

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH

Mass Intentions June 16-24, 2007

Saturday

5:00 PM Alice Pratt

Sunday

8:00 AM Joseph G. Dattero

9:30 AM Maneul & Maria Jose Chaves

11:15 AM May & Arthur McCarthy

Monday

9:00 AM Agnes Campbell

Tuesday

9:00 AM Patricia Harris

Wednesday

9:00 AM Barbara Desharnais

Thursday

9:00 AM Allyson Marie Brennan

Saturday

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Charles Murray Family

Sunday

8:00AM James M. McGonage II

9:30 AM Josephine Ferrari

11:15 AM Joseph Vieira Sr.

WEDDING BANNES

I Susanne Berghaus and David Norton

II Jessica Horan and Joseph Bamberg

PRAYER FOR FATHERS

Dear God,

You have given fathers the task of raising their children to holiness. You chose Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as fathers of your holy nation of Israel. Despite their failings, weaknesses and poor choices, you made of them a great and long-lasting nation. And when the time came for your Son to enter this world, you chose a holy man named Joseph as his father.

As our Heavenly Father,

You have seen us, your children, make both wise and poor choices.

Give us grace to be faithful to you, despite our failings, and help us be fathers to our children as you have been to us. Amen.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

I want to thank all the members of the Outreach Committee for making the Pancake Breakfast last Sunday a success.

The Charities Committee will be selling tickets for a raffle they are holding in conjunction with the 4th of July celebration. This year they have a sports basket. All proceeds will be used to help people in Wilmington who are in need.

As you look at parts of the property, you will notice some of the grass a little high. I mentioned in a past note that the tractor is in the shop for repairs (broken belts). The shop is several weeks backed up. I will be glad to get it back. We are trying to keep the lawn around the church cut. However, using a hand mower takes forever.

I also mentioned in the past about the flood in the basement of Villanova Hall. What happened was the pipe that takes the water outside became disconnected from the pump. As a result the water came right into the youth center space. There was nothing wrong with the pump as I first thought. It is curious how the pipe became disconnected. Work has begun on mold remediation. We got several bids. We went with the lowest. As I recall, the lowest bid was around \$8,000.00. It has to be done. If it is not done, people using the space can become sick. It is not good for the building itself. Needless to say, this occurrence is not covered by insurance.

Finally, happy Father's Day to all the fathers in the parish!!

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

CHURCH SUPPORT

June 10, 2007

Offertory Collection \$5,193.41 .00

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

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

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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.

WINE WOMEN AND SONG

This month's Wine Women and Song will be "God wants us to sing and play." Please join us in the Chapel on Thursday, June 21st at 7pm .

Meditation of the Heart by Carolyn Kenney

Do you have a busy schedule? Are the demands placed on you by family, friends and work overwhelming? We have many things to help make everyday life easier, such as dishwashers, microwaves, cell phones and more, but why are we still so busy? Years ago, our parents and grandparents had none of the "modern conveniences" we have today. They did not have televisions, telephones or even electricity. Only a handful of people even had a car! But, they knew what was important. They took the time to go to church on Sunday.

We all need some quiet time - to refresh our minds and bodies - to rejuvenate them from everyday demands. As Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, "We all need time for silence, to reflect and pray." She took these words to heart and look at her life! She began each day with one hour of Eucharistic Adoration! When we give time to God, He always gives us time for everything else we need to do. Take time to pray - morning and night. Take time to be alone with God.

**WE WISH ALL THE FATHERS OF THE PARISH!
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

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

Thanks to the generous response of our parishioners for many years, this fundraiser has been a big success. Can we count on you to bake a pie for sale at the Fourth of July Celebration?

We will need approximately 60 pies on each day. Homemade pies are always our best sellers. Favorite store bought pies include lemon, blueberry, cherry and rhubarb.

**DROP THE PIES OFF IN VILLANOVA HALL
BETWEEN 3:00 & 4:30pm on your selected day!**

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.

JUNE 17, 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June 17 HAPPY FATHERS DAY 4 th of July Raffle Sale 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	June 18	June 19	June 20	June 21 WINE WOMEN & SONG	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
July 1 1pm Baptism PIE SALE 7pm Prayer Group	July 2 PIE SALE	July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	July 7
July 8 7pm Prayer Group	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	July 14
July 15 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	July 21 FOOD COLLECTION

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.”