

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Messiah. The greatest among you must be your servant." -Mt 23:8-11

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.

DR-ORPHANAGE MISSION MEETING

The last meeting is this Sunday, October 30th at 5:30PM at St. Thomas More Parish Hall, This meeting is for those who are going on our mission trip to the orphanage. Please bring a parent or guardian with you.

Wedding Banns

III Michael Cotoia & Maura Devaney

All Saint's Day, Holy Day of Obligation, Tuesday, November 1st

- 5:00 PM Vigil - t Thomas More
7:30 AM St. Veronica Chapel
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All Soul's Day - Pray for the Dead
Wednesday, November 2nd

9:00 AM St. Thomas More
7:00 PM Mass of Remembrance at St. Thomas More - Light reception to follow. All are welcome.
A book of the dead will be available at both Churches, so we can all inscribe our deceased loved ones to be prayed for throughout November.



Next Saturday November 5th, we begin daylight savings time. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour!

Religious Education Schedule

October/November 2011

SUN. AM: OCT. 23RD, NOV. 6TH, 13TH & 20TH
GR. 1-4 10:05-10:55AM @ ST. V

MON. PM: OCT. 24TH, NOV. 7TH, 14TH & 21ST
GR. 1-4 4:10-5:00PM @ STM

GR. 5 & 6: WED., OCT. 26TH
WED., NOV. 2ND, 9TH & 16TH
4:10-5:00PM @ ST. V.

GR. 7 & 8: WED., OCT. 26TH
WED., NOV. 2ND, 9TH & 16TH
7:00-8:00PM @ ST. V.

CONF. I: SUN., OCT. 23RD & 30TH
SUN., NOV. 6TH & 13TH
7:00 – 8:15PM @ ST. V.

CONF. II: SUN., OCT. 23RD & 30TH
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7:00 – 8:15PM @ ST. V.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING/POTLUCK LUNCH -

St. Veronica Msgr. Halloran Hall, Saturday, November 19th from 12Noon-3:00PM. All women of the parish are welcome. not just mothers and daughters, that would like to join in this festive holiday event. Enjoy a potluck luncheon while you decorate a gingerbread house to take home. You can share decorating a house with others in your group, or each person can decorate their own house. It's up to you! The cost is \$20 per Gingerbread House. Please bring a luncheon dish to share. Beverages and dessert will be provided. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Please call Susan - 368-8830 to reserve your seats and your gingerbread house(s).

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend, our second collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) will fund their Co-Sponsored Seminary Program for vocations within the military and is now educating 30 men for the priesthood and subsequent military chaplaincy. Currently, 285 Catholic military chaplains provide pastoral care to over 1.5 million Catholics on ships, in combat, on bases and in 153 VA hospitals. The AMS has no parishes from which to draw financial support and relies solely on donations. See this week's insert or their website for more information: www.milarch.org/faq.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

(Family or Individual Activity)

Prepare for the Birth of Jesus!!!

Date: Sunday, November 27th beginning at 12Noon at Msgr. Halloran Hall

Reservations: Gloria Roman 782-6653

Cost: \$12.00 per wreath - All supplies are included, you may bring some extra fresh evergreens. Walk-ins are welcome or buy a kit to make one at home.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Mary Star of the Sea will have their Christmas Bazaar next Saturday, November 5th from 9AM-3PM and after all the Masses next weekend. The bazaar will include food, outside crafters and spectacular raffles. Something for everyone!!

PROJECT UNDERCOVER

Narragansett Girl Scouts and Project Undercover need your help to collect as many undergarments as possible for South County's children living in poverty. Project Undercover collection boxes will be placed at one of the entrances of St. Thomas More and St. Veronica Chapel from October 23rd through November 14th to accept donations of unopened packages of socks, underwear and diapers for local children in need. Thank You!!



Welcome to the Newly Baptized:

*Aiden Richard Connors
son of Richard & Stacey*

*Caitlyn Jane O'Brien
daughter of Kevin & Donna*

Congratulations!!

Seeing Christ in the Mentally Ill

Reports have been published recently that showed that the state of Rhode Island (Diocese of Providence) ranks among the highest in percentage of persons who report struggling with some form of mental illness. In addition, and alarmingly we rank among the highest by some accounts for suicide and attempted suicide rates.

There are so many kinds of emotional illness that they are too numerous to describe. The difficulty about this disease is at times it is hard to detect, diagnose, treat and manage, not only for the afflicted but for their families and caregivers. Many homeless people suffer also from mental illness particularly schizophrenia. Faith and spirituality can be the one haven for the mentally ill that can really be a comfort for them, while some experience delusions and paranoia around religion-centered psychoses which is particularly sad and painful.

So what can we do? First, we can ask for the grace to see Christ in the person with the disease and in those who struggle to love and care for them. This is hard to do when the person is manic, angry or unresponsive to love and concern. Our study of the disease coupled with times of prayer with the Lord can help us keep a balance and receptivity to the graces available.

We need to understand the Church's real teaching on suicide. If someone does not have free will in their actions the culpability recedes with the diminishment of that will. This requires a sensitive but still authentic understanding of moral theology.

We need to know the Lord is with us in these endeavors and that we have friends in heaven. Saint Benedict Laboure was a homeless man in Rome who became canonized a saint and is a friend for those with these illnesses. St. Dymphna is the traditional intercessor for mental illnesses. Perhaps exploring their life-stories and developing a friendship with them can help. Why not dedicate prayer this week to those who suffer depression and mental illness?

ST DYMPHENA... You are celebrated for your goodness to others. Both in your lifetime, and even more in ages since, you have again and again demonstrated your concern for those who are mentally disturbed or emotionally troubled. Kindly secure for me, then, some measure of your own serene love, and ask our Lord to give us a share in His life and boundless charity. I especially pray for (name here). Keep us in peace, Amen.