

**ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

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**Mass Intentions October 6-14, 2007**

**Saturday**

**5:00 PM Jeanne & Robert Auld**

**Sunday**

**8:00AM In honor of the Goulding Family**

**9:30 AM Stephen Grant**

**11:15 AM Arthur Boudreau & John C. Florence**

**Monday**

**9:00 AM Katherin Mcinnis**

**Tuesday**

**9:00 AM In Thanksgiving of St. Jude**

**Wednesday**

**9:00 AM STAMP GROUP IN MISSISSIPPI**

**Thursday**

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**Saturday**

**5:00 PM Carole Anne & Mary Dineen**

**Sunday**

**8:00 AM Jake & Evan Wilkins**

**9:30 AM For the people of the Parish**

**11:15 AM Deacon Frank Mandosa & Robert Basil**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

The Children's Liturgy Program For grades K-5 begins Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and will continue to be every other Sunday. If you would like to find out more information Please call Ginger at 978-447-1599.

**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 17<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 3pm in Villanova Hall. To reserve a table or donate a raffle call Maureen @ 978-658-8206 or Elaine @ 978-658-9060.

**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.

**A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR**

Last Friday I went to our vicariate meeting at St. Michael's, North Andover. They discussed the bicentennial celebration for the Archdiocese of Boston. For the Merrimack Region, Bishop Allue will celebrate a Mass in each of the four vicariates in the Merrimack Region. The celebration for our vicariate will be on Sunday September 7, 2008 at St. Michael's Church, North Andover. After the Mass there will be food and activities available. They are in the planning stages. When I hear more, I will tell you.

On Saturday morning, October 6, a group of parishioners left for Biloxi, Mississippi. I am leaving Sunday morning, October 7<sup>th</sup>. We 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. Keep the group in your prayers

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

A week or so ago, I went to a meeting concerning the Arise Together in Christ program. It is a spiritual renewal program that the archdiocese is sponsoring as part of the bicentennial celebration. Cardinal Sean is strongly encouraging all parishes to participate. Basically it is a spiritual renewal program for parishes. It involves small faith sharing groups. At a later date I will do a presentation in the church.

Since I am away for the week in Biloxi, there will be no note next week unless I get near a computer and the internet.

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

"...When you have done all you have been commanded, say, "We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do." *Luke 17:10*

**DOMINICAN SISTERS BAKE SALE**

There will be a bake sale on the weekend Oct 6 & 7 there will be bread, brownies, apple & Blueberry pies. The proceeds from the sale will be used to buy medical supplies for their mission to support the lepers.

**WEDDING BANNES**

**II Amanda Nee and Paul Tramontozi**

**SENIOR ANOINTING MASS & LUNCHEON**

St. Thomas Women's Club will sponsor the Fall Senior Anointing Mass and Luncheon on Sat., Oct. 20, in Villanova Hall. Mass is 11:30am followed by the Luncheon. To make a reservation please call Joan at 978-657-3905 before October 16<sup>th</sup>. No reservations will be taken after that date. If you need a ride, please let us know when you register.

**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 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.

**NEW CORI'S FORMS FOR 2007-2008**

We ask all volunteers in the Parish to please fill out a new Cori. 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.

**Meditation of the Heart**

**By Carolyn Kenney**

In today's gospel, we read these words from Saint Luke, "The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." We should ask Jesus the same today - to "increase our faith." Today, October 7<sup>th</sup>, is the Feast of the Holy Rosary. It is a beautiful feast day in the Catholic Church honoring Mary, the Mother of Jesus. One sure way to "increase our faith" is to pray the rosary. Many popes and numerous saints were advocates and promoters of the rosary.

Sister Lucy, one of the visionaries of Fatima, passed away in February 2005. The Blessed Mother appeared to Sister Lucy and her two cousins six times in 1917. Before she died, Sister Lucy left these beautiful words regarding the rosary: "The Most Holy Virgin...has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, not matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families...that cannot be solved by the Rosary." Pray the rosary for peace in your family, in our country and throughout the world.

**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."*

**90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Oct 13 is the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of when the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal and performed the "miracle of the sun" so that everyone would believe in Her message. Oct 13, 1917 was a day filled with rain pouring down. Thousands of people both believers and unbelievers traveled from all over to witness the miracle. They walked through huge puddles and drove their carriages through mud. The people were soaking wet. At the appointed time the sun started spinning in the sky as though it was falling out of the sky. People were praying and they were scared. When the sun returned to the sky the ground was dry, the people were all dry and clean. Healings were also reported. Or Blessed Mother's Message then and still is today to pray the Rosary, fast, and go to confession.

We wish to cordially invite each and every one of you to attend our Rosary group meeting and pray the Rosary on Sun, Oct 14, at 7pm in the Chapel. Prayer will consist of the Rosary and some music and will end no later than 8:30pm. You do not need to bring anything (except for family and friends). Help us to honor Our Blessed Mother and thank Her Son Jesus for the blessings we have and present our needs to Her. Just think of the happiness your presence at the Rosary on this anniversary will bring Heaven.

**JOIN A ROSARY RALLY ON OCT 13 AT NOON**  
**ST. DOROTHY PARKING LOT**

Over 2,000 public rosary rallies are being planned nationwide to honor the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the miracle of the sun at Fatima, Portugal. Please join us in praying for our nation and giving public witness to the Fatima Message. Further info: 978-658-8384

**MY BROTHER'S TABLE WALK -A--THON**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28**

A 3mile walk starts at The Church of the Holy Name in Swampscott Registration at 1pm The walk along Lynn and Swampscott shore starts at 1:30pm. For more information 781-595-3224 or at [www.mybrotherstable.org](http://www.mybrotherstable.org)

**OCTOBER 7, 2007**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Oct 7</b> Pie sale  9:30am Children's Liturgy  1pm Baptism  7pm Prayer Group	<b>Oct 8</b> Columbus Day	<b>Oct 9</b> CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 8 6:45-8pm	<b>Oct 10</b> CCD grades 3 4-5pm 6 5:30-6:30	<b>Oct 11</b>	<b>Oct 12</b> 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	<b>Oct 13</b> STAMP Returns Home
<b>Oct 14</b>  7pm Prayer Group	<b>Oct 15</b> SAFETY WEEK Grade 1-8 ONLY STUDENTS THAT HAVE had PERMISSION SLIP signed should attend  CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm  All grade 9 students 6:45-8pm	<b>Oct 16</b> SAFETY WEEK Grade 1-8 ONLY STUDENTS THAT HAVE had PERMISSIONSLIP signed should attend  CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 7 6:45-8pm 8 6:45-8pm	<b>Oct 17</b> SAFETY WEEK Grade 1-8 ONLY STUDENTS THAT HAVE had PERMISSION SLIP signed should attend  CCD grades 3 4-5pm 6 5:30-6:30	<b>Oct 18</b>	<b>Oct 19</b> 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	<b>Oct 20</b> Senior Mass & Luncheon
<b>Oct 21</b>  9:30am Children's Liturgy  1pm Baptism  7pm Prayer Group	<b>Oct 22</b>  CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm 10 6:45-8pm	<b>Oct 23</b>  CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 8 6:45-8pm	<b>Oct 24</b>  CCD grades 3 4-5pm 6 5:30-6:30	<b>Oct 25</b>	<b>Oct 26</b> 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	<b>Oct 27</b> Parish Outreach
<b>OCT 28</b> Parish Outreach  Gr 2 Parent meeting in Church @ 12:45pm  7pm Prayer Group	<b>OCT 29</b>  CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm 9 6:45-8pm	<b>OCT 30</b>  CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 7 6:45-8pm	<b>OCT 31</b> Halloween  7pm Mass	<b>Nov 1</b> All saints 9am Mass	<b>Nov 2</b> 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	<b>Nov 3</b>
<b>Nov 4</b> 9:30am Children's Liturgy  1pm Baptism  7pm Prayer Group	<b>Nov 5</b> CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm 9 6:45-8pm  Women's Club 7:30pm	<b>Nov 6</b> CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 7 6:45-8pm	<b>Nov 7</b> CCD grades 3 4-5pm 6 5:30-6:30	<b>Nov 8</b>	<b>Nov 9</b> 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	<b>Nov 10</b> FOOD COLLECTION