

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions September 22-30, 2007

Saturday

5:00 PM Ben DeLuca

Sunday

8:00 AM Lois Gardner

9:30 AM Barbara A. Doran

11:15 AM Tom Casey

Monday

9:00 AM James Ferguson

Tuesday

9:00 AM Annemarie Collins

Wednesday

9:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving

Thursday

9:00 AM Eugenia Tardif

Saturday

5:00PM Jeannette Lavoie

Sunday

8:00AM Jose Marques

9:30 AM Brian Godin

11:15 AM Winifred & Alexander Groves

WEDDING BANNES

II Laurabeth Holmes and Nicolas Cino

BAPTISMS

The following children were welcomed into St. Thomas Parish Family on September 16, 2007.

Mason James Kittredge

Madison Faith Brown

Gabriella Cellina Fitzgibbons

Chloe Marie Gaglione

Jenna C. Oliver

Maeve Katherine Schermerhorn

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

A week ago Friday, the priest of the archdiocese met at the Quincy Marriot. Four hundred and fifty priests attended – some active, others retired. The day began with Bishop Hennessey giving a talk on what the last five years were like in this diocese. He named a lot of issues that have arisen as a result of the abuse crisis and reconfiguration. After his talk there was a period of discussion at each table. The second talk was by Fr. James Burns of the Danielson Institute, He did a psychological profile of the priest in Boston. He had surveyed about 125 priests. He presented a lot of charts on the health of the clergy. Bottom line, the past five years has taken a significant toll on the priests of the archdiocese. We are supposed to be getting his report in some written form. At that time I will tell you more. The final talk was by Cardinal Sean. He gave a little of his background and then spoke of our common ministry. It was a good meeting. It was the first one since 2002.

This Sunday afternoon we have Family Fun Day. Come join us. It costs nothing. There will be hamburgs and hot dogs, games, etc. At the conclusion of the day we will celebrate Mass. It will be a fun time.

On Sunday, September 30 at 1:00 PM we will have a blessing of pets in front of the Mary statue in the side yard of the church. Bring your pet for a blessing.

On Saturday October 6, a group of parishioners will leave for Biloxi, Mississippi. They will be gone for a week. It has been a little over a year since we were there. It will be interesting to see how much progress has been made in the clean up effort.

On Saturday October 20th the Women's Club will be holding their Fall Senior Luncheon. Mark your calendars.

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

CHURCH SUPPORT

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

ST. THOMAS CRAFT FAIR

The Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, November 17th, from 10am to 3pm in Villanova Hall.

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FAMILY FUN DAY
“FUN FOR ALL AGES”

This Sunday September 23 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.

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.

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.

SCRIPTURAL SCRIPTURE STUDY

St. Thomas is starting a Spiritual Scripture Study Club. First meeting was 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.

WINE WOMEN AND SONG

On Thursday, Sept 27, Wine, Women and Song will take place in the Chapel Our Songs Theme will be on Heaven. Each of our monthly meetings begins with a social time of wine(or soda), horsd’oeuvres, and conversation followed by prayer and reflection through music. All women are welcome!

SENIOR ANNOINTING MASS AND LUNCHEON

The Women’s Club will sponsor the Fall Senior Anointing Mass and Luncheon on Sat., Oct 20, in Villanova Hall. Mass will be at 11:30am followed by the Luncheon. To make a reservation please call Joan at 657-3905 before Oct 16. No reservations will be taken after that date. If you need a ride, please let us know when you register.

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.

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.

DOMINICAN BAKE SALE

There will be a bake sale on the weekend Oct 6 & 7

WILMINGTON FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION
AND
MEN’S CLOTHING DRIVE SEPT. 22 & 23.

The Annual men’s clothing drive to benefit St. Francis House. All items can be dropped off in Villanova Hall this weekend after all Masses.

SEPTEMBER 23, 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sept 23 St. Francis House Men's Clothing FOOD COLLECTION 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	Oct 1 CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm 9 6:45-8pm	Oct 2 CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 7 6:45-8pm	Oct 3 CCD grades 3 4-5pm 6 5:30-6:30	Oct 4	Oct 5 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Oct 6 STAMP TRIP MISSISSIPPI PIE SALE
Oct 7 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	Oct 8 Columbus Day	Oct 9 CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 8 6:45-8pm	Oct 10 CCD grades 3 4-5pm 6 5:30-6:30	Oct 11	Oct 12 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Oct 13 STAMP Returns Home

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. “

Meditation of the Heart

By Carolyn Kenney

This month the church celebrated the feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross. When we think of the cross, we think of pain, suffering and death - things we do not like to be reminded of. As Jesus knelt in the Garden of Gethsemane, He prayed to His Father, “Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will.” Jesus accepted the “cup” before Him. He accepted the cup of suffering. Jesus was whipped, scourged and beaten before being nailed to His Cross. In His loving act of redemption, Jesus took upon Himself the sins of all mankind. He accepted the terrible ordeal of death on a cross because of the love He carried in His heart for you and for me.

We all have diverse situations that arise in life which are not easy to deal with. These situations make up our cross, which is necessary to help us understand who we are and how we can grow closer to God. Saint Padre Pio said, “Accept all the suffering and incomprehension that comes from Above. In this way, you will perfect and sanctify yourself.”