

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions June 9 – 17, 2007

Saturday

5:00 PM Lucy Caggiano

Sunday

8:00 AM Frank Ratto

9:30 AM Kevin Giroux

11:15 AM Arthur Boudreau

Monday

9:00 AM Kathleen T. Goldy

Tuesday

9:00 AM Angela & Sebastiano Patti

Wednesday

9:00 AM Stella Deveau

Thursday

9:00 AM Charles Crowley

Saturday

5:00 PM Alice Pratt

Sunday

8:00AM Joseph G. Dattero

9:30 AM Manuel & Maria Jose Chaves

11:15 AM Mary & Arthur McCarthy

BAPTISM

The following Children were welcomed into St. Thomas Parish Family on June 3, 2007.

*Deven Charles Barnes
Evans Louis Hromada
Kimberly Eugenia Kane
Kyle Kieran McDonald
Jacob John Natale
Matthew Scott O'Brien
Nicholas J. Spencer
James Gould Stuart*

WEDDING BANNES

I *Jessica Horan and Joseph Bamberg*

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast this Sunday morning after the 9:30 Mass in Villanova Hall. Come join us.

The Women's Club's closing Mass and dinner is Monday night. All the women of the parish are invited to attend.

Each year the Women's Club awards a scholarship to a graduating senior from the parish. Scholarship applications were available at the rectory. The applications are given to the Women's Club committee with their names blacked out. They make the decision. The recipient of the scholarship this year was Courtney Parsons. It was awarded at the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday of last weekend. I want to thank the Women's Club for awarding a scholarship to a graduating senior. With the increasing cost of higher education, every penny is important.

The Charities Committee could use some volunteers to staff the Pie Booth during the 4th of July celebration. If you are willing to donate a few hours of your time, please call the rectory and leave your name.

The Catholic Appeal is underway. 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, every pledge or donation matters. So far there have been 114 donors from St. Thomas. They have pledged \$14,864.00. I want to than all those who have pledged and invite those who have not to consider a pledge.

Finally, congratulations to all those students who have or will graduate from various high schools and colleges. Whatever your future plans may be, remember it is the content of your character that really matters. Good luck in the future.

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

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Courtney Parsons, daughter of Steve and Laurie Parsons. Courtney received the women's club scholarship, and we wish her the best next year with college.

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.

ALTAR MINISTER SCHEDULE

The new schedule for all Altar servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors is available in the Sacristy.

WOMEN'S CLUB 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.

WINE WOMEN AND SONG

This month's Wine Women and Song will be "God wants us to sing and play." A Thursday date will be announced later.

CHURCH SUPPORT June 3, 2007

Offertory Collection \$ 5,172.00

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

ST. THOMAS CHARITIES FOOD COLLECTION JUNE 23 & 24

The Charities Committee will be collecting Food for the Wilmington Food Pantry Items most in need are;

Juice Boxes, Grape Jelly, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo, Canned Fruit, Pancake Mix and Pancake Syrup

FATHER'S DAY SPORTS BASKET

To win the "Father's Day Sports Basket", Raffle tickets will be available after all Masses during the weekend of June 16th & 17th 2007.

All donations raised will support the efforts of the Charities Committee. The drawing will take place June 17th. The basket includes four New England Professional Soccer Team Revolution tickets, Ninety Nine gift card and other sport items.

PIECE OF PIE SALE IS COMING

Again this year, the St. Thomas Charities Committee will sell pieces of pie on the common during the Fourth of July Celebration. Dates of pie sale are: ***Saturday, June 30th, *Sunday, July 1st, and *Monday July 2nd.**

Funds raised from this pie sale will be used for charitable expenses here in Wilmington. Without your help we cannot succeed.

Please make a pledge & post a reminder to yourself!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to work on this project, please phone Michelle White 658-7218.

REFLECTION

Today is the Feast of the Corpus Christi The Body of Christ the day when we celebrate the mystery and joy of the Eucharist. Our Altar is decorated with bread, wheat, wine and grapes used in that first Eucharist meal. During Mass we will receive the Body and Blood of Christ as a community. Today we celebrate Jesus' Gift to us of His Body and His Blood and His invitation to us to become a member of His Mystical Body, the Church and we rejoice in the words of the Lord in John6:51. "I myself am the living bread come down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever." Today to celebrate this Feast of Corpus Christi we are having a community Meal. A Pancake Breakfast in Villanova Hall another type of Communion!

JUNE 10,2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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 4th of July Raffle Sale
June 17 4th 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 4th of July Raffle Sale
June 24 FOOD COLLECTION 4th 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 4th of July Raffle Sale

OUR LADY’S MONTHLY MESSAGE

May 25, 2007

“Dear children! Pray with me to the Holy Spirit for Him to lead you in the search of God’s will on the way of your holiness. And you, who are far from prayer, convert and, in the silence of your heart, seek salvation for your soul and nurture it with prayer. I bless you all individually with my motherly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Meditation of the Heart

by Carolyn Kenney

In the beginning of today’s gospel, the Apostles said to Jesus, “Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions...” The Apostles are suggesting to Jesus what He should do. How often do we tell God the best way to handle our problems? Jesus answered the Apostles by performing a beautiful miracle! He fed over 5,000 people with only five loaves and two fish. “...when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.”

When God asks you to do something and the idea seems incredible, remember the five loaves and two fish! Remember that 5,000 people were fed that day - both physically and spiritually. Listen to Jesus. Let Him perform a beautiful miracle in your life.