

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions –January 20-28, 2007

Saturday

5:00 PM Joseph Parrella

Sunday

8:00 AM Nicholas Vecchiarelli

9:30 AM Manuel Almada, Maria Jose and Jose Melo & Maria Espirito Santo

11:15 AM Evelyn Reppucci

Monday

9:00 AM Helen Hoffman

Tuesday

9:00 AM Arman Soucy

Wednesday

9:00 AM Louis & Geraldine Maglio

Thursday

9:00 AM John Jefferson

Saturday

5:00 PM Yvonne Deveau

Sunday

8:00 AM Nicholas Vecchiarelli

9:30 AM Tom Morris

11:15 AM Rita Ennis

SAVE THE DATE FOR ANNUAL STAMP DANCE
MARCH 10th

More details to follow

STAMP MEETING

There will be a STAMP meeting this Sunday, January 21 after the 11:15am Mass Anyone interested in going to STAMP or helping with Fundraising. are invited to attend this meeting.

OUTREACH MEETING

Wednesday, January 24, 7pm in Villanova Hall

PPC MEETING

Sunday, January 28, 7pm in Villanova Hall

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Recently I spent some time with Deacon Paul Vitale, our former music director. He asked me to convey his greetings to the people of St. Thomas. He is living and working in Manhattan. He is also assisting in a Manhattan parish on weekends. It was good to see him.

Before you know it, the Lenten season will be upon us. During Lent, we will have our parish retreat beginning the weekend of March 3rd & 4th. Catherine Joanne will be back with us this year. I was speaking with Catherine. She is looking forward to coming back to St. Thomas. Actually she is doing a parish retreat at St. Theresa’s Church in Billerica the week before she comes here.

On Monday of Holy Week we will have Olivia Woodward present a Passion play – more details to come.

I want to thank Fr. Paul Flammia for leading the retreat for confirmation candidates. We will be celebrating confirmation on March 24th.

The STAMP Dance is scheduled for Saturday, March 10, 2007. Save the date. Come out and support STAMP. We intend to go back to Biloxi in the fall to help in the continuing efforts to rebuild after Katrina.

I am having another senior moment. I find that they are coming more often and hanging around longer!! In my thank you after Christmas, I cannot recall whether I thanked the choirs for the time and effort they put into the music at Christmas. The music was great. Even if I already thanked them, they deserve another thank you.

Well I guess that is it for now. Until next time, take care.
Fr. Earley

BAPTISM SCHEDULE

THERE WILL BE NO BAPTISMS DURING LENT

THE LAST BAPTISM BEFORE LENT
FEBRUARY 18TH, 2007

THE BAPTISMS DURING THE EASTER SEASON
WILL BE:

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 8 @ 11:15 AM

DURING SUNDAY MASS MAY 6 @ 11:15 AM

April 15 @ 1:00 PM May 20 @ 1:00 PM

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WINE , WOMEN & SONG

Our next gathering will be on Thursday, February 1 at 7pm in the Chapel. Each of our monthly meetings begins with a social time of wine(or soda), horsd'oeuvres, and conversation followed by prayer and reflection through music. All women are welcome

CHURCH SUPPORT

We are grateful to all who mail in their envelopes when away from the parish. Thank you for your generosity

Offertory for January 7, 2007 \$5,044.00

Offertory for January 14, 2007 \$5,750.76

This Sunday Second Collection is the Parish Monthly.

Next Sunday will be the Latin American Collection

ALTAR MINISTERS

Anyone who is interested in becoming a Eucharist Minister or Lector, please call Deacon Cliff King at the rectory.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers interested in bring communion to the nursing home please call Mary at 978-771-3513.

ST. THOMAS WOMEN'S CLUB HAPPENINGS

All Women of the Parish are invited to join us!

Feb 12 – Mardi Gras Party holiday foods

April 9th - TBA

April 21st - Senior Anointing Mass and Luncheon

May 14th TBA

June 11th - Closing Mass 6:30pm and Diner

ALL DAY SCRAPBOOKING

On Saturday, January 27th from 9am to 9pm. Spread out and scrap all day long! Beginner classes and Border stations. Please call for details and to register, Bonnie DiOrio at 978-657-0812

FEDERAL TAX LAW

Due to recent changes in federal tax laws for charitable contributions, beginning in 2007, parishioners who itemize deductions on Schedule A of their tax returns will no longer be able to deduct contributions to the parish unless they maintain a bank record or receive written contribution statement from the parish. Cash contributions that are not in a parish envelope cannot be tracked by the parish and will not be included in the year end contribution statement. To ensure tax deductibility for 2007 contributions to our parish the following payment methods are recommend:

1. Use of parish envelopes provided to you by the parish
2. Written check made payable to the parish
3. Direct deposit from your bank account
4. payroll deduction

Our parish will track contributions made using the parish envelope system and will upon request produce a written statement of contributions made during 2007.

Please note that this does not change the requirement that a taxpayer receive an acknowledgement from our parish for each deductible contribution of \$250 or more

If you have any additional questions please consult with your tax advisor

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

St. Joseph in Medford Sunday, January 28th 1-3pm.
Pre school, elementary and Junior High.
For more information 781-396-3636.

St. Charles in Woburn, Tuesday & Wednesday, January 30 & 31 from 9am to 11am
Preschool through grade 8
For more information 781-935-4635

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Samaritans of Merrimack Valley rely on volunteers who through the goodness of their hearts, reach out to help those in crisis. People from all walks of life are trained by Samaritans to offer support and caring to those who are lonely, despairing and suicidal. They are looking for anyone who can listen with an open mind with compassion and without judgment.

Please call 978-688-0030 or email at Samaritans @ familyserviceinc.com Training session January 20 & 31 & Feb 5 & 7 from 6:30 to 9:30.

JANUARY 21, 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 21 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer group	Jan 22 Gr 1 4--5pm Gr 4 5:30-6:30pm Gr 10 6:45-8:00pm	Jan 23 Gr 2 4-5pm Gr 5 5:30-6:30pm Gr 8 6:45-8:00	Jan 24 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30pm 7pm OUTREACH MEETING		Jan 26 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Jan 27 SCRAP BOOKING
Jan 28 1pm Baptism Instruction 7pm PPC MEETING 7pm Prayer group	Jan 29 Gr 1 4--5pm Gr 4 5:30-6:30pm Gr 9 6:45-8:00pm	Jan 30 Gr 2 4-5pm Gr 5 5:30-6:30pm Gr 7 6:45-8:00	Jan 31 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30pm	Feb 1 7pm WINE WOMEN & SONG	Feb 2 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Feb 3
Feb 4 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer group	Feb 5 Gr 1 4--5pm Gr 4 5:30-6:30pm Gr 9 6:45-8:00pm	Feb 6 Gr 2 4-5pm Gr 5 5:30-6:30pm Gr 7 6:45-8:00	Feb 7 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30pm	Feb 8	Feb 9 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Feb 10

Meditation of the Heart
by Carolyn Kenney

As was His custom, Jesus would often go to the synagogue in Nazareth on the Sabbath day. In today's Gospel, Saint Luke tells us of one day in particular when Jesus spoke these words in the synagogue: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." As Jesus took His seat, He said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." With those words, Jesus told those in attendance that He was the Messiah, the Chosen One of God. At that point, the healings and miracles performed by Jesus took on a new and deeper meaning in the eyes of His followers.

Jesus, who proclaimed the words from Isaiah in the synagogue on that day in Nazareth, is now present before you in the tabernacle of the church. He is also present body, blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist we receive at communion. He brings Good News to our poor and tired minds. He sets us free from the captivity of our sins. He refreshes our souls with His mercy. He has captured our hearts with His love; He has set us free with the gift of His own life, thereby proclaiming His desire of our union with Him for all eternity.

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE December 25, 2006

"Dear Children! Also today I bring you the newborn Jesus in my arms. He who is the King of Heaven and earth, He is your peace. Little children, no one can give you peace as He who is the King of Peace. Therefore, adore Him in your hearts, choose Him and you will have joy in Him. He will bless you with His blessing of peace. Thank you for having responded to my call."