

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARSIH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions May 26-June 3, 2007

Saturday

5:00 PM Paul Palizzolo Jr.

Sunday

8:00 AM Ana Viveiros

9:30 AM People of the Parish

11:15 AM Georgina & John B. Boudreau

Monday

9:00 AM Frank Germarte

Tuesday

9:00 AM Rosa Moses

Wednesday

9:00 AM Naoh Denault

Thursday

9:00 AM Mary Theresa McMahon

Saturday

5:00 PM Donna Nihan

Sunday

8:00 AM Frank Ratto

9:30 AM Raymond Capodanno

11:15 AM Deacon Frank Mandosa

OLAN MILLS PHOTO PARISH DIRECTORY

Any one who was unable to have their family picture taken with Olan Mills and is interested in having a free photo picture taken please call the Rectory so we can schedule that for you as soon as possible

WEDDING BANNES

III Mary Jean Sullivan & Justin Keefe

BAPTISM

The following Children were welcomed into St. Thomas Parish Family on Sunday, May 20, 2007.

*Christopher James Hevner
Megan Ruth Mullarky
Zack Frederick Timmons*

**WE WISH YOU ALL A HAPPY AND SAFE
MEMORIAL DAY!**

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

ALMIGHTY GOD AND FATHER, BY THE MYSTERY OF THE CROSS, YOU MADE US STRONG; BY THE SACRAMENT OF THE RESURRECTION YOU HAVE SEALED US AS YOUR OWN. LOOK KINDLY UPON YOUR SERVANTS, NOW FREED FROM THE BONDS OF MORTALITY, AND COUNT THEM AMONG YOUR SAINTS IN HEAVEN. WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN

CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC FAMILIES OF BETHLEHEM

This weekend, May 26 & 27, our brother and sisters representing the Christian Catholic Families of Bethlehem will be we will be selling Crucifixes, religious art work and rosaries-all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted. Christian Families in the holy land who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. Sale of these goods will help them and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. Website: bethlehemhandicrafts.fusioncentral.com

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Please join us downstairs for cake & coffee, Today Sunday May 27, after the 9:30 Mass as we will celebrate this Feast Day the "Birthday" of the Church as the Spirit of God descended upon it.

**WOMENS CLUB
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

The applications are available at the Rectory and must be returned by This Sunday May 27.

St. Thomas Women's Club will again offer a \$500 Scholarship to a graduating High School Senior who plans to go on to further education. The senior must be a registered parishioner at St. Thomas Parish.

WOMENS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP MEETING

The Meeting will be Tues., May 29th at 7:00pm in Villanova Hall. We will also discuss the 2007-2008 calendar.

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

CLOSING MASS AND DINNER

Closing Mass will be Monday, June 11, 6:30pm in the Chapel followed by dinner in Villanova Hall the Club will treat. We will do take out from Capellini's in Tewksbury Chicken & Broccoli, Lasagna, Salad. We ask that you bring an appetizer or dessert. Please call Joan 657-3905 so that we have a count.

ST. THOMAS CHARITIES COMMITTEE

4th of July Pie Project

St. Thomas Charities Committee is planning the 4th of July Pie Project. Volunteers will be needed for this annual fundraising event. If you can help please call the rectory leave your name and number and one of the committee members will get back to you .

2007 CATHOLIC APPEAL

Giving in Faith, Giving with Love

If you would like to donate to The Catholic Appeal you can drop your pledge card in any collection and we will forward it to Boston or you can mail it directly. In the past, the Catholic Appeal would go on and on into October. This year they are trying to shorten the period. They would like the pledge cards in early even if you cannot make a payment until later in the year. As the Cardinal stated in the video shown at Mass a several weekends ago, every pledge or donation matters.

Once again, Cardinal Sean wishes to thank everyone from St. Thomas who has participated in the 2007 Catholic Appeal. These contributions fund the good works of our Archdiocese and will improve the lives of many in our faith community. If you have not yet made your gift consider making a pledge this weekend. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the church to be mailed in or for more information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700. Thank you.

CHURCH SUPPORT

May 13, Offertory collection total \$4,939.00

Catholic Communications total \$1,651.00

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

The Religious Ed. Office is located in the basement of the Church. The CCD office phone number is 978-658-6040. Office hours are Mon., Tues, Wed. from 10am to 4pm.

Meditation of the Heart

by Carolyn Kenney

Throughout the New Testament, we read of the many miracles performed by Jesus. He cured those who were blind - He cured those who were deaf. He cured the paralytic man - He cured the lepers. He raised Lazarus from the dead and cured the centurion's servant. He calmed the raging winds and sea - He told Peter to walk on water. Jesus performed an abundance of miracles; the difference they made in peoples lives was profound. How many miracles did Jesus perform which were not written in the gospels? We will never know, but they must have been numerous.

Every year, we witness the miracle - the splendor - of each new season showing its own unique beauty. However, one of the greatest miracles we can witness is the birth of a baby. From the moment of conception, the child develops and grows within the mother. The birth of the child is not only God's gift to its parents, but is a gift to all of us. What mark will this child leave upon mankind? This child will affect people through his/her life in a way that no one else can. We each leave our own individual mark on our family, friends and everyone we meet. We touch lives without even knowing it. Life is a beautiful and precious miracle. Cherish it!

NFP --THE CHURCH BEST KEPT SECRET!

Did you know that there is a scientifically based, totally safe, easy to use and inexpensive way to control your fertility? And it is over 99% effective when used to avoid a pregnancy! Natural Family Planning (NFP) is often called the Church's "best kept secret". If you would like to learn more about it, there will be a 2-hour introductory class on the Billings Method on Wednesday, May 30th at 7:00pm in the rectory of St. William's Parish in Tewksbury. NFP is also effective for those who are breastfeeding or premenopausal. And couples with infertility can be greatly helped in their efforts toward achieving a pregnancy using only morally licit means. For more information or to reserve a seat, please contact Eileen Wood at woodfire@compuserve.com or 978-640-4916.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 27 CAKE & COFFEE after 9:30 Mass Scholarship Applications returned to rectory 7pm Prayer Group	May 28 Memorial Day	May 29 Women's Club Scholarship Meeting 7pm in Villanova Hall	May 30	May 31	June 1 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	June 2
June 3 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	June 4	June 5	June 6	June 7	June 8 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	June 9
June 10 After the 9:30 Mass PANCAKE BREAKFAST 7pm Prayer Group	June 11 6:30pm Closing Mass Chapel	June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	June 16 4 th of July Raffle Sale
June 17 4 th of July Raffle Sale 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21	June 22 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	June 23 FOOD COLLECTION 4 th of July Raffle Sale
June 24 FOOD COLLECTION 4 th of July Raffle Sale 1pm Baptismal Instruction 7pm Prayer Group	June 25	June 26	June 27	June 28	June 29 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	June 30 PIECE OF PIE PROJECT 4 th of July Raffle Sale

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

APRIL 25, 2007

“Dear children! Also today I again call you to conversion. Open your hearts. This is a time of grace while I am with you, make good use of it. Say: ‘This is the time for my soul.’ I am with you and love you with immeasurable love. Thank you for having responded to my call.”