

TWENTIETH SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions September 1- 9 , 2007

Saturday

5:00 PM Anne Vecchiarelli

Sunday

8:00 AM Maria Chaves & Jacinto Rego

9:30 AM Priscilla Shdeed

11:15 AM Madelyn & Mel Southmayd

Monday

9:00 AM Mary Maguire

Tuesday

9:00 AM Carl Crittall

Wednesday

9:00 AM Agrippina Sterzo

Thursday

9:00 AM Ida Mae Debuono & Joseph S. Cerniglia

Saturday

5:00PM George Novello

Sunday

8:00AM Raymond Guay

9:30 AM Kevin Giroux

11:15 AM Joseph Sousa

ST. THOMAS 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 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.

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.

CHURCH SUPPORT

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

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Last weekend a group of parishioners went to Our Brother's Table in Lynn to prepare a meal. It went well. It is always a fun time to work together in the kitchen getting the meal together. Consider going the next time we go to Our Brother's Table in Lynn. Thanks to those who went and those who gave money to buy the food we bring.

Now that it is Labor Day weekend, we mark the beginning of many programs in the parish. The Religious Education program is starting up. There is a bible study starting. The Women's Club is meeting Family Fun Day is in the works. If you are interested in joining any of these projects, please contact the rectory. Consult the bulletin for more details and other activities.

As part of the bi-centennial celebration of the Archdiocese of Boston, Cardinal Sean is strongly urging all parishes to participate in the RENEW program. It is a spiritual renewal program. In the coming weeks, I will be saying more about the program. However, they have a questionnaire that they are asking parishioners to fill out and mail back to the RENEW headquarters. The point of the questionnaire is to get a reading on the state of the Archdiocese of Boston. The questionnaire does not ask you to identify yourself or your parish. If you would like to fill out the questionnaire, there are some in the bulletin racks or the sacristy. If they are all gone, please call the rectory and leave your name with Pat. She will send you one.

Last week I mentioned that I would be caring for Fr. Tully after his surgery. He came through the surgery in great shape. The cancer had grown since the scheduling of the surgery and the actual surgery. The future looks good. There is only a 20% chance that they will have to go back in. He has one nasty incision that is suppose to disappear after three months.

Well that is it for now. Until next time, take care.

Fr. Earley

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.

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FAMILY FUN DAY **“FUN FOR ALL AGES”**

Save Sunday, September 23 for St. Thomas Family Fun Day, 1:30pm to 4pm followed by outdoor Mass. Cook-out, moon bounce, crafts, cotton candy, popcorn, games for all ages, prizes, entertainment by “Two Cousins”, sing-a-long to songs from 40’s up present. Also, Karaoke fun. Come and enjoy a wonderful day with St. Thomas faith community.

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.

SCRIPTURAL SCRIPTURE STUDY

St. Thomas is starting a Spiritual Scripture Study Club. First meeting will be on Saturday September 8th in Villanova Hall at 9am. Spiritual Scripture Study teaches members how to examine Sacred Scripture from both the literal and spiritual sense. Come and join our Spiritual Scripture Study Club and learn about the living Word of God in all its richness. Membership is \$5. per month paid every six months. For more information, call Darren at 978-657-0753.

BLESSING OF THE PETS

In honor of St. Frances of Assisi we will have a blessing of all pets on Sunday, September 30th at 1pm out on the lawn by the Marian Shrine.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The CCD Office is in need of volunteers in Grade 5 for the month of October.

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

CCD will begin the week of September 10th Below is the new list of days and times of classes.

Meditation of the Heart **By Carolyn Kenney**

As the morning sun rises in the sky, a soft glow descends upon the earth enveloping all nature and humanity. The radiant love of God shines forth as He places a gentle kiss on each sleeping man, woman and child calling them to a new day. He calls them forth to a day where they are able to learn of His love and feel it grow inside their soul. He calls them forth to a day where He is eager to fill them with His graces and blessings, if they only ask for these precious gifts. As He manifests His love into our hearts, let us, in turn, reflect that same love to one another. Life is fragile and must be handled gently, lovingly and reverently.

Our Blessed Mother of Medjugorje in her December 25, 1992 message tells us, “...do not forget that your life does not belong to you, but is a gift with which you must bring joy to others and lead them to Eternal Life. May the tenderness of...Jesus always accompany you.”

ST. FRANCIS HOUSE MENS COLLECTION **September 22 & 23**

Once again the Charities Committee will have a Clothing Collection for the St. Frances House.

They are in need of the following items in sizes large through 6X:

- Winter jackets
- Men’s casual shirts
- Men’s pants
- Men’s and women’s sweatshirts
- New and gently used footwear
- Backpacks/bookbags
- New men’s underwear
- New men’s t-shirts
- New men’s crew socks

You may also donate your time, we are always looking for volunteers.

SEPTEMBER 2, 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sept 2 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	Sept 3 Labor Day	Sept 4	Sept 5	Sept 6	Sept 7 Girl Scout 3:30 -5pm	Sept 8
Sept 9 Blessing of the Catechists @ 11:15 Mass 7pm Prayer Group	Sept 10 CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm 10 6:45-8pm 6:30pm Women's Club Mass	Sept 11 CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 8 6:45-8pm	Sept 12 CCD grades 3 4-5pm 6 5:30-6:30	Sept 13	Sept 14 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Sept 15
Sept 16 Grade 1 Mass @9:30am 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	Sept 17 CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm 9 6:45-8pm	Sept 18 CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 7 6:45-8pm	Sept 19 CCD grades 3 4-5pm 6 5:30-6:30	Sept 20	Sept 21 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Sept 22 St. Francis House Men's Collection
Sept 23 St. Francis House Men's Clothing Grade 2 Mass @ 9:30 Mass Family Fun Day 7pm Prayer Group	Sept 24 CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm 10 6:45-8pm	Sept 25 CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 8 6:45-8pm	Sept 26 CCD grades 3 4-5pm 6 5:30-6:30	Sept 27	Sept 28 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Sept 29
Sept 30 Grade 10 @11:15 Mass 1pm Baptismal Instruction 1pm Blessing of the Pets 7pm Prayer Group						

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

August 25, 2007

“Dear children! Also today I call you to conversion. May your life, little children, be a reflection of God’s goodness and not of hatred and unfaithfulness. Pray, little children, that prayer may become life for you. In this way, in your life you will discover the peace and joy which God gives to those who have an open heart to His love. And you who are far from God’s mercy, convert so that God may not become deaf to your prayers and that it may not be too late for you. Therefore, in this time of grace, convert and put God in the first place in your life. Thank your for having responded to my call. “