

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions August 17-24, 2008

**Saturday**

**5:00 PM Mary Pratt**

**Sunday**

**8:00 AM Gertrude Wagstaff**

**9:30 AM Dorothy Rooney**

**11:15 AM Priscilla Shdeed & Deceased members of the Shdeed family**

**Monday**

**9:00 AM Special Intention**

**Tuesday**

**9:00 AM For the People of the Parish**

**Wednesday**

**9:00 AM Concetta Joyce**

**Thursday**

**9:00 AM Charles Boulton**

**Saturday**

**5:00PM Edward White**

**Sunday**

**8:00AM Gertrude Wagstaff**

**9:30 AM Joseph P. Ring**

**11:15 AM Charles Cosgrove**

### CHURCH SUPPORT

**Offertory for Aug 3, 2008 \$5,121.00**

**Offertory for Aug 10, 2008 \$4,193.00**

Today's second collection is the Catholic Home Mission

Aug 23 & 24 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.

### FOOD COLLECTION

The Weekend of August 23 and 24 The Charities Committee will be collecting food for the Wilmington Food Pantry. All donations may be dropped off in Villanova Hall that weekend.

The Wilmington Food Pantry is especially in need of the following items:

**tuna fish, grape jelly, instant potatoes, canned fruit, beef stew, syrup, coffee and tea, cereal, ketchup, mustard, mayo and relish.**

### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

The Religious Education program is in need of volunteers. There is a notice elsewhere in the bulletin detailing their needs. Please consider helping out in this important ministry.

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.

**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.

2008 Catholic Appeal - Handing on the Light of Christ  
Thank you to all supporters of the 2008 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$27,055.00 from 192 households, reaching 91 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](http://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

### WEDDING BANNS

*III Sara M. Enos & Joseph T. Lane*

*III Marie Sampson & Matthew Hovis*

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### SUMMER HOURS

**CCD Office:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10am to 3pm  
**Rectory:** Tuesday Wednesday Thursday 10 to 2pm

### ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Would you like to:

Know God Better  
Grow Spiritually  
Meet New People  
Talk About God  
Improve Yourselves  
Put Faith Into Action

Then the Arise Together in Christ Program is for you.

On Wed, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in Villanova Hall, a meeting will be held for members of the various Ministries at St. Thomas. The purpose will be to provide an overview of this faith sharing program and the wonderful opportunities it will bring to our lives as Catholics. Further, we will talk about how easily one can become a small community leader in the program along with the training and materials provided. Should you not be involved with a ministry at St. Thomas and would like to learn more, please plan on attending. If interested, please call Deacon Joe Fagan at the Rectory.

### VISITING NURSING HOMES & HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

#### SMALL COMMITMENT, BIG REWARDS.

Most of us are able to take for granted the ability to walk down the aisle of the church each weekend in order to receive the Eucharist. But others require that communion be brought to them. Fortunately, The Parish Pastoral Visitors/Nursing Home Ministry makes that possible. Once a week, members of the ministry visit Woodbriar of Wilmington and Wilmington Woods Nursing Care Center, two nursing homes that serve our community.

We bring communion to between 70 and 75 people a week. Depending on the resident's condition, we offer the Eucharist sit and chat, or simply say a prayer. For some, when they see the Eucharist, their faces just light up.

Members of the ministry come from all walks of life. Some are retired; others have careers, such as an airplane pilot or teachers. While the nursing homes are visited weekly, the 12 members take turns, going in pairs. As a result, the commitment for each individual member is once every two or three months. Members of the ministry also bring Communion to those parishioners who are sick and homebound. Is your Spiritual Compass pointing to serve the Parish Pastoral Visitors/Nursing Home Ministry? Please call Mary Dombrowski at 978-250-1710.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The CCD Office is in need of volunteers

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|---------|------------|
| Grade 3 | 3 teachers |
| Grade 5 | 2 teachers |
| Grade 6 | 3 teachers |
| Grade 8 | 2 teachers |

CCD Classes will Begin the week of September 22

The schedule will stay the same as last year

### NEW CORI'S FORMS FOR 2008-2009

All volunteers in the Parish need to fill out a new cori. 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.

### FAMILY FUN DAY

Sun, Sept 21<sup>st</sup> with games, food and fun for all ages. 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.

### ST. MICHAEL'S HOSTS BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The Bicentennial Mass and picnic will offer an opportunity to look back with a sense of profound gratitude and to look forward with hope, so mark your calendars and reserve Sunday, Sept 7, 12-4pm, for what promises to be a joyful renewal of our "Journey Together in Christ."

### Meditations of the Heart

**By Carolyn M. Kenney**

This past Friday we celebrated the feast day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day, the Church states, "...the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up **body and soul** into heavenly glory..." Because Mary gave birth to Jesus, the Church declares her body to be holy and, therefore, she was taken to heaven upon her death.

The physical beauty of Mary is beyond description; her spiritual beauty and devotion to God will never be equaled by another human. The Church states, "We believe that the Holy Mother of God...Mother of the Church, continues in heaven to exercise her maternal role on behalf of the members of Christ." Those "members of Christ" are you and me. As a loving Mother, she prays for us, watches over us and desires to draw us closer to Her Son, Jesus. ([www.meditationsoftheheart.com](http://www.meditationsoftheheart.com))

**AUGUST 17, 2008**

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY         | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|--|---|--|--|------------------|---|---|
| <b>August 17</b><br><b>Coffee Hour</b><br><br>1pm Baptism<br>7pm<br>Prayer Group           | <b>August 18</b>  | <b>August 19</b>   | <b>August 20</b><br>7pm<br><b>MINISTRY MEETING</b> | <b>August 21</b> | <b>August 22</b><br>6-7:30pm<br>Eucharistic Adoration | <b>August 23</b><br><b>FOOD COLLECTION</b>                    |
| <b>August 24</b><br><b>FOOD COLLECTION</b><br>7pm<br>Prayer Group                          | <b>August 25</b>  | <b>August 26</b>   | <b>August 27</b>                                   | <b>August 28</b> | <b>August 29</b><br>6-7:30pm<br>Eucharistic Adoration | <b>August 30</b>  |
| <b>August 31</b><br>1pm Baptismal Instruction<br><br>7pm Prayer Group                      | <b>Sept 1</b><br><b>LABOR DAY</b>   | <b>Sept 2</b><br>Home taught material Pick up CCD Office<br>10-5pm | <b>Sept 3</b>                                      | <b>Sept 4</b>    | <b>Sept 5</b><br>6-7:30pm<br>Eucharistic Adoration    | <b>Sept 6</b>   |
| <b>Sept 7</b><br><b>BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION</b><br>1pm Baptism<br>7pm<br>Prayer Group     | <b>Sept 8</b><br>6:45pm Gr 1-6 Teachers meeting<br><br>Women's Club 6:30pm Mass | <b>Sept 9</b><br>6:45pm Gr 7-10 Teachers meeting                   | <b>Sept 10</b>                                     | <b>Sept 11</b>   | <b>Sept 12</b><br>6-7:30pm<br>Eucharistic Adoration   | <b>Sept 13</b>  |
| <b>Sept 14</b><br><br>7pm<br>Prayer Group  | <b>Sept 15</b>  | <b>Sept 16</b>   | <b>Sept 17</b>                                     | <b>Sept 18</b>   | <b>Sept 19</b><br>6-7:30pm<br>Eucharistic Adoration   | <b>Sept 20</b><br><b>CLOTHING FOOD COLLECTION</b>             |
| <b>Sept 21</b><br><b>FAMILY FUN DAY</b><br>1pm Baptism<br>7pm<br>Prayer Group              | <b>Sept 22</b><br>Gr 1 4to 5pm<br>4 5:30 to 6:30pm<br>10 6:45to 8pm             | <b>Sept 23</b><br>Gr 2 4to5pm<br>5 5:30 to 6:30pm<br>8 6:45 to 8pm | <b>Sept 24</b><br>Gr 3 4to5pm<br>6 6 to 5:30pm     | <b>Sept 25</b>   | <b>Sept 26</b><br>6-7:30pm<br>Eucharistic Adoration   | <b>Sept 27</b>  |
| <b>Sept 28</b><br>1pm Baptismal Instruction<br>7pm Prayer Group                            | <b>Sept 29</b><br>Gr 1 4to 5pm<br>4 5:30 to 6:30pm<br>9 6:45to 8pm              | <b>Sept 30</b><br>Gr 2 4to5pm<br>5 5:30 to 6:30pm<br>7 6:45 to 8pm | <b>Oct 1</b><br>Gr 3 4to5pm<br>6 6 to 5:30pm       | <b>Oct 2</b>     | <b>Oct 3</b><br>6-7:30pm<br>Eucharistic Adoration     | <b>Oct 4</b><br><b>Dominican Sisters Pie &amp; Bread Sale</b> |
| <b>Oct 5</b><br>9:30 Children's Liturgy<br>Gr 2 Mass<br>1pm Baptism<br>7pm<br>Prayer Group | <b>Oct 6</b><br>Gr 1 4to 5pm<br>4 5:30 to 6:30pm<br>9 6:45to 8pm                | <b>Oct 7</b><br>Gr 2 4to5pm<br>5 5:30 to 6:30pm<br>7 6:45 to 8pm   | <b>Oct 8</b><br>Gr 3 4to5pm<br>6 6 to 5:30pm       | <b>Oct 9</b>     | <b>Oct 10</b>   | <b>Oct 11</b>   |

**OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE July 25, 2008**

*“ Dear children! At this time when you are thinking of physical rest, I call you to conversion. Pray and work so that your heart yearns for God the Creator who is the true rest of your soul and your body. May He reveal His face to you and may He give you His peace. I am with you and intercede before God for each of you. Thank you for having responded to my call “*