joseph Notarantonio Sr.



#### 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.

#### 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 volunteer to be part of the prayer chain, please call Eleanor at 295-1241.

#### A DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Enders Island, Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 10AM-3:30PM with Fr. Michael Najim. This day of reflection will explore the "Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary". This day includes 2 conferences, Mass recollection, time to explore the Island and a hot lunch. The cost is \$35.00p/p. Reservations required - 860-536-0565.

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY- HOLY DAY**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>**

Mass Schedule:  
 St, Thomas More:  
     Tuesday, Vigil Mass: 5:00PM  
     Holy Day: 9:00 AM

St. Veronica Chapel:  
     Holy Day: 8:00 AM & 7:00PM

#### SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

**Please note: This Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be meeting at St. Thomas More Parish Hall from 9:00AM-10:30AM.** This week's topic is: "**The Great Amen, the Our Father and the Sign of Peace**". All are welcome, just bring a bible. For more information, contact Maryann Knag, mmknag@aol.com or 203-213-4809.

ALTAR SERVER

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON



This Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> – meet at Applebee’s at 1:00PM (South County Commons).

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Office of Marriage Preparation and Enrichment of the Diocese of Providence is sponsoring the 2012 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 September 2<sup>nd</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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Wedding Banns

- III John Oliver & Holly McPartlin
- III Nicholas Stebenne & Vanessa Amaral
- II David Gentile & Amanda Pasquazzi
- I Brendan McLean-Benson & Meghan Couture
- I Bryan Pringles & Valerie Soles



The Parish Office will be closed this Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup> for Victory Day.

ALL DAY CONFESSIONS!



Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> – 8:30AM - 6:00PM at St. Veronica Chapel - All Day Confessions/Adoration with Praise & Worship Holy Hour to follow from 6-7PM.

SPECIAL LAST CALL MASS

This Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> – following the 8:00PM Mass – we welcome all college bound students - new and those returning to college - for prayer/campfire/conversation/pizza.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Our Ladies Guild invites the members of our St Thomas More parish community to a Day of Recollection on Tuesday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 respond by Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. For those interested in car pooling, we will meet by 8:45 AM on October 2<sup>nd</sup> in the St Thomas More Parking Lot. For more info. or to register, call Kathy Rigney 782-4545 or the parish office at 789-7682. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas More.

BLOOD DRIVE

DEDICATED TO TRACEY KENNEDY

On Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, the RI Blood Center will sponsor a blood drive, dedicated to Tracey Kennedy, a St. Thomas More parishioner, from 8:00AM-2:00PM at St. Veronica Chapel. Tracey is need of a kidney and hopes that we can support her and all those in need by becoming a living organ donor. Every day patients in Rhode Island and Southern New England need blood transfusions to recover from illness and injury. Our goal is to collect about 240 pints daily to meet these patient needs. We hope you will join us by giving the Gift of Life - a blood donation.. Call 444-3091 or visit the website at [www.ribc.org](http://www.ribc.org).

## Times of Transition and the Goodness of God

“This truly has been a year of transition,” commented one of my classmates at the conclusion of our final semester at St. John’s Seminary. A sense of being in flux seemed to mark our final months of formation. As we reflected on our past together and looked forward to the future ahead, we knew that more transition would follow. We prepared to transition from the regimented seminary schedule to the unpredictability of parish life. We anticipated celebrating the Mass (a big change that takes place on the day of ordination!). We prepared to say goodbye to one another, realizing that we would no longer have the luxury of community life that made socializing and friendship so convenient. In many ways, it is fitting that men preparing for priesthood spend their final year of seminary serving as *transitional* deacons.

Transition, change, uncertainty. These can represent some of life’s unpleasant realities. Yet we also know that they are necessary realities. Whether it be starting a new job, moving to a different location, changing schools, or saying goodbye to a loved one – we all face times of transition. Despite these necessary changes, the human heart seeks something constant and unchanging. Amidst the transitions of life and the uncertainties that accompany them, we long for a sure and certain hope. We long for the eternal.

As people of faith we take great comfort in the goodness of God, which remains even during times of transition. No matter what we go through, no matter our location or status in life, the goodness of God provides an everlasting spring of grace that never dries up. The constancy of God’s goodness is not just a nice thought; it is a verifiable truth. In fact, we discover this truth in a very concrete way at Mass. Wherever we find a priest and a Church we find the gift of the Eucharist, our most intimate encounter with God. What a consolation it is to know that no matter what changes in our life, God’s presence abides among us!

It has been a few months now since my classmates and I pondered the future of priestly ministry. I can confidently attest to God’s goodness during my time of transition to parish life. A big ‘thank you’ is owed to all of you at St. Thomas More/St. Veronica Parish who have warmly welcomed me into your parish family. My prayer this week is that you would receive the same gifts of consolation during times of transition. As St. Augustine reminds us, our hearts are restless, until they rest in God. In a special way, may our hearts find rest in the gift of the Eucharist.

*Fr. Murphy*