

ST THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions August 11-19, 2007

Saturday

5:00 PM Arthur Robichaud

Sunday

8:00 AM Kathleen Blackburn, Paul Quandt,
Mary & Alexander Quandt

9:30 AM Henry Latta & Donald Corson

11:15 AM Joseph Visconti & Lilian Michaud

Monday

9:00 AM Richard Phillips

Tuesday

9:00 AM Jessica Fredrickson

7pm Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday

9:00 AM Marie Baldwin

Thursday

9:00 AM Mary Pratt

Saturday

5:00PM Orginia Amaro

Sunday

8:00AM Ana LaFrazia

9:30 AM Concetta Joyce

11:15 AM Edward White

WEDDING BANNES

II Jennifer Pizzano and Richard Gillis

BAPTISM

The following children were welcomed into St. Thomas Parish Family on August 5, 2007.

*Makenna M. Diaz
Peyton Rose Sederquist*

SUMMER HOURS

CCD Office hours Mon, Tuesday, Wednesday 10am to 4pm

Rectory Office hours Tues., Wed., Thurs., 10am to 2pm

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.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

The Catholic Appeal continues. Our results are as follows:

Goal: \$29,500.00

Pledged: \$25,239.00

Per Cent of Goal Reached: 86%

Goal for the Number of Participants: 264

Number of Participants: 187

Per Cent of Goal Reached: 70.8%

Thanks to all who have given. If those, who gave last year but have not given this year, gave this year, then we could reach our goal. Thanks again to all who have given.

Upon my return from vacation last weekend, I was glad to see the school supply collection for needy kids had begun. I had already received a call earlier in the summer from Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities asking whether we were going to do the collection. I had told them yes. They are distributed to needy children in Merrimack Valley. Any help that you can give is deeply appreciated.

The planning for Family Fun Day has begun. It will be held Sun, Sept 23, 2007. The day will conclude with an outdoor Mass. If you are willing to help, please call Pat Archfield.

The Charities Committee will be conducting a food drive for the Wilmington food pantry. Most food pantries really hurt during the summer months. The donation of food is usually down. This drive is important. Please support this effort.

The religious education program is still in need of some teachers and office help. Please consider helping out in this program. See the notice elsewhere in the bulletin that lists what grades need teachers.

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

MY BROTHERS TABLE

The Parish Outreach will be cooking and serving at My Brother's Table on Sat., Aug 25 a "Summer Cook-out" salad, hot dogs, potato salad, chips and ice cream. If you would like to go with our ministry contact Pat Archfield 978-250-1710. We leave the Church about 11:30am and return about 4:30pm. You don't have to stay all day. At all Masses this weekend we will have baskets at all the doors of the church for donations to help purchase food.

ST. THOMAS MEMORIAL GARDEN

If you would like to contribute to the Memorial Garden to help with its beautification with either flowers or money please contact Pat Archfield.

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ST. THOMAS CHARITIES FOOD COLLECTION

August 25 & 26

The Charities Committee will be collecting Food for the Wilmington Food Pantry. **They are in need of everything.**

Wilmington Community Fund would like to thank you for generous gifts of food 75 bags on May 21 and June 24 to the Food Pantry. Your generosity allows them to help many Wilmington families in need of support and local assistance such as food, heat, utilities and medical.

FAMILY FUN DAY

St. Thomas will have a Family Fun Day with games, food and fun for all ages on Sun., September 23 from 2 to 4pm followed by an outside Mass on the lawn.

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.

NEW CORI'S FORMS FOR 2007-2008

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, ECT.

ST. THOMAS WOMEN'S CLUB

The Women's Club will be taking reservations for an evening at the Stoneham Theatre for the Christmas play "Miracle on 34th Street" on Friday Nov. 30, 2007 at 8pm. Tickets are \$25 for Seniors 62 and over, \$28 for under \$16 for students. To place a paid reservation call Joan at 978-657-3905.

ST.THOMAS WOMEN'S CLUB

The Women's Club will open the season with Mass on Monday, Sept 10 at 6:30pm in the Chapel. Game Night and Pizza will follow in Villanova Hall. All Women of the Parish are invited to join us.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass schedule for the Assumption
7pm on Tuesday Aug 14 and 9am on Wednesday, Aug 15

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; they will be distributed to needed families through Catholic Charities. There will be boxes at the entrances of the Church through the month of August.

They are most in need of back packs, notebooks, paper, pens, pencils, markers, glue, pencil boxes, rulers and scissors. Again we thank you for your continued generosity. If you have any questions please call Donna 978-988-0853.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The CCD Office is in need of volunteers in the following grades.

Grade 5	2 teachers
Grade 6	4 teachers
Grade 7	4 teacher
Grade 8	2 teachers

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

NEW CCD CLASS SCHEDULE

CCD will begin the week of September 10th

Monday

Grade 1	4:00-5:00pm
Grade 4	5:30-6:30pm
Grade 9/10	6:45-8:00pm

Grade 9 meets the first and third Monday / Grade 10 meets the second and fourth Monday of the month

Tuesday

Grade 2	4:00-5:00pm
Grade 5	5:30-6:30pm
Grade 7/8	6:45-8:00pm

Grade 7 meets the first and third Tuesday / Grade 8 meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Wednesday

Grade 3	4:00-5:00pm
Grade 6	6:00-5:30pm

AUGUST 12, 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 12 7pm Prayer Group	Aug 13	Aug 14 7PM Mass Assumption	Aug 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9AM Mass	Aug 16	Aug 17 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Aug 18
Aug 19 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	Aug 20	Aug 21	Aug 22	Aug 23	Aug 24 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Aug 25 MY BROTHER'S TABLE FOOD COLLECTION
Aug 26 FOOD COLLECTION 1pm Baptismal Instruction 7pm Prayer Group	Aug 27	Aug 28	Aug 29	Aug 30	Aug 31 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Sept 1
Sept 2 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	Sept 3 Labor Day	Sept 4	Sept 5	Sept 6	Sept 7 Girl Scout 3:30 -5pm 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Sept 8

Meditation of the Heart

by Carolyn Kenney

In today's gospel from Saint Luke, we read, "You...must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Death is not an easy topic to discuss. However, it is something that we all have encountered. We have faced its reality when a loved one has passed away; we understand the pain and heartache each of us must endure. In today's gospel, Jesus is telling us we must be ready - we must be prepared - spiritually.

These beautiful words of Our Lord, also from today's gospel, echo down to us over 2,000 years, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Is our "treasure" centered on material things? Hopefully not. Our "treasure" must be centered on God. Our focus must be on Him - first and foremost. The collapse of the bridge in Minneapolis last week caused devastation in only a matter of seconds. "You...must be prepared," because the love of God is for eternity.

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE July 25, 2007

"Dear children! Today, on the day of the Patron of your Parish, I call you to imitate the lives of the Saints. May they be, for you, an example and encouragement to a life of holiness. May prayer for you be like the air you breathe in and not a burden. Little children, God will reveal His love to you and you will experience the joy that you are my beloved. God will bless you and give you an abundance of grace. Thank you for having responded to my call"

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

ALPHA IS COMING

Alpha is an enlightening program designed for non church goers, disaffected Christians, new Christians and faithful parishioners. Its emphasis is to lead people to a personal relationship with Christ by addressing the question "What is the meaning of my life?"

Alpha began in the Anglican Church 21 years ago and some six million people have attended the program since. 300 Catholic parishes have run it in the U.S. and Cardinal O'Malley heartily backs the objectives and content of the course. ALPHA will be conducted at St. Dorothy's Parish starting in Sept. and lasting for 10 weeks. More details will follow in the coming weeks.