

## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Mass Intentions August 18-26, 2007

**Saturday**

**5:00 PM** Orginia Amaro

**Sunday**

**8:00 AM** Ana La Frazia

**9:30 AM** Concetta Joyce

**11:15 AM** Edward White

**Monday**

**9:00 AM** Rose Comach

**Tuesday**

**9:00 AM** Edward & Estelle Shelley

**Wednesday**

**9:00 AM** Agrippina Sturzo

**Thursday**

**9:00 AM** Robert Barry

**Saturday**

**5:00PM** Dorothy Rooney

**Sunday**

**8:00AM** Charles Cosgrove

**9:30 AM** Elizabeth Emily Earley Wright

**11:15 AM** Walter Fullerton

### WEDDING BANNES

*III Jennifer Pizzano & Richard Gillis*

### CHURCH SUPPORT

**Offertory for July 29, 2007 \$5,160.66**

**Offertory for Aug 5, 2007 \$5,474.32**

**Offertory for Aug 12, 2007 \$5,619.68**

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

### 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.

### SUMMER HOURS

CCD Office: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10am to 3pm

Rectory: Tuesday Wednesday Thursday 10 to 2pm

### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

The Catholic Appeal continues. Our results are as follows:

Goal: \$29,500.00

Pledged: \$25,689.00

Per Cent of Goal Reached: 87.1%

Goal for the Number of Participants: 264

Number of Participants: 191

Per Cent of Goal Reached: 72.3%

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.

The back to school collection for needy children is well underway. The response has been great. Thanks! We have already made one delivery to Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities. We will be making another delivery later in the month. If you would like to participate, you still can.

The planning for Family Fun Day has begun. It will be held Sunday, September 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

### 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.

### PROTECTING GODS CHILDREN

St Thomas Parish dates for protecting God's Children class are:

Sunday, August 26 after the 11:15 Mass

Wednesday, August 29, 6:00 pm

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### 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.

### 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.

### 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 "FUN FOR ALL AGES"

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.

### FAMILY FUN DAY MEETING

For all those who are interested in helping with Family Fun Day there will be a meeting on Thursday, August 23 at 7pm in Villanova Hall.

### 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 teachers
Grade 8	2 teachers

The requirements for teaching: 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 10<sup>th</sup> Below is the new list of days and times of classes.

#### 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	5:30-6:30pm

**AUGUST 19, 2007**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Aug 19</b> 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	<b>Aug 20</b>	<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>Aug 22</b>	<b>Aug 23</b> Family Fun Day 7pm in Villanova	<b>Aug 24</b> 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	<b>Aug 25</b> MY BROTHER'S TABLE  FOOD COLLECTION
<b>Aug 26</b> FOOD COLLECTION 1pm Baptismal Instruction 7pm Prayer Group	<b>Aug 27</b>	<b>Aug 28</b>	<b>Aug 29</b>	<b>Aug 30</b>	<b>Aug 31</b> 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	<b>Sept 1</b>
<b>Sept 2</b> 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	<b>Sept 3</b> Labor Day	<b>Sept 4</b>	<b>Sept 5</b>	<b>Sept 6</b>	<b>Sept 7</b> Girl Scout 3:30 -5pm  6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	<b>Sept 8</b>

**ST. THOMAS WOMEN'S CLUB** will be taking reservations for an evening at the Stoneham Theatre for the Christmas play "Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> 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** 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.

**Meditation of the Heart**

by Carolyn Kenney

As I sit at my computer and type this meditation, the fate of the six trapped miners in Utah is unknown. We can only imagine the heartache and pain their family and friends are enduring at this time. Life - at all ages - is a precious gift from God. Unfortunately, we sometimes come to we realize this too late. From the moment of conception to the last breathe we take, we must make the most of this gift. Mother Teresa understood in her heart and soul the value of each human life. She said, "You are to be that presence of Christ to each other. Love each other tenderly as Jesus loves each one of you. Tender love for each other speaks much louder than all the words you can say." May God help us to treasure that which He has given us - the gift of one another.

**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**

The ALPHA Course will be conducted at St. Dorothy's Parish for 10 weeks on Tuesday beginning Sept 18. A typical ALPHA evening consists of shared meal, announcements, a joke, music and a prayer, a DVD presentation on questions about Christian faith; followed by small group discussions with a trained ALPHA leader and helper. A one day weekend retreat is provided during the fifth week with emphasis on the Holy Spirit within our lives.