

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions October 27-Nov 4, 2007

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

Monday

9:00 AM Glenn Diggs

Tuesday

9:00 AM Angela Tamburello

Wednesday

9:00 AM Josephine Dunleavy

7:00 PM All Saints

Thursday

9:00 AM All Saints

Saturday

5:00 PM Lawrence A. McGrath

Sunday

8:00 AM Marilyn Gilbert

9:30 AM James m. McGonagle II

11:15 AM Virginia Crane

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

On Saturday night of this weekend, the Outreach group will host a spaghetti supper in Villanova Hall. Tickets are \$6.00 and are available at the door.

On Sunday evening we will be holding our annual Remembrance Liturgy for all those who died this past year. All are welcomed to attend.

The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. Thomas on the Sunday, November 18, 2007 at 7:00 PM. It is a good way for the community of Wilmington to give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received. Please join us.

The Annual Report for the parish was an insert in the bulletin several weeks ago. There are some available in the bulletin holders. 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.

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. The names will be published in the bulletin.

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

WEDDING BANNS

III Jamie Arnold and John McCarthy

II Andrea Sylvester and Stephen Pavlas

ANYONE INTERESTED IN BRINGING EUCHARIST TO THE PATIENTS AT WOODBRIAR. PLEASE CONTACT MARY DOMBROWSKI at 978-250-1710.

No experience is necessary will train. This takes about an hour out of your weekly schedule and is a very rewarding experience.

BAPTISM

The following children were welcomed into St. Thomas Parish Family on October 21, 2007.

Emma Rose Alworth

Dylan J. Estrela

Jeffrey A. Gray

Callie Lynne McCauley

Michael J. Morse

Keira Rose Warford

CHURCH SUPPORT

This weekend the Second Collection is the Parish Monthly

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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 have 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.

NOVEMBER 10 & 11 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.

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.

REFLECTION ON ALTAR DECORATION

Memories are like dreams, they are real but difficult to explain to anyone else. We each have our own special memories of family and friends who are among the "faithful departed". We have hung a banner with a "honor roll" of the parishioners who have died during this past year. And our altar is decorated all in white as a symbol of the peace and hope of eternal life. We have added a family album, one of the places where we preserve our treasured memories and a hourglass and a clock. These objects are reminders that those who die do not "run out of time". They simply change over from our kind of time, the time of hours and minutes, to discover eternal time. This kind of time has no schedules, no deadlines, no sorrow, no pain or suffering, and no end. Just eternal rest and peace with our Lord.

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.

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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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 Craft Fair 10am-3pm
Nov 18 7pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving service	Nov 19 CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm 9 6:45-8pm	Nov 20 CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 7 6:45-8pm	Nov 21 No CCD Class	Nov 22 Thanks giving	Nov 23	Nov 24

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**

On Friday night, I usually try to attend Adoration in the chapel. While there, I sit and pray to Jesus, truly present before me in the Blessed Sacrament. One night recently, as I looked at the Blessed Sacrament a deeper realization of Jesus’ presence entered my mind and my soul. My mind no long wandered around the room, but focused only on Him. It was peaceful in the chapel. There was no noise except an occasional car driving by in the distance.

I thought back to my trip to the Holy Land earlier this year and fondly remembered as our group visited the Mount of Beatitudes, which overlooks the Sea of Galilee. The sun sparkled on the gray-blue water while the birds sang sweetly in the surrounding trees. 2000 years ago Jesus sat on that mountain with His twelve Apostles to rest and to pray. 2000 years ago Jesus stood on that mountain and taught thousands of people many parables. Now, Jesus sits in silent holy repose upon the altar at Adoration. He gazes at those seated before Him. Like the people of so long ago, we are eager to hear His words, His teachings. In the stillness of the chapel, He speaks to our hearts and souls - not in the audible voice of men - but in the gentle meeting of Heart to heart.