

Religious Education Schedule
October 2010

SUN. AM: GR. 1-4	OCT. 3 RD , 17 TH & 24 TH 10:05-10:55AM @ ST. V.
MON. PM: GR. 1-4	OCT. 4 TH , 18 TH & 25 TH 4:10-5:00PM @ STM
GR. 5 & 6:	WED., OCT 6 TH , 13 TH , 20 TH & 27 TH 4:10-5:00PM @ ST. V.
GR. 7 & 8:	WED., OCT 6 TH , 13 TH , 20 TH & 27 TH 7:00-8:00PM @ ST. V.
CONF. I:	SUN., OCT. 17 TH & 24 TH 7-8:15PM – ST. V.
CONF. II:	SUN., OCT 17 TH & 24 TH 7-8:15PM – ST. V.

WELCOME FR. STOWE

Fr. Gregory Stowe, Assistant Vocation Director of the Diocese of Providence, will speak at all Masses next weekend, October 9th & 10th at St. Veronica and he will be at St. Thomas More the weekend of October 16th & 17th to speak on Priestly vocations.

Attention high school and college men who are interested in learning more about the priesthood. On **Tuesday, October 5th - 6:30** at Our Lady of Providence Seminary, **Bishop Evans** will lead Evening Prayer, give a talk about discernment and the priesthood. If you are interested in attending, please contact Fr. Gregory Stowe at 331-1316 or gstowe@catholicpriest.com.

RED MASS

The celebration of the Annual Red Mass is an important tradition in the Catholic Church and in the Diocese of Providence. It is an opportunity to express our gratitude to those in the legal profession and other areas of public service and to ask God's blessings upon their good and important work. Bishop Tobin will celebrate this Mass on Wednesday, October 6th at 5:30PM in the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul. The Most Reverend Robert C. Evans will be the homilist.



RCIA

The next class is on Tuesday, October 19th at 7:30PM. If you are an adult, not baptized or are interested in making your Confirmation, the RCIA is for you. If you or someone you know is interested, come to class or call Fr. Taillon at 789-7682.

Welcome the Newly Baptized:

*Teagan Mackenzie Friedt
Daughter of Roger & Kelly*

*Evan Caraccioli Morissette
Son of Raymond & Millie*

*Olivia Renee Santosuosso
Daughter of Brian & Amy*

*Mischa Taylor Sharpe
Daughter of Earle & Brenna*

Congratulations!!!

PRAY THE ROSARY

Come and pray the "Rosary Novena for Life" on Saturdays, October 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, November 6th, 13th & 20th beginning at 8:00AM in front of the abortion center on Broad Street in Cranston. Mass to follow at St. Paul's Church. For more information, please call Catholics for Life at 421-0821.

 **Volunteer**

We are looking for volunteers to cook a Sunday Night meal at Welcome House. This is a great way for students to get service hours. A couple of families could get together to share in making a meal. For more information, please call Patti at 783-7165.

BULLETIN ADS

A representative from Liturgical Publications, our bulletin publisher, will be with us the week of October 12th. We thank all those for renewing their ads as well as our new advertisers. Anyone interested in advertising in our bulletin, please call the Parish Office at 789-7682.

OCTOBER 3, 2010

Rev. Adam A. Young
Column Sunday Oct. 3, 2010

I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful “farewell” Mass and reception last Sunday, especially VJ Simonelli and his intrepid team of Social Committee volunteers. I was moved by all the kind words of encouragement and promises of prayers by the many people who attended. The Marimba instrument added an almost Caribbean feel to Msgr. Halloran Hall! All in all, I could not have asked for a better send off from my first priestly assignment.

Looking back on my summer here at St. Thomas More, I was humbled by the many ways in which I was able to serve as a newly ordained priest. Sometimes a new priest can have the attitude that he is going to come into a parish and do all the teaching, but it was quite the opposite in my experience. I was certainly the student, learning over and over how God uses His priesthood to be present to His people.

In the early Church, the priest was considered a “Christ-bearer”. He was one who brought Christ to the people, through his preaching, through the celebration of the sacraments, through imitating Jesus the High Priest. St. Augustine famously told his people, “I am a Christian for my sake, and I am a priest for your sake.” It is the responsibility of the priest, with God’s grace, to shepherd his flock to heaven by bringing Christ to them on earth. How humbling it is to be called to such a vocation!

Unfortunately in today’s world, it is very difficult to hear God’s voice in the midst of life’s many noises and distractions. That is why it is more important than ever to encourage vocations to the priesthood. The best way to do this is to pray! Pray that many will hear God’s call. Another good way to encourage vocations is to let young men know they’d be good. If there is anyone in your family or in the parish you think would make an excellent priest, tell them!

The priesthood is one of the most beautiful vocations in the world, and I am thankful everyday that God has called me to participate in it! I thank you again for a grace-filled summer and for all your prayers for me during my final year of studies in Rome, and I urge you to continue to pray for all priests, the “Christ-bearers” of our Church!

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