

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions May 5-13, 2007

Saturday

5:00PM Linda & Charles Gullage

Sunday

8:00AM Yvonne Deveau

9:30 AM Joseph & Diana Dankese

11:15 AM Catherine "Jo" Cunningham

Monday

9:00 AM Easter Remembrances

Tuesday

9:00 AM Richard Stuart

Wednesday

9:00AM Mary O'Connor

Thursday

9:00AM Ruth Collins

Saturday

5:00 PM Irene Furman

Sunday

8:00 AM Frank Ratto

9:30 AM Jack Smith

11:15 AM Donald Franco

FLOWER SALE
MAY 6th, 2007

The Out Reach Committee will be selling Flowers after all the Masses this weekend. The money from the flower sale will help support their various outreach projects.

MISSION DEEDS COLLECTION
MAY 19 & 20

Items most in need are pots & Pans, Kitchen utensils and twin size bedding.

Charities will also have a Food Collection for the Wilmington Food Pantry.

All donations may be put in Villanova Hall after all the Masses on May 19 & 20.

ST. THOMAS CHARITIES COMMITTEE

St. Thomas Charities Committee will hold the 4th of July Pie Project planning meeting: Thursday, May 17, at 7:00pm in Villanova Hall. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Volunteers will be needed for this annual fundraising event.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

2007 Catholic Appeal Update
Giving in Faith, Giving with Love

This is Catholic Appeal Weekend here at St. Thomas of Villanova Parish. We, like all parishes throughout our Archdiocese, will be showing a video message from Cardinal Sean at all masses and asking every Catholic household to participate by making a pledge. Please know that your participation counts and that all gifts- of whatever amount – matter.

God calls each of us to share our gifts with others for the building of his kingdom. The Catholic Appeal is a once – a year- fundraiser to benefit the many programs and services of our Archdiocese of Boston. The Catholic Appeal is to our Archdiocese what the Offertory is to our parish- so your participation and support are critical. Please see the information packets in the pews to learn more and to obtain a pledge form if you didn't receive one last week.

Cardinal Sean thanks all the families from St. Thomas of Villanova Parish that contributed \$26,087 to the 2006 Catholic Appeal. This year, our participation target is at least 264 households participating. Our financial goal is to raise at least \$ 29,500. If we exceed our financial goal, we receive 25 percent of all funds raised above goal for use here at our parish.

Thank you in advance for joining with parishioners throughout our Archdiocese's 295 parishes to carry on the broader work of our Church.

On Our Web Site

Since September, close to 1,100 children and teens have been meeting weekly or bi weekly, depending on the grade, to strengthen their foundation in the faith. And while the formal classes have ended for the summer, our children's faith formation has not....

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

CHURCH SUPPORT

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

April 15 Offertory Collection \$5,656.00

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WOMENS CLUB HAPPENINGS:

WOMENS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP MEETING

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

DINNER OUT

Thursday, May 24th, we invite the women of the Parish to join us for dinner at 6:30pm (entertainment-comedy act-starts at 6:45pm) at the Black Olive in Tewksbury. Each will select their choice of meal from menu; each responsible for their own check. Please call Joan @ 657-3905 by May 17th so that we can give a count to the manager.

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.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

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. The applications will be available at the Rectory starting May 6th and must be returned by May 27th.

THANK YOU

To all who during Lent sent in donations for Fr. Paul's priest friend in New Orleans. We were able to send him \$550. Good job!

CCD OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 10am-4pm

WINE, WOMEN & SONG

All Women are welcome to join us on Thursday, May 10th at 7pm in the Chapel. The Focus of this months meeting will be "A visit with Mary".

S.T.A.M.P.

An Evening of Comedy on Saturday, May 19, 2007 at the Wilmington Knights of Columbus. Tickets are only \$15. per person or a Table of 10 for just \$150.00! We will be featuring four of Boston's best comedians hosted by Wilmington's own Steve Bjork. The show starts at 9pm. Doors open at 8pm. If you were not able to attend the STAMP DANCE this would be a great opportunity to support our October trip to Biloxi, Mississippi. Bring your own snacks! Cash Bar. Age 21 and over. For tickets contact the Rectory 658-4665 or any of the following: Chris or Carol Neville 657- 5150, Agnes or Dom Fiumara 657-6062, Bob Troy 1-978-902-0874, Deacon King 667-6093, Mike or Pat Worthington 658-1548, Dan or Beth Bamberg 657-4573, Dave or Maureen Travis 658-9876 or any other STAMP Member.

25th & 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Cardinal Sean O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. Invites all couples of the Archdiocese of Boston who are marking their 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2007 to join him at the Cathedral of Holy Cross Sunday May 27 at the 11:30 Mass. Please reply by May 8th. Families & friends welcome.

MASS IN HONOR OF PATRON SAINT OF CANCER PATIENTS

On Wednesday, May 16 (Ascension Thursday Eve) a Liturgy will be celebrated at 7pm in honor of St. Peregrine at the Immaculate Conception church on East Merrimack Street in Lowell. St. Peregrine is the Patron Saint of Cancer Patients, and is the Saint many cancer patients, family members and friends pray to for comfort and strength. St. Peregrine, who lived in the 14th century, was a member of the Order of Servants of Mary. He was afflicted with cancer of the leg and was miraculously cured the evening prior to an operation to amputate his leg. During Mass the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered to cancer patients and any who wish to partake of this Sacrament of God's healing.

MAY 6, 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 6 Flower Sale! Scholarship Applications In Rectory 7pm Prayer Group	May 7 4-5pm Gr.3 practice	May 8 4-5pm Gr.4 practice	May 9 4-5pm Gr.3 practice	May 10 4-5pm Gr.4 practice Wine Women & Song 7pm in Chapel	May 11 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	May 12 1st Communion 10:30 & 1pm
May 13 MOTHER'S DAY 7pm Prayer Group	May 14	May 15	May 16 7pm Mass	May 17 9am Mass Ascension of the Lord Pie Project Planning Meeting in 7pm Villanova Hall	May 18 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	May 19 STAMP COMEDY NIGHT MISSION OF DEEDS COLLECTION
May 20 Mission of Deeds Kitchen Items collection 7pm Prayer Group	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24 Women's Club DINNER OUT 6:30pm Black Olive Tewksbury	May 25 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	May 26
May 27 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

Meditation of the Heart
by Carolyn Kenney

In today's gospel reading from Saint John, Jesus tells the people, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." These words are so pertinent to us as well. In our world today all we seem to read about or hear about is killing in one way or another. We are fighting a war overseas. We are encountering terrible unrest in schools, colleges and even shopping malls throughout our country. What would Jesus say to each one of us if He were walking among us today? He would repeat the words He spoke so long ago, "Love one another."

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."