

**ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

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**Mass Intentions October 25-Nov 2, 2008**

**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**

**Monday**

**9:00 AM Yvonne Deveau**

**Tuesday**

**9:00 AM Irene Beaton**

**Wednesday**

**9:00 AM Mark Marazi**

**Thursday**

**9:00 AM Louis DeBerrio**

**Saturday**

**5:00 PM Virginia Crane**

**Sunday**

**8:00 AM Marilyn Gilbert**

**9:30 AM Joseph Marshall**

**11:15 AM Maria Teresa Burns**

**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.

**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.

**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.

**THIS SUNDAY EVENING  
MEMORIAL PRAYER SERVICE**

Join St. Thomas of Villanova Community Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, for a Memorial Prayer Service for all parishioners who have 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.

**REFLECTION ON ALTAR DECORATION**

Memories are like dreams, they are real but difficult to explain to anyone else. We each have our own special memories of family and friends who are among the "faithful departed". We have hung a banner with a "honor roll" of the parishioners who have died during this past year. And our altar is decorated all in white as a symbol of the peace and hope of eternal life. We have added a family album, one of the places where we preserve our treasured memories and a hourglass and a clock. These objects are reminders that those who die do not "run out of time". They simply change over from our kind of time, the time of hours and minutes, to discover eternal time. This kind of time has no schedules, no deadlines, no sorrow, no pain or suffering, and no end. Just eternal rest and peace with our Lord.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
"MASS OF THE ROSES"**

The Knights of Columbus will celebrate their annual "Mass of the Roses" communion breakfast to honor their deceased members at the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, November 9, 2008. Breakfast will follow the Mass at the Knights of Columbus hall. Those attending the Mass are welcome to come to the breakfast.

**THANKS GIVING PRAYER SERVICE**

This year The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. Thomas on the Sunday, November 23, 2008 at 6:00 PM. It is a good way for the community of Wilmington to give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received. Please join us.

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### BAPTISM

The following children were welcomed into St. Thomas Parish Family on October 19, 2008.

*Connor S. Sullivan*  
*Nicholas Caban Johnson*  
*Lex Timothy Kieran*  
*Rachel Rose Botte*  
*Samantha Rose Bolanos*

### 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

### FOOD COLLECTION NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>

The weekend of November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> The Charities Committee will collect 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**

You may drop off Food donations in Villanova Hall after all Masses that weekend.

### CHURCH SUPPORT

This weekend the Second Collection is the Parish Monthly

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

### 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 prize 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 15<sup>th</sup>. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Al or Deb Marzi [marzihome@comcast.net](mailto:marzihome@comcast.net)

### NATIONAL ELECTIONS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008

Dear God,  
We cherish our rights in this country.  
Help us to remember always  
that rights are meaningless without responsibilities.  
When we vote in our national elections this year,  
Inspire our consciences in our choice for leaders.  
Remind us that more money in our pockets  
cannot compensate neglect of the common good.  
Guide us to choose our leaders  
Not based on image, voice, polish or party,  
But upon how well the chosen leader  
will govern according to your will.  
May we choose a leader, most of all,  
Who will act responsibly to protect the rights  
of those most helpless and unprotected.  
Amen.

### 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

8<sup>th</sup> GRADE STUDENTS MAY REGISTER AND TAKE THE EXAM AT ANY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON

#### HEALING SERVICE with Frank Kelly

St. William's Parish in Tewksbury will have a Mass and Healing Service at 7pm on Thurs, Nov 13<sup>th</sup>. Frank Kelly is the 6<sup>th</sup> of 12 children from a devout Irish Catholic family in Boston. In 1985, he miraculously survived what should have been a lethal dose of electricity. He was then blessed with many apostolic gifts, including praying unceasingly, knowledge and healing. Frank's ministry is faithful to the Magisterium and he always works with permission of the local bishop. There is no charge for the evening, but free-will donations will be gratefully appreciated. For more information, please contact Eileen Wood at [info@catholicquest.org](mailto:info@catholicquest.org) or 978-851-1304.

**OCTOBER 26, 2008**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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
Nov 30 Childrens Liturgy  Gr 10 @ 11:15 Mass "Rite of Choice" Baptismal Instruction 7pm Prayer Group	Dec 1 Gr 1 4to 5pm 4 5:30 to 6:30pm 9 6:45to 8pm	Dec 2 Gr 2 4to5pm 5 5:30 to 6:30pm 7 6:45 to 8pm	Dec 3 Gr 3 4to5pm 6 5:30pm to 6pm Children's Choir 6pm Adult Choir 7pm	Dec 4	Dec 5	Dec 6 Food Collection

**Meditation of the Heart**

**By Carolyn M. Kenney**

In today's gospel we read these words of Jesus, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment."

How do we love God with our mind? We cannot see Him in a physical shape which makes it difficult for us to grasp His reality. Yet, by loving Him first with our heart, we come to understand His goodness. This leads us to contemplate God with our soul, thereby feeling His Presence surrounding us and dwelling within us. Once we reach this level of intimacy, we can easier come to love God with our mind. We are able to communicate and relate to Him one on one. When this happens, an intimate friendship is established leading us to a richer and fuller life. ([www.meditationsoftheheart.com](http://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."*