

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions February 17-25, 2007

Saturday

5:00 PM Richard P. Robinson

Sunday

8:00 AM George Pratt

9:30 AM Joseph Saporito

11:15 AM Edward White

Monday

9:00 AM Lawrence Reinhart

Tuesday

9:00 AM Jack Pellerin

Wednesday

9:00 AM ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM ASH WEDNESDAY

Thursday

9:00 AM Mario & Santa Patti

Saturday

5:00 PM Eleanor & James McCue

Sunday

8:00 AM Frank Curley

9:30 AM Raymond V. Capodanno

11:15 AM Winifred King

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins Wednesday, February 21st.
The Mass schedule will be 9am and 7pm
& 4:00pm Service only

CHURCH SUPPORT

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

\$1,545.00

The Latin American Collection taken up January 28, 2007

THANK YOU

I thought I would share a note we recently received from the Cor Unum Meal Center in Lawrence.

Thank you kindly for your generous donations of gifts for the poor. We were able to give a gift to all of the guests whom we fed on Christmas. They were so happy and thankful. It was so kind of you at St. Thomas to think of the poor in Lawrence God Bless you all.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

There are three important events coming up: religious education registration is in progress; the parish retreat is coming up; and the STAMP dance will be held. Continue reading below about these important events.

Religious Education registration has begun. A letter concerning registrations has been sent out to all the parents of children who are currently enrolled in the program. If you did not receive the letter or you are new to the program, please call the religious education office at 978-658-6040. If you are unable to afford the registration fee, please call the religious education office or speak to me. There are a lot of children in the program whose parents do not attend church regularly. Please pass the word on to them that registration for religious education has begun. I appreciate your assistance.

Beginning the weekend of March 3rd & 4th, Catherine Joanne will be here for the parish retreat. She will introduce the retreat at all the Masses that weekend. On Sunday night she will have a concert. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, there will be a talk on Theresa of Lisieux, Theresa of Avila, and Theresa of Calcutta. Come join each night of the parish Lenten Retreat.

We will be going to Biloxi, Mississippi the first week of October to continue the work of restoring homes damaged or destroyed by Katrina. The big fundraiser for this event is the STAMP dance. Come join us on Saturday, March 10, 2007 at 7:00 PM. Tickets are now available. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. If you would like a ticket, see me before or after Mass.

If you need a statement from the parish concerning your donations during 2006, please call Pat at the rectory. Leave your name, address and phone number on her extension. She will send you a statement. If she has a question, she will call you.

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

STAMP DANCE

Tickets are now being sold for the 8th Annual STAMP Dance on Saturday, March 10 in Villanova Hall. Please join us for a fun filled night of great raffle prizes, food and dance. Tickets are \$25 each and are available at the rectory or by calling Mike at 978-657-8407. They may also be purchased from any STAMP member. Thank you for your support

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY

We will be cooking and serving American Chop Suey at My Brother's Table on Sat., Feb., 24. If you would like to join us or donate dessert items call Pat 978-250-1710.

COLLECTING

BLANKETS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

The blankets don't have to be new but clean. Boxes will be at all entrances of the Church.

ST. THOMAS CHARITIES FOOD COLLECTION

On February 24 & 25 there will be a Food Collection for the Wilmington Food Pantry. All donations can be dropped off in Villanova Hall after all Masses that weekend.

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!

April 9th- TBA

April 21st- Senior Anointing Mass and Luncheon

May 14th TBA

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

BAPTISM SCHEDULE

THERE WILL BE NO BAPTISMS DURING LENT

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Anyone who has a child entering first grade in Sept., and the child was NOT BAPTIZED at St. Thomas we ask you to bring his/her baptismal certificate to the office for verification and we will register him/her at that time.

The Religious Ed. Office is located in the basement of the Church. If you have questions, call the religious education office at 978-658-6040.

Registration tuition payment

1 Child \$75.00

2 Children \$100

3 or more children \$125.00

If you have a parochial school child entering into grade 10 and plan on having him /her confirmed, you must register him/her in the religious education program.

GRADE 2 PARENT MEETING WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, FEB., 25 AT 1PM IN THE CHURCH

GRADE 10 MASS on FEBRUARY 25, 11:15Mass

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

MYSTERY QUILT FUNDRAISER

On March 3 from 10am -6pm at the St. William Parish School Hall in Tewksbury a mystery quilt will be pieced together on a step by step basis. The pattern is revealed when all steps are completed. A donation of \$50 per person Includes quilt pattern, door prizes and lots of fun. They will even do the pressing and seam ripping for you! The proceeds will benefit Catholic Quest's next adult catechesis event performed by RADIX on March 29th. To download a registration form go to www.catholicquest.org/quilt_flyer.pdf or contact Eileen Wood at 978-858-3634 or info@catholicquest.org for more information.

SENIOR CENTER

The Senior Center is in need of donations of wood (cut offs) scrap wood for wood projects and wooden toys. Please contact Terri Marciello Director at 978-657-7595

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 18 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer group	Feb 19 NO CLASSES	Feb 20 NO CLASSES	Feb 21 NO CLASSES ASH WEDNESDAY 9am, 7pm service at 4pm only	Feb 22	Feb 23 6:30PM STATIONS	Feb 24 FOOD COLLECTION MY BROTHERS TABLE
Feb 25 FOOD COLLECTION GR 10 11:15 Mass Gr 2 Parent Meeting 1pm 7pm Prayer group	Feb 26 Gr 1 4--5pm Gr 4 5:30-6:30pm Gr10 6:45-8:00pm	Feb 27 Gr 2 4-5pm Gr 5 5:30-6:30pm Gr 7 6:45-8:00	Feb 28 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30pm	March 1	March 2 6:30PM STATIONS	March 3 5pm Mass Catherine Joanna
March 4 COOKIE SALE 7pm RETREAT	March 5 Gr 1 4--5pm Gr 4 5:30-6:30pm 7pm RETREAT	March 6 Gr 2 4-5pm Gr 5 5:30-6:30pm Gr 8 6:45-8:00 7pm RETREAT	March 7 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30pm 7pm RETREAT	March 8	March 9 6:30PM STATIONS	March 10 STAMP DANCE

Meditation of the Heart by Carolyn Kenney

How much time do you spend watching TV, on the computer, shopping or watching sports events? Now, how much time do you spend in prayer? Why is it necessary for us to pray? After all, we have everything we need - a nice home, steady job, devoted family and friends. Although that is true, we all have problems and stress in our lives. We all have our share of heartaches and troubles. At these times, what will help you? Will your favorite TV actor or baseball player help? If you spend \$50-\$100 at the Mall, will that help? It may temporarily alleviate problems, but you cannot find true peace this way.

Saint Padre Pio said, "Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart. You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips, but with your heart; in fact, on certain occasions you should speak to Him only with your heart." Turn to God at all times and speak to Him from your heart. He will answer with His infinite love.

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE OF JANUARY 25, 2007

"Dear Children! Put Sacred Scripture in a visible place in your family and read it. In this way, you will come to know prayer with the heart and your thoughts will be on God. Do not forget that you are passing like a flower in a field, which is visible from afar but disappears in a moment. Little children, leave a sign of goodness and love wherever you pass God will bless you with an abundance of His blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call."