

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions March 31-April 8, 2007

Saturday

5:00 PM Irene & Joe Lyons

Sunday

8:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Stephen Hancox

11:15 AM Edwin J. Moon

Monday

9:00 AM Angelina Gioffre

Tuesday

9:00 AM Ann Germano

Wednesday

9:00 AM James Bland

Thursday

7:00pm Holy Thursday

Friday

3pm Stations

4:15pm Station

7pm Service

Saturday

8:00 PM Dora Ercolino

Sunday

8:00 AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Rico and Vickie Catalano

11:15AM Robert Basile

ON OUR WEB SITE

This Month on our Web site, Father Earley talks about our commitment to others.

In February, I helped serve dinner at My Brother's in Lynn. While flipping hamburgers, I reflected on the diversity of people this organization helps, particularly the families....

To read the rest of this story, go to sthomasvillanova.com and read the Pastor's Corner.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM

On Saturday, April 28, 2007, St. Thomas Parish will run a One Day Marriage Preparation Program from 9am to 4pm in Villanova Hall. The Program is open to all Parishes. Please contact Deacon Clifford King at 978-658-4665.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

It is Palm Sunday which marks the beginning of Holy Week. This Sunday afternoon at 3pm the choir and the Trinity Singers. On Monday night Olivia Woodward will present a one woman play. On Thursday, we will have the Holy Thursday service at 7:00 PM; on Friday we will celebrate the Lord's Passion at 7:00 PM. Stations of the Cross will be held at 3:00 PM; Stations of the Cross for children will be held at 4:15 PM; the Easter Vigil will be Saturday night at 8:00 PM. On Easter Sunday we will have our regular Mass schedule.

Religious Education registration is in its final stage. 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 is entering its final stage. I appreciate your assistance.

Olan Mills will be here Thursday, April 12; Friday, April 13; and Saturday, April 14 to take pictures for the parish directory. I would encourage you to participate. If you participate, you will receive one free 8 x 10 picture and a free copy of the directory. We have appointments on Thursday and Fridays available in case you're Saturdays are busy with errands. Sign up is available at the front door of the church and outside the confessional area. Come and get a free print.

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

SENIOR ANNOINTING MASS AND LUNCHEON

St. Thomas Women's Club invites you to attend the Spring Senior Anointing Mass and Luncheon on Sat., April 21, 2007. To make a reservation, please call Joan at 978-657-3905 before April 17th. No reservations will be taken after that date. If you need a ride, please let us know when you register.

PALM SUNDAY

EASTER ENVELOPES

There are envelopes for anyone who wishes prayers for their deceased loved ones, by the Statue of Mary. The names will be printed in the bulletin. The Masses will be said during the Easter Season.

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

St. Thomas Choir and Trinity Singers of Nazareth Academy will present a service with Songs in preparation for holy week. The service will be held on Palm Sunday, April 1 at 3:00 PM in the Church and will last about an hour.

THE PASSION

Please join us on Monday evening, April 2, at 7pm in the main church. We will have Olivia Woodward here to share the Lords passion with us. She is a wonderful actress. Olivia was here in the December to share the Story of Mary.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

We ask that the rice bowls be returned on Holy Thursday.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

This years Good Friday Ecumenical Service will be April 6, at 12 noon at the First Baptist Church.

BAPTISM SCHEDULE

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

LENTEN DONATIONS

St. Thomas Women's Club collecting for for Fr. Paul's Priest Friend in New Orleans whose parish is struggling to rebuild after Katrina. Donations can be sent to the Women's Club c/o St. Thomas Parish or call Joan 978-657-3905. Make checks out to the Women's Club.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LATE REGISTRATION

We are now in our second phase of CCD Registration therefore there will be a \$10.00 late fee per student as of Thursday, March 15 through Thursday, April 26. As of April 27, 2007, we will not be accepting any registrations for the 2007-2008 school year.

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

NEW CCD OFFICE HOURS

Monday Tuesday Wednesday 10am-4pm

****LATE FEE Registration tuition payment**

1 Child \$85.00

2 Children \$120

3 or more children \$155.00

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

CHURCH SUPPORT

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

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

St. Theresa Of Lisieux Church in Billerica Center
Sunday April 15, 3:00-4:00PM

NOVENA: Join St Theresa Parish starting Good Friday for nine days thru April 14 the eve of Mercy Sunday to pray the novena.

PENNY SALE

An Old Fashioned Double Penny Sale on Friday, April 13th downstairs in St. Dorothy's Church at 7pm. Two tables of wonderful prizes. There will also be refreshments served between the drawing of prizes on each table.

BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY

Sponsored by Wilmington Sons of Italy to benefit Alzheimer's Association on April 1, 9:00am – 12:00 noon. At the Wilmington Knights of Columbus. Donation of \$7:00
Children under 2, free.

APRIL1, 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April 1 PALM SUNDAY 3pm No Prayer group	April 2 OLIVIA THE PASSION	April 3 LIFE LINE SCREENING	April 4	April 5 HOLY THURSDAY 7pm Mass	April 6 GOOD FRIDAY 12noon Ecumenical Service 3pm stations 4:15 Children 7pm Service	April 7 8pm EASTER VIGIL
April 8 EASTER	April 9 WOMENS CLUB	April 10 JESUS DAY	April 11	April 12 OLAN MILLS PICTURES	April 13 OLAN MILLS PICTURES 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	April 14 OLAN MILLS PICTURES
April 15 1pm BAPTISM 7pm Prayer group	April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	April 21 CHARITIES FOOD & CLOTHING COLLECTION SENIOR LUNCHEON
April 22 7pm Prayer group	April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	April 28 Marriage Prep

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE MARCH 25, 2007

“Dear children! I desire to thank you from my heart for your Lenten renunciations. I desire to inspire you to continue to live fasting with an open heart. By fasting and renunciation, little children, you will be stronger in faith. In God you will find true peace through daily prayer. I am with you and I am not tired. I desire to take you all with me to Heaven, therefore, decide daily for holiness. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Meditation of the Heart by Carolyn Kenney

While Jesus was being led to the High Priest, Caiaphas, His best friend, Peter, sat warming himself beside a fire close by. Peter was at this time denying that he had ever known this gentle, loving Teacher, Healer and Redeemer. A few hours earlier, Jesus and Peter had been at the Garden of Gethsemane. One man slept, while the other anguished and shed His blood.

Today a church stands beside the Garden of Gethsemane. Inside this beautiful church is the “rock of agony” at which Jesus prayed to His Father before He was led away to His crucifixion. Mass is now celebrated here for various groups visiting the Holy Land. Our group was blessed to spend an hour here in Eucharistic Adoration. We spent an hour with Jesus - watching and praying with Him. This Lent, as a testament of your love for Jesus, spend an hour with Him at church. Keep your heart open to God and feel His tender love dwell within you.