

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions October 18-26, 2008

Saturday

5:00 PM Jeanne Auld & Robert Auld

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8:00 AM Gertrude Wagstaff

9:30 AM The Wilmington Sons of Italy

11:15 AM Deacon Frank Mandosa and Robert Basile

Monday

9:00 AM Irene Beaton

Tuesday

9:00 AM STAMP GROUP IN MISSISSIPPI

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9:00 AM Tardif Family

Saturday

5:00 PM Josephine Dunleavy

Sunday

8:00 AM Georgia & Joseph Melanson & Tom & Teresa

9:30 AM John Furman

11:15 AM Zachary Metivier

MEMORIAL PRAYER SERVICE

Come join St. Thomas of Villanova Community on Sunday, October 26 at 7pm, for a Memorial Prayer Service for all parishioners who died from October 2007 through 2008. Light refreshment to follow in the Chapel.

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES

There will be masses said in memory of all our faithful departed in the month of November. By the statue of Mary there are envelopes for anyone wishing to add their departed loved ones name. Please be sure to write their names clearly for we will add all names to the bulletin.

WEDDING BANNERS

III Rebecca LeBlanc and Michael Kennery

CHURCH SUPPORT

This weekend is the Mission Sunday collection. Thank you for your generosity! We are grateful to all who mail in their envelopes when away from the parish.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

On Saturday October 18th, the Women's Club hosted the fall luncheon for seniors. We began with Mass followed by the luncheon. I am grateful to the Women's Club for remembering our seniors.

On Sunday, October 19th, the STAMP group departs for Mississippi. We have an 8:00 AM flight from Boston to New Orleans. We will drive from New Orleans to Mississippi where we will work Monday through Friday. We arrive back Saturday night. On the way down we have a direct flight. On the way back we go through JFK. Since the two deacons and I are going, your spiritual well being will be in Fr. Paul's hands!!

The Charities Committee is collecting food and clothing this weekend. Food and clothing can be dropped off at Villanova Hall.

We will be hosting the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service this year. I will say more about that later.

It is not too late to sign up for the Arise in Christ program. If you are interested in the program, contact Deacon Joe Fagan.

In 2003 the Archdiocese of Boston issued a booklet on guidelines for ministerial conduct. It was all part of the protecting God's children program. At that time I made the booklets available to all those in any ministry in the church. At the end of the booklet there is one page summary that they are now asking each person in any ministry in the church to sign. This is in addition to the CORI form. Unlike the CORI form, you sign this form once in a life time. We will keep it on file. The forms are in the sacristy. Please read it over and sign it. You can leave it in the CORI basket on the counter in the sacristy.

2008 Catholic Appeal - Handing on the Light of Christ
Thank you to all supporters of the 2008 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$27,363.00 from 195 households, reaching 93 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!

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

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THIS WEEKEND
MENS WOMENS AND CHILDRENS CLOTHES
COLLECTION AND FOOD COLLECTION
OCT. 18 & 19

The Charities Committee is collecting all Men's, Women's and Children's Clothing They are also be collecting food for the Wilmington Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry is especially in need of the following items: **Soup, canned fruit, canned spaghetti, grape jelly, syrup, pancake mix, oatmeal, juice boxes and mayo**

All donations can be dropped off in Villanova Hall

ST. THOMAS CRAFT FAIR

Once again The St. Thomas Women's Club will have the Craft Fair On Saturday, November 22, 2008 from 10 am to 3pm. It is \$35 to reserve a table. To RESERVE A TABLE OR THE DONATE A RAFFLE CALL Maureen at 978-658-8206 or Elaine 978-658-9060.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Anyone who is interested in joining the Choir please see Lora our music Director after Mass. They meet for rehearsal on Wednesday evenings.

Adult Choir rehearsal Wednesday's 7pm

The Children's Choir Wednesday's 6pm

CHARITY RAFFLE

St. Thomas Villanova is sponsoring a charity raffle to raise money for Paul Lydon and his family. Paul has been diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease), and there are numerous physical and financial burdens facing his family (wife Alice, and 4 young children). The grand price for this raffle is \$10,000. Tickets are \$100 and there are only 300 tickets being sold, so your odds are good. The drawing will be held at the 5pm Mass on November 15th. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Al or Deb Marzi marzihome@comcast.net

PROTECTING GODS CHILDREN CLASS

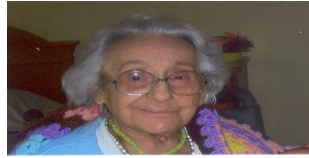
St. Thomas will have a class within the next couple of weeks for volunteers who have not already taken it. If you are interested in attending please call the rectory 978-658-4665.

NEW CORI'S FORMS FOR 2008-2009

All volunteers in the Parish need to fill out a new Cori every year. This includes all CCD Teachers and all ministries. The Forms are in the Sacristy. **PLEASE NOTE EACH VOLUNTEER MUST PROVIDE A GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION TO VERIFY HIS OR HER IDENTITY- MA LICENSE, US PASSPORT ETC** In addition to the CORI form. We ask you to please sign a **CODE OF CONDUCT STATEMENT AGREEMENT**, We will keep it on file. The forms are in the sacristy. Please read it over and sign it. You can leave it in the CORI basket on the counter in the sacristy.

“HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY MARY D!”

Mary DiGirolamo is turning 100! Please join us as we celebrate this special day. Thursday, October 23 6:30-8:30pm in Wilmington Woods. ALL WELCOME



OUTSIDE THE PARISH

CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER

St. Dorothy Parish Annual Bazaar, Friday, November 14 5pm to 9pm and Saturday, 9:30am to 5pm Free admission refreshments craft tables raffles attic treasures white elephant tables.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL
ENTRANCE EXAM DATES
FOR THE 2009-2010 ACADEMIC YEAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 8:00 AM

AND

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 8:00AM

8th GRADE STUDENTS MAY REGISTER AND TAKE THE EXAM AT ANY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON.

OCTOBER 19, 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 19 Children's Liturgy Gr 10 @11:15 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	Oct 20 Gr 1 4to 5pm 4 5:30 to 6:30pm 9 6:45to 8pm	Oct 21 Gr 2 4to5pm 5 5:30 to 6:30pm 7 6:45 to 8pm	Oct 22 Gr 3 4to5pm 6 5:30pm to 6pm Children's Choir 6pm Adult Choir 7pm	Oct 23	Oct 24 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Oct 25 Sons of Italy Craft Fair 9 to 4pm
Oct 26 Baptismal Instruction 7pm Memorial Prayer Service	Oct 27 Gr 1 4to 5pm 4 5:30 to 6:30pm 10 6:45to 8pm	Oct 28 Gr 2 4to5pm 5 5:30 to 6:30pm 8 6:45 to 8pm	Oct 29 Gr 3 4to5pm 6 5:30pm to 6pm Children's Choir 6pm Adult Choir 7pm	Oct 30	Oct 31 Halloween	Nov 1
Nov 2 Children's Liturgy 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	Nov 3 Gr 1 4to 5pm 4 5:30 to 6:30pm 9 6:45to 8pm	Nov 4 Gr 2 4to5pm 5 5:30 to 6:30pm 7 6:45 to 8pm	Nov 5 Gr 3 4to5pm 6 5:30pm to 6pm Children's Choir 6pm Adult Choir 7pm	Nov 6	Nov 7 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Nov 8 FOOD COLLECTION
Nov 9 7pm Prayer Group	Nov 10 Gr 1 4to 5pm 4 5:30 to 6:30pm 10 6:45to 8pm	Nov 11 NO CLASS VETRANS DAY	Nov 12 Gr 3 4to5pm 6 5:30pm to 6pm Children's Choir 6pm Adult Choir 7pm	Nov 13	Nov 14 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Nov 15
Nov 16 Children's Liturgy 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	Nov 17 Gr 1 4to 5pm 4 5:30 to 6:30pm 9 6:45to 8pm	Nov 18 Gr 2 4to5pm 5 5:30 to 6:30pm 7 6:45 to 8pm	Nov 19 Gr 3 4to5pm 6 5:30pm to 6pm Children's Choir 6pm Adult Choir 7pm	Nov 20	Nov 21 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Nov 22 CRAFT FAIR
Nov 23 Gr 2 Parent Meeting @ 12:30 in Church 6pm Thanks giving Service	Nov 24 Gr 1 4to 5pm 4 5:30 to 6:30pm 10 6:45to 8pm	Nov 25 Gr 2 4to5pm 5 5:30 to 6:30pm 8 6:45 to 8pm	Nov 26 NO CCD CLASSES	Nov 27 Thanks giving Day	Nov 28	Nov 29

Meditation of the Heart By Carolyn M. Kenney

Pope Benedict XVI recently canonized four saints from Italy, Switzerland, India and Ecuador. These men and women had the same heartaches and troubles we face in our everyday lives. However, with faith, they turned to God for strength in their lives. Pope Benedict XVI said, "...God always provides the strength we need to overcome every trial."

One way to triumph over our problems is to pray. The Holy Father has said that October is the month of the Rosary. In January 1991, Our Blessed Mother told the visionaries in Medjugorje, "...grasp for the rosary. Even the rosary alone can work miracles in the world and in your lives." We certainly need miracles in our world today. Let us pray the rosary and ask Our Blessed Mother for her loving intercession.
(www.meditationsoftheheart.com)

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE September 25, 2008

"Dear children! May your life, anew, be a decision for peace. Be joyful carriers of peace and do not forget that you live in a time of grace, in which God gives great graces through my presence. Do not close yourselves, little children, but make good use of this and seek the gift of peace and love for your life so that you may become witnesses to others. I bless you with my motherly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call."