

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions October 20-28, 2007

Saturday

5:00 PM Zachary Metivier

Sunday

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

9:30 AM Diogenes Amaro

11:15 AM Manuel Martin

Monday

9:00 AM Catherine McLean

Tuesday

9:00 AM Donald Dubois

Wednesday

9:00 AM Joseph Hallerin

Thursday

9:00 AM Special Intention

Saturday

5:00 PM Yvonne Deveau

Sunday

8:00 AM Maria DaSilva & Guilhermina Rebelo

9:30 AM Ruth Ann Roy

11:15 AM Thomas Aprile

MEMORIAL PRAYER SERVICE

Come join St. Thomas of Villanova Community on Sunday, October 28th at 7pm, for a Memorial Prayer Service for all parishioners who died from October 2006 through 2007. Light refreshment to follow in the Chapel.

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES

There will be masses said in memory of all our faithful departed in the month of November. By the statue of Mary there are envelopes for anyone wishing to add their departed loved ones name. Please be sure to write their names clearly for we will add all names to the bulletin.

WEDDING BANNES

II Jamie Arnold and John McCarthy

I Andrea Sylvester and Stephen Pavlas

CHURCH SUPPORT

This weekend is the Mission Sunday collection. 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

A Mass and luncheon for seniors were held on Saturday of this weekend. The Women's Club once again sponsored the event. I want to thank the Women's Club for their efforts.

Last Saturday night 19 of us arrived back from Biloxi, Mississippi. Things have improved especially near the casinos. As you move away from that area, there is still much work to be done. Even in many homes where people have returned, there is still much repair work to be done. We were told that there are still 30,000 people living in FEMA trailers in Biloxi. That is incredible when you think that the hurricane was 26 months ago.

This year, the group worked on two primary sites and did a job on a third site. A couple of the guys built a deck for a woman living in a mobile home and did some other minor upgrades. She was thrilled. The two primary sites involved homes that were gutted. On the site I worked at the water had filled the entire house destroying the home and all that was in it. The house was gutted to the studs and rebuilt. In that house our group did the plumbing for the kitchen and bathroom; put in the kitchen cabinets, counter tops and sink; installed hard wood floors throughout the house; installed lights, plugs, fire alarms; installed tile in the bathroom; put the tub and shower base in place; cut the grass and cleaned the yard. Another group worked on a house that was gutted. They wired the whole house; replaced all the windows; got rid of mold; painted the trim; replaced some siding; dug up the slab to get at the water line coming into the house and fixed it. Since I did not work at that sight but only saw it, the group may have done other things that escape me as I write this.

The entire group worked hard. However the group also had fun at the sites as well as after work.

The Annual Report for the parish was an insert in last week's bulletin. It will also be published on our web site.

Shortly we will be sending out the letters for the Grand Annual collection. This is a very important financial resource for the health of the parish. I will say more about it after the letters go out.

Finally we are coming up to the month of November when we remember the faithful departed. If you want your faithful departed remembered at the Masses during the month of November, please use the envelopes on the Blessed Mother altar.

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

A NOTE OF THANKS

To the Parishioners;

The Board of Directors of the Wilmington Community Fund would like to thank you for your donation to the Wilmington Food Pantry in August and September. Your contribution(s) of food to the Wilmington Food Pantry is greatly appreciated. These gifts allowed us to help many Wilmington families in need of support and local assistance such as: food, heat, utilities and medical.

Our motto, "People helping People" is a simple way of stating what the Wilmington Community Fund is all about and your donation has helped in that endeavor. The Wilmington Community Fund services a pantry supplying food products on a bi-monthly basis, helping those in need of assistance (especially around the holidays).

THIS WEEKEND

OCTOBER 20-21 FOOD COLLECTION

Donations may be put in Villanova Hall after all Masses.

NEXT MONTH FOOD COLLECTION

The weekend of November 10 & 11 The Charities Committee will collect food for the Wilmington Food Pantry .

You may drop off Food donations in Villanova Hall after all Masses that weekend.

ITALIAN PASTA NIGHT

The Parish Outreach will be selling tickets this weekend for an Italian Pasta Night that will be held in Villanova Hall on Saturday, October 27. The ticket price is \$6.00.

OLD CELL PHONES

At the Entrance of the Church there is a box for all your old cell phones. This collection will benefit the Minuteman Senior Services. Thank you.

ST. THOMAS WOMENS CLUB CRAFT NIGHT

St. Thomas Women's Club next meeting will be Mon, Nov 5th, at 7:30 PM in Villanova Hall. Craft night with Kathy. We will be making hanging scarecrows. Please bring wire cutters, scissors and glue gun if you have one. Cost will be approx \$12. Call Kathy at 978-658-9189 to sign up. All Women of the Parish are invited to join us.

ST. THOMAS CRAFT FAIR

The Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, November 17th, from 10am to 3pm in Villanova Hall. This is a great time to start your Christmas shopping.

**ST. THOMAS WOMEN'S CLUB
MIRACLE ON 34th STREET**

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.

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

SAVE THE DATES! Damon Owens, founder of *Joy-Filled Marriage NJ* will be at local parishes as follows:

Wed, Nov. 7 at St. Kathryn, Hudson, NH, 7 pm on Natural Family Planning and how this "hidden" practice can help cure today's distortion of sex, love, God, marriage, motherhood, and fatherhood (includes light refreshments)

Thurs, Nov. 8 at Knights of Columbus Hall, Tewksbury, MA, 6:30 pm on "To Be Is to Be For: What Does it Mean to Be a Person Made in the Image and Likeness of God?" (includes dinner)

Fri, Nov. 9 at St. Mary, Wrentham, MA, 6:30 pm on "Family Keys to Life: An Introduction to the Theology of the Family" (includes dinner)

Wednesday's presentation will include a free-will offering. Dinner tickets for Thursday and Friday are \$25 each or eight for \$185 if prior to October 28, and \$35 each or eight for \$250 thereafter. For more information, contact Eileen Wood at www.catholicquest.org or (978) 851-1304.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 21 9:30am Children's Liturgy 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	Oct 22 CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm 10 6:45-8pm	Oct 23 CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 8 6:45-8pm	Oct 24 CCD grades 3 4-5pm 6 5:30-6:30	Oct 25	Oct 26 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Oct 27 Italian Pasta Night Parish Outreach
OCT 28 Gr 2 Parent meeting in Church @ 12:45pm 7pm Prayer Service	OCT 29 CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm 9 6:45-8pm	OCT 30 CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 7 6:45-8pm	OCT 31 Halloween No CCD CLASSES 7pm Mass	Nov 1 All saints 9am Mass	Nov 2 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Nov 3
Nov 4 9:30am Children's Liturgy 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	Nov 5 CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm 9 6:45-8pm Women's Club 7:30pm	Nov 6 CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 7 6:45-8pm	Nov 7 CCD grades 3 4-5pm 6 5:30-6:30	Nov 8	Nov 9 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Nov 10 FOOD COLLECTION
Nov 11 FOOD COLLECTION 7pm Prayer Group	Nov 12 Veterans Day No CCD Classes	Nov 13 No CCD Classes	Nov 14 No CCD Classes	Nov 15	Nov 16	Nov 17

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE Sept. 25, 2007

“Dear Children! Also today I call all of you for your hearts to blaze with more ardent love for the Crucified, and do not forget that, out of love for you, He gave His life so that you may be saved. Little children, meditate and pray that your heart may be open to God's love. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Meditation of the Heart

By Carolyn Kenney

At the end of today's Gospel, Jesus speaks some very powerful words, "...when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" If Jesus came to earth (to Wilmington, to Massachusetts, to the USA) today or tomorrow, would He find faith among the inhabitants? Or instead, would He find people who are focused only on material objects of no lasting or meaningful value?

Faith, which is a supernatural virtue, is a gift from God. At the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel appeared to the Blessed Mother and asked if she would consent to be the mother of the Messiah. When she said "Yes," she exemplified the true meaning of faith by placing her trust in God in this holy manifestation of His love. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, faith "...means trusting in God in every circumstance... A prayer of St. Teresa of Jesus wonderfully expresses this trust: 'Let nothing trouble you, let nothing frighten you. Everything passes; God never changes. Patience obtains all. Whoever has God, wants for nothing. God alone is enough.'"