Mass Intentions November 8-16, 2008

Saturday
5:00 PM Lawrence A. McGrath
Sunday
8:00 AM The Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

9:30 AM James M. McGonagle II

11:15 AM Frank McConologue
Monday
9:00 AM Barbara Stephen
Tuesday
9:00 AM John McGuinness
Wednesday
9:00 AM Maria Batazzi
Thursday
9:00 AM All Souls Remembrances
Saturday
5:00 PM Katherine & Lawrence Hayford & Ray Guay
Sunday
8:00 AM James McFadyen Jr. & James McFadyen Sr

9:30 AM Deceased members of the Marino, Maconie & Valente Families

11:15 AM Donald Franco

LECTORS

The mission of the Catholic Church is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our Ministers of the Word (Lectors) take part in this mission directly and deliberately when they deliver the readings of the Mass. All that is required to serve as a lector is a willingness to speak God's Word at Mass. A brief training session provides the basics. Lectors meet with the deacon during the week before to discuss the meaning of the weekend readings. For more info., contact Mary Lou Ferraro 978-658-0795.

OUTREACH MEETING

Outreach Meeting Wed., Nov 12, 7pm in Villanova Hall**.**

BAPTISM

The following children were welcomed into St. Thomas Parish Family on Sunday, November 2, 2008.

Alexander Michael D'Angelo
Sarah Grace D'Angelo
Cara Marie DiGiovanni
Sophia Ann Beauregard
Ava Elizabeth Cirone
Maria Jean McCarthy
Charlotte Marie Warren
Sabrina Grace Fitzgerald

Note from the Pastor

The Grand Annual collection letters have been mailed. The returns are beginning to come in. That collection is key to the financial viability of St. Thomas Church. We have budgeted $50,000.00 for this collection. Although we are in difficult economic times, I would ask that you give what you are able to give. As they say in the Catholic Appeal, every gift is important.

I am hoping that next weekend we will have a presentation on our finances at Mass. The finance committee is preparing the power point presentation as we speak. I will have a member of the finance committee speak at all the Masses. I want you to know exactly where we are at financially because it is your parish.

The Charities Committee is collecting food this weekend for the Wilmington Food Pantry. Food pantries all over the Commonwealth have seen an increase in requests for help. The food may be dropped off in Villanova Hall. We will leave the doors open in the afternoon in case you forgot to bring it to church.

The Women's Club is sponsoring their Craft Fair on Saturday, November 22. This is their main fund raising activity for the year. The money that is earned at this event is used to pay for the senior luncheons, the scholarship that they give each year as well as gifts to the parish such as a new refrigerator in Villanova Hall, vestments, etc. Come out and support the Women's Club.

The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held here at St. Thomas on Sunday November 23rd. All the churches in town will be participating. Come and give thanks to God with your fellow citizens from Wilmington.

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

WOMENS CLUB MEMBERS

Would each member please donate a bottle of wine for the wine chest raffle for the Craft Fair. The wine was a great success last year. Please bring the wine to the next meeting.

STATIONS OF THE CRIB

In preparing for Advent, all are welcome to join the Women's Club for a Presentation of the "Stations of the Crib" Presented by Pat Archfield on Monday, November 10th at 7:30pm in Villanova Hall.

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME

ALL SOUL REMEMBRANCES

Anthony & Anna Visconti
Andrew & Mary Arangela Visconti
Joseph & Joan Visconti
Louis & Lillian Michaud
Lillian Guerra
Tony Lazzaro Family
Edward & Estelle Shelley
Baby Stornaielo
Joseph & Georgine Melanson
Lawrence & Katherine Hayford
Teresa Noone
Ethel Fallon
Raymond Guay
Cynthia M. Gallarelli
Robert W. Gilson
Elinor Mehigan
Rudolph Russo
John & Ruth Kenney
The Butters Family
The Condrey Family
The McKenna Family
The Kelly Family
Olive & Joe Witkum
Francis Hightower
Emma Hightower
James & Mary Redmond
Joseph Redmond Jr.
James Redmond Jr.
Kevin Clancy
James & Angelania DeMaio
Walter & Alice Clancy
Mary Gaskill
Theresa Malgioglio
Sally DeAngelo
Rose Motaresse
Michelle Tamagini
Florence Capone
Paula Marie Capone
Josephine Capone
Louis P. Capone
Olga Drinkwater
Pasquale Spinosa
John Drinkwater
Lillian Capone
Florence Drinkwater
Frank Drinkwater
Ben Drinkwater
Pat Drinkwater
Jerry Drinkwater
Luca Capone
Frank Capone
Antonio Martinez
George & Betty Rapoza
John Carter Sr.
Albert & Helen Mayo
Francis & Eleanor Rapoza

Frank & Helen Hardy
James & Charlotte Duggan
Harold & Silvia Hardy
Eileen & Reginold Almon
Robert Almon
Wayne Almon
Carol A. DePasquale
Salvatore DePasquale
Mary Theresa DePasquale
Kathleen & Joseph Infantino
Carl Laured
John, Marilyn & Gene Gage
Angela & Alfred Tomeo
John & Janet Dover
Susan Thompson Packer
Peter Thompson
Lydia Alba
Edward Gendron
Franciso Tubau
A. Paul Thompson
Phyllis Thompson
Jaqueline Gonzales
Aldo Caira
Caira Family
Bianchi Family
Anthony Pompei & Family
Fr. Mackin, Fr. Croke Fr. Parker
Helen McCabe
Cabby McCabe
William True
John & Mary Casey
Eugene & Francis Casey
Thomas Casey
Paul Casey
Lawrence Reinhart
Catherine Reinhart
Patrick Reinhart
Lenore & Boynton Jones
John & Mary Burke
Allie & Mary Burke
Mary & Bob Anthony
Cassie & Sadie McNeil
John Reid & Pauline Burke
Flora & Pepin Arsenault
Chet Bukowski
Pat & Dick Duggan
Tom Casey
Eugene & Josephine Casey
Larry Ross Jr.
Freddie MacGrovern
Stephen West, Susan Rogers
Rita & Rocco DePasquale
Bob Palmer & Cathy Reinhart
Rita Parker & Teresa Ryan
Barbara Doran
Thomas O'Donnell

Anthony Fruciano
Frank Fruciano
Sally Clerico
Lois Rosemary Leo
Theresa Phyllis Masiello
Angelo Andrew Masiello
Christina Lopez
Anthony Lopez
Joseph V. Lopez
Louis P. Lopez
William R. Wood
Helen L. Wood
James A. Wood
Margaret V. Steed
William M. Steed Sr.
Gertrude Jaques
Katherine Barry
Barbara Killilea
Frank Fiore
George W. Boylen Jr.
Salvatore Piazza
Anna Puglisi
Joseph Puglisi
Frank Sambataro
Robert & Ruth Trout
Walter & Grace Sullivan
Eugene & Lenore Sullivan
Joseph Bradley
Tom & Edna Finn
Joseph & Ethel Bryan
James Doherty
Walter Collins
John Brander
Ernest DiGregorio
Frances Doucette
Clarence Doucette
Adrian Durkee
Thomas Hildreth
Mary Durkee
Rose Richards
Wilfred Meuse
James Meuse
Leo Richards
Paul Doucette
Anne Brander
Nellie Surette
Al Folger
Kitty Folger
Christopher Sullivan
Timothy Sullivan
Rosemary Sullivan
Ann Kelly
Cliff Kelly
Julia Folger
Anthony Folger
Baby John Ring

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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 6:30** **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 6:30** **Children Choir6pm** **Adult Choir 7pm** **Outreach Meeting**	**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 6:30** **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 6:30** **Children's Choir 6pm** **Adult Choir 7pm**	**Dec 4**	**Dec 5**	**Dec 6** **Food Collection**

Meditation of the Heart By Carolyn M. Kenney

During my trip to the Holy Land earlier this year, I bought a beautiful statue of the Good Shepherd made from olive wood near Bethlehem. There are three sheep at the feet of Jesus, while He holds one tenderly in His arms. This always reminds me of the psalm, "The Lord is my Shepherd, there is nothing I shall want."

God watches over us and guides us. He cares for us and, most importantly, He loves us. There is nothing you do that escapes His notice – nothing. When you are joyful, He smiles with you. When you are distraught, He reaches out to you from the depths of His Being and comforts you with divine love. With every step you take on your daily journey, He walks beside you directing your path. Sometimes we become sidetracked. We do not see Him walking the other road and, therefore, do not hear His gentle voice calling "Follow Me." The Lord is your Shepherd. There is nothing you shall want, if you place your faith in Him.

THANKSGIVING DINNER BASKETS

Our parish Outreach Committee will be collecting food items to make Thanksgiving Dinner Baskets to be given to needy families throughout the Merrimack Valley. Please bring your donations to the entrances of our church from now through November 16th.**Requested Items:**

Rice Gravy Boxed Potato Cranberry Sauce Applesauce
Stuffing Mix Canned Corn & Green beans Bread or Roll Mix Canned Pineapple
Cake mix & frosting Cookie mix Brownie mix Nuts

$5, $10, $20 grocery store gift cards (to be used to purchase a turkey or ham, plus any needed perishable items)

If you would like to donate a complete box or have any questions, please contact Jen Pietropaolo at (978) 658-1547 vpietropaolo@comcast.net or Rose Jackson at (978) 658-9915 rosejackson1317@yahoo.com