

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions July 27-August 4, 2008

Saturday

5:00 PM Pauline Boyko

Sunday

8:00 AM Paul Sanclemente

9:30 AM People of the Parish

11:15 AM Steven West

Monday

9:00 AM Edward J. Rafferty

Tuesday

9:00 AM George Fitzgerald

Wednesday

9:00 AM James St. Pierre

Thursday

9:00 AM John, Marilyn & Gene Gage

Saturday

5:00PM George Mullens

Sunday

8:00AM Gertrude E. Wagstaff

9:30 AM People of the Parish

11:15 AM People of the Parish

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The Rectory summer hours are
10am to 2pm

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

CCD OFFICE will reopen as of Monday, August 4

10am to 3pm Monday Tuesday Wednesday

BAPTISMS

The following children were welcomed into St. Thomas Parish Family.

July 6, 2008

Rodolfo J. Silva	Sophia Grace Kretzenger
Maeve Easler	Colin Christopher Dwyer
Michael E. Vestal	Marcus Isaiah Ramos
Samantha Margaret Crowley	

July 20th, 2008

Emma Rose Chirichiello	Kristal Nicole Wells
Jordyn Lynn Doyle	Summer M. Sands
Matthew Robert Driscoll	James Patrick Dudley
Justin Anthony Fricia	Dante Steven McCollem

WEDDING BANNES

Donna Budd and Dennis A. Connolly

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

On behalf of the Charities Committee, I want to thank all those who donated food for the Wilmington Food Pantry last weekend. Many food pantries find a drop off in donations during the summer although the need is still great. Hunger does not take a vacation.

I want to thank Ryan Breslin and his crew for renovating the mezzanine level of Villanova Hall. Ryan took the renovation project on as his Eagle Scout project. We now have two nice conference rooms and a coat closet. The area has all been painted and new carpet was put in. They even did the bathrooms. The bathrooms have a new coat of paint and they replaced the missing tiles in the men's room. They also put in new lighting. Thanks Ryan for making the renovation of Villanova Hall your Eagle Scout project.

I received an anonymous call from someone who was out walking on Sunday during Mass. Her complaint was that some were parking on the sidewalk. She went on to say her next call would be to the police. Parkers beware. Please park in designated areas.

2008 Catholic Appeal - Handing on the Light of Christ
Thank you to all supporters of the 2008 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$26,675.00 from 190 households, reaching 90.4 percent of our parish goal of \$29,500.00. If you have not yet pledged, please consider a gift today and help us meet our goal. Remember, our parish will receive 25 percent of all funds we raise above our goal. Please remember to make your pledge now even if you plan on fulfilling that pledge towards the end of the year. 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. Every gift matters. Thank you!

Arise Together in Christ is the name of the spiritual renewal program that will begin in the fall. The format for the program is small faith sharing groups that meet in homes for six weeks. The group will be lead by a trained leader. Each participant will be given a booklet that will contain the prayers, the scripture for reflection, questions to guide the discussions, etc. The beauty of the program is that you do not have to be a theologian to participate nor is it a program where there are right and wrong answers. You are sharing your thoughts on the faith. We will have a sign up Sunday in September. Between now and then, you will be hearing much more about the program.

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAMILY FUN DAY

Once again St. Thomas will have a Family Fun Day with games, food and fun for all ages.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 21st

More information will follow. If you would like to help out with the planning or volunteer for the day of please call Pat Archfield at 978-250-1710 or the rectory.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The CCD Office is in need of volunteers

Grade 1 3 teachers

Grade 3 2 teachers

Grade 5 2 teachers

Grade 6 4 teachers

Grade 8 2 teachers

Office Help is always needed for all grades!

The requirements for teaching in the Religious Education Program are that you are a confirmed practicing catholic and in good standing in the Church.

CCD Classes will Begin the week of September 22

The schedule will stay the same as last year

Monday	Grade 1	4 to 5pm
	4	5:30 to 6:30pm
	9 or 10	6:45 to 8pm

Tuesday	Grade 2	4 to 5pm
	5	5:30 to 6:30pm
	7 or 8	6:45 to 8pm

Wednesday	Grade 3	4 to 5pm
	6	6 to 5:30pm

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION

As you begin to buy school supplies for your own kids, please pick up a few extra and bring them to church. We are collecting school supplies that will be distributed to needy families through Catholic Charities in Lowell. There will be boxes at the entrances to the church from now through the middle of August. They are most in need of backpacks, notebooks, paper, pens, pencils, markers, glue, pencil boxes, rulers, scissors, etc. Thank you for your continued generosity to this project.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Offertory for July 13, 2008 \$4,180.76

Black & Native American Collection \$1,385.24

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

NEW ALTAR MINSTER SCHEDULES

All Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers the new schedule is ready to be picked up in the sacristy.

Just a reminder if you are attending Mass and see that we are in need of additional servers please feel free to come up.

NEW CORI'S FORMS FOR 2008-2009

We ask all volunteers in the Parish to please fill out a new cori. This includes all CCD Teachers and all ministries. The Forms are in the Sacristy. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE

EACH VOLUNTEER MUST PROVIDE A GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION TO VERIFY HIS OR HER IDENTITY- MA LICENSE, US PASSPORT ETC.

ST. MICHAEL'S HOSTS BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Representatives from eleven parishes of Vicariate III of the Merrimack Region are planning a local celebration of the Bicentennial of the Archdiocese of Boston. Everyone is invited to a Mass and family gathering on Sunday, September 7, at St. Michaels Parish in North Andover. The celebration begins with a noon Mass to be concelebrated by priests of the vicariate. A family picnic celebration will immediately follow with activities for all ages.

The Bicentennial Mass and picnic will offer an opportunity to look back with a sense of profound gratitude and to look forward with hope; an opportunity to join together and recommit to witness to Christ's Gospel, to pass on the faith, and to build on a civilization of love.

Further details will be provided as the date nears. In the meantime, mark your calendars and reserve Sunday, September 7, 2008, 12-4pm, for what promises to be a joyful renewal of our "Journey Together in Christ."

NOTRE DAME SPIRITUAL CENTER IN ALFRED, ME

Have you experienced the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation? Do you wish to move on with your life, but do not know how? The weekend of Sept 5-7, 2008 is designed for those beyond the initial stages of grieving who desire to begin again. The program helps deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity t, through God, for turning the pain and loss into an experience of positive growth. For more inf. 978-342-0818

The deadline for receipt of applications is Sept 1.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July 27 1pm Baptismal Instruction 7pm Prayer Group	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31	August 1 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	August 2
August 3 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	August 4 CCD OFFICE REOPEN	August 5	August 6	August 7	August 8 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	August 9
August 10 7pm Prayer Group	August 11	August 12	August 13	August 14 7pm Vigil Mass Assumption of the Virgin Mary	August 15 9am Mass Assumption	August 16
August 17 Coffee Hour 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	August 18	August 19	August 20	August 21	August 22 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	August 23 FOOD COLLECTION
August 24 FOOD COLLECTION 7pm Prayer Group	August 25	August 26	August 27	August 28	August 29 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	August 30
August 31 1pm Baptismal Instruction 7pm Prayer Group	Sept 1 LABOR DAY	Sept 2	Sept 3	Sept 4	Sept 5 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Sept 6
Sept 7 7pm Prayer Group	Sept 8 Women's Club 6:30pm Mass	Sept 9	Sept 10	Sept 11	Sept 12 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Sept 13

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

JUNE 25, 2008

“Dear children! Also today, with great joy in my heart, I call you to follow me and to listen to my messages. Be joyful carries of peace and love in this peaceless world. I am with you and I bless you all with my Son Jesus, the King of Peace. Thank you for responding to my call.”

Meditations of the Heart

by Carolyn M. Kenney

“The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, ‘Ask something of me and I will give it to you.’ Solomon answered...Give your servant ...an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.” Solomon, who succeeded his father, David, as king of Israel, did not ask God for “...a long life...nor for riches, nor for the life of (his) enemies...” God was pleased with Solomon’s request and gave him an understanding and wise heart.

If we ask God for understanding, we will easily be able to distinguish right from wrong and good from bad. Then we will not judge others by their outward appearance, but will see the innate goodness within them. There is so much misunderstanding in our world. Too often we misjudge people because we do not take the time to listen – listen with our heart - to one another. When we do, we will be a totally different and more loving human being. (www.meditationsoftheheart.com)