

MASS INTENTIONS

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St. Veronica Chapel

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The Feast of Mary, Mother of God on Saturday, January 1, 2011 is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Mass is at 9:00AM at St. Thomas More Church

And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazorean." -Mt 2:22b-23

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. Please join us whenever you can.

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 become part of the prayer chain ministry, call 295-1241.

COFFEE AN'



The Social Ministry Committee cordially invites you to a Coffee An' next Sunday, January 2nd, following the 10:00AM Mass at St. Thomas More & 9:00AM Mass at St. Veronica. Please come and join us.



Religious Education Schedule

January 2011

- SUN. AM:** JAN. 9TH, 23RD & 30TH
GR. 1-4 10:05-10:55AM @ ST. V.
- MON. PM:** JAN. 10TH, 24TH & 31ST
GR. 1-4 4:10-5:00PM @ STM
- GR. 5 & 6:** WED. JAN. 5TH, 12TH, 19TH & 26TH
4:10-5:00PM @ ST. V.
- GR. 7 & 8:** WED. JAN. 5TH, 12TH, 19TH & 26TH
7:00-8:00PM @ ST. V.
- CONF. I:** TBA - Check next week's bulletin!!
- CONF. II:** TBA - Check next week's bulletin!!



THE GABRIEL PROJECT

The next workshop will be held at Scalabrini Dukceovich Center, 300 Laurel Hill Avenue, Providence on Saturday, January 8, 2011. All are invited to attend the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Bartholomew Church (across from the center). The workshop, which will begin following the Mass, is free and opened to all that are interested in learning more about the program and for all current Gabriel volunteers. This program assists mothers and their unborn babies. For information about the workshop and to register, call the Life and Family Office at 421-7833 x 118.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT

There will be a weekend retreat for men 18-35 who are discerning a call to the priesthood on January 14-15 from 7:00PM on Friday to 7:00PM on Saturday at the Seminary of our Lady of Providence. Do you know someone who might be interested? Even if they are away at college, consider sending in their name. Anyone interested should call Fr. Gregory Stowe, Assistant Vocation Director at 831-8011 or contact Fr. Taillon.

A New Year's Pondering Cell phone vs. Bible

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone? What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets? What if we flipped through it several time a day? What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it? What if we used it to receive messages from the text? What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it? What if we gave it to kids as gifts? What if we used it when we traveled? What if we used it in case of emergency? This is something to make you go.....hmm...where is my Bible? Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill. Makes you stop and think - where are my priorities? What will my spiritual resolution be this year?

FOOD COLLECTION

Next weekend is our monthly Food Collection. Items needed for school vacation are: juice boxes, cans of juice, cereal, cookies, crackers, hot chocolate, jelly and packages of cheese slices, coffee, pasta, pasta sauce, spaghettios, baked beans, soups, canned fruit, canned meats/tuna fish, personal hygiene products and gift certificates. Please deposit items in the bins located at the Church entrances.

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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – it's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage! The next weekends in New England are January 14 -16 & February 11-13. For more information call at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwmeMARI.org



DECEMBER 26, 2010

Blessings in the New Year....How about the Holy Family?

I think it is not an accident but only Divine Providence that places the annual New Year's celebration alongside the Feast of the Holy Family in our church and spiritual calendar this year. Yes, it is **STILL** the Christmas season that does not end until the great Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 9th!

Isn't it wonderful (and challenging) that our Heavenly Father willed with certainty that his only Son would be born into an ordinary and poor family! Jesus' family tree contained a cast of unusual and memorable characters that make our family tree (no matter how many unique branches there are!) a bit ordinary.

We think of his cousin John the Baptist and his parent Zachariah and Elizabeth just to begin. We know a lot about some of his lineage (see Matthew's Gospel at the beginning). No, Jesus did not have blood brothers as many moderns claim from their Hollywood scripts!

We are all called as disciples to work at, remain committed to, and have patience with our families. We know that expression "you can pick your friends but not your family," which leads us to move on to the next question: "Then who did pick our family?" And of course the answer is God did! Our family trees may at times, seasons and years look like bristles on a rose bush instead of a beautiful vine but one thing about a family tree is that the roots all come from one place no matter how the leaves or growth is proceeding on certain branches.

The Feast of the Holy Family is occasion to reflect on the teachings of Jesus on marriage and children while keeping in mind those also wonderful and central teachings on mercy and forgiveness.

Many of us make New Year's resolutions based on our waistline but few on morality and faith. Perhaps this year we can rededicate ourselves to our families, even and especially those branches that may not be bearing much fruit in our hearts or lives. We can and should pray for our families in their whole, especially those in most need of our prayers.

May Joseph and Mary intercede for our own families and may the New Year be one of untold blessings and comforts from the Lord! A blessed and grace-filled New Year to you and your family!

Fr. Tailon

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