

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions –January 17-25, 2009

Saturday

5:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday

8:00 AM Maria & Jose Chaves

9:30 AM For the People of the Parish

11:15 AM Margaretia Limoli

Monday

9:00 AM Christmas Remembrances

Tuesday

9:00 AM Mr. Campbell

Wednesday

9:00 AM Charles Bashara

Thursday

9:00 AM Michael Fayles Jr.

Saturday

5:00 PM Manuel Martins

Sunday

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

9:30 AM For the People of the Parish

11:15 AM Fortunato Giglio

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

The Combined Parishes of St. Thomas & St. Dorothy will conduct Holy Hour for Life on Wednesday, January 21st at 7pm in the main Church. All are welcome.

MANDATORY WEDDING MUSIC MEETING

On Sunday, February 22, at 2:30pm in the main Church there will be a mandatory Music meeting for Brides and Grooms getting married this year. For more information please call Lora at 781-243-1073.

THERE WILL BE NO BAPTISMS DONE DURING LENT

FEBRUARY 25, – APRIL 5, 2008

THE BAPTISMS DURING THE EASTER SEASON WILL BE:

APRIL 12 11:15 AM (EASTER)

APRIL 19 1:00 PM

MAY 3 11:15 AM MASS

MAY 17 1:00 PM

SAVE THE DATE

The TENTH Annual S.T.A.M.P. Dance will be held on Saturday, March 14 in Villanova Hall.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Last Saturday the parish sponsored ski trip took place. Everyone who went had a good time. More importantly, no one was hurt.

Also on last Saturday a group from the parish went to my Brother's Table in Lynn to cook a meal for the homeless. We prepared meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, salad and dessert. The meal preparation and serving is a lot of fun. I look forward to going. If you have ever thought about going, come with us next time. There were whole families that went. There are things for children to do. So come along. You will enjoy it

Now that the snow season is here, I have a request in regards to parking. There are two spots that I would ask you not to park in. The first spot is in front of Villanova Hall. I am referring to the space that is closest to the front door of Villanova Hall. The reason for the request is that as the snow banks grow, the space for cars to pass by lessens. With a car park there, the passageway is even narrower. So for safety's sake, please do not park there. The second spot is the first handicapped space near the walk way to the chapel door. The snow bank there protrudes out into the parking lot. If a car parks there, it is hard to gain access to the walk way. Thanks for your help.

Beginning the weekend of February 7 & 8, we will have our parish retreat. Deacons Ed Ensley and Robert Hermann from the diocese of Savannah, Georgia will be giving the retreat. I ask you to mark your calendars. The retreat will run Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Day one will deal with how we deal with every day stresses and pressures of life. Day two will be dealing Mary, the womb of God/how we cope with life losses. Day three is dealing with "Forgiving as God forgives" Reconciliation in relationship/ How to heal and repair our relationships. It should be good and practical.

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

**HELP SUPPORT EAGLE PROJECT
TO BENEFIT VILLANOVA HALL REJUVINATION**

Joshua Weaver is a Shawsheen Valley Technical High School student and an Eagle Scout candidate with Wilmington's Boy Scout troop, Troop 56. He is currently planning to paint Villanova Hall foyer, back hall and handicap accessible bathroom. Any donations are much appreciated and needed! Tax deductible checks can be made out to Troop 56 BSA (Boy Scouts of America) any donations can be mailed to JoshuaWeaver 20 West St. Wilmington, Ma or left at the Rectory attention Josh's Eagle Project, Thank You!

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHURCH SUPPORT

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

This Sunday Second Collection is the Parish Monthly.
Next Sunday will be the Latin American Collection

ST. THOMAS GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

As of January 6, 2009	\$ 43,516.00
Our Parish Goal	\$ 50,000.00

Thanks to all who have already given, for those who may be thinking of contributing to the Grand Annual you may mail your gift to the parish or drop it in the offertory basket.

BLANKET COLLECTION

Parish Outreach blanket collection through the month on Jan and Feb. Blankets don't have to be new but must be clean.

PARISH OUTREACH MEETING

On Mon, Jan 19 at 7pm will meet in Villanova Hall.

ART & LITURGY MEETING

On Thurs, Jan 22 at 6pm will meet in the Chapel.

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

On Wed, Jan 28th Ivan Dragicevic-Medjugorje visionary will be at St. Mary in Lynn. Rosary at 6pm, Mass at 7pm followed by witness talks and Benediction.

For further details contact Pat Tradd (781)581-0967 or Carolyn Schnurbush (781)598-3285

OPEN HOUSE & REGISTRATION

ST. AGNES SCHOOL

39 Medford St. Arlington 781-641-6627
Stagneschool_dev@hotmail.com
Sun, Jan 25th 10-11am Tues, Jan 27th 9-11am

ACADEMY OF NOTRE DAME

978-649-7611x327 www.ndatyngsboro.org
Sunday, Jan 25th 1to3pm

ST. CHARLES SCHOOL

8 Myrtle St. Woburn 781-935-4635
www.saintcharles church.net
Tues, Jan 27th & Wed. 28th 9am to 11am

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

132 High St Medford 781-396-3636
Sunday, Jan 25th 1to 3pm

A MINI RETREAT FOR WOMEN

On Sat Jan 24th from 8:30am until 12noon Open to all Women "Let Go, Let God" --Feel overwhelmed? --Feel powerless? -- Need a spiritual retreat? Find out how we can Let Go and Let God take over!

Guest Speaker: Sr. Mary Ellen Broderick of Lazurus House Ministries Where? In Andover at St. Augustine's Center for Religious Education & Ministry Essex St to the right of the church Cost? Free will offering

Registration & Questions by Jan 22 Deborah 978-474-8057 or dgstreet@street.net or Fran 978-470-3306 or gikow@yahoo.com

CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB

The Catholic Alumni Club (CAC) of Boston is a social organization of single Catholic Professionals over 40. CAC is sponsoring a Winter Social for current and prospective members on Friday, February 6 at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in Cambridge from 6:00PM to 9:00PM. For more information, contact Phil at 617-261-9600 or visit our web site: www.caci.org/cac/boston.html.

The CAC of Boston is holding a liturgy for current and prospective members on Sunday, February 8 at 2:00PM at the parish of St. Anthony in Woburn. For more information and or to let us know you are coming, contact Phil at 617-261-9600 or visit our web site: www.caci.org/cac/boston.html.

SHELTER NEEDS CAN YOU HELP?

Outreach at the Lowell Transitional Living Center is in need of sleeping bags, flashlights, tarps, tents and men's winter coats to assist our brothers and sisters living under bridges and on our streets. Contact Outreach Worker Cheryl at 978-458-9888 if you can help. Thank you for your kindness!

THE PASSION PLAY

OBERRAMMERGAU, GERMANY - MAY 10, 2010

Fr Augustine Anda is conducting a pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, Florence, Venice, Munich and Oberammergau, Germany. We will visit numerous historical and religious places while traveling through the Italian and Bavarian Alps! Daily mass will be celebrated by Fr Augustine. While in Oberammergau, we will see The Passion Play which is put on every ten years by the people of that village. Space is limited and tickets must be obtained for The Passion Play. If interested contact Carolyn Kenney at 90 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington Telephone # 978-852-7852 and email address - cmk44@comcast.net. Reserve early. Reserve now.

JANUARY 18, 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 18 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	Jan 19 NO CCD 7pm Parish Outreach Meeting	Jan 20 Gr 2 4to5pm 5 5:30 to 6:30pm 7 6:45 to 8pm	Jan 21 Gr 3 4to5pm 6 5:30pm to 6:30 Children's Choir 6pm HOLY HOUR 7PM	Jan 22 6pm Arts and Liturgy Meeting	Jan 23 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Jan 24
Jan 25 Baptismal Instruction 7pm Prayer Group	Jan 26 Gr 1 4to 5pm 4 5:30 to 6:30pm 10 6:45to 8pm	Jan 27 Gr 2 4to5pm 5 5:30 to 6:30pm 8 6:45 to 8pm	Jan 28 Gr 3 4to5pm 6 5:30pm to 6:30 Children's Choir 6pm Adult Choir 7pm	Jan 29	Jan 30 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Jan 31
Feb 1 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group REGISTRATION	Feb 2 Gr 1 4to 5pm 4 5:30 to 6:30pm 9 6:45to 8pm 7:30pm Women's Club FOR 2009-2010	Feb 3 Gr 2 4to5pm 5 5:30 to 6:30pm 7 6:45 to 8pm RELIGIOUS	Feb 4 Gr 3 4to5pm 6 5:30pm to 6:30 Children's Choir 6pm Adult Choir 7pm EDUCATION	Feb 5 BEGINS	Feb 6 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Feb 7 Confirmation Retreat Grade 10 10:30am-6:00pm
Feb 8 7pm Prayer Group	Feb 9 Gr 1 4to 5pm 4 5:30 to 6:30pm 10 6:45to 8pm PARISH RETREAT	Feb 10 Gr 2 4to5pm 5 5:30 to 6:30pm 8 6:45 to 8pm PARISH RETREAT	Feb 11 Gr 3 4to5pm 6 5:30pm to 6:30 Children's Choir 6pm PARISH RETREAT	Feb 12	Feb 13 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Feb 14 Happy Valentine's Day 5pm Mass WORLD MARRIAGE DAY
Feb 15 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	Feb 16 NO CDD WINTER VACATION	Feb 17 NO CDD WINTER VACATION	Feb 18 NO CDD WINTER VACATION	Feb 19 7PM WINE WOMEN SONG	Feb 20 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Feb 21 FOOD COLLECTION
Feb 22 Gr 10 11:15Mass 7pm Prayer Group	Feb 23 Gr 1 4to 5pm 4 5:30 to 6:30pm 10 6:45to 8pm	Feb 24 Gr 2 4to5pm 5 5:30 to 6:30pm 8 6:45 to 8pm	Feb 25 ASH WEDNESDAY Gr 3 4to5pm 6 No CCD	Feb 26	Feb 27 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Feb 28
March 1 7pm Prayer Group	March 2 Gr 1 4to 5pm 4 5:30 to 6:30pm 9 6:45to 8pm	March 3 Gr 2 4to5pm 5 5:30 to 6:30pm 7 6:45 to 8pm	March 4 Gr 3 4to5pm 6 5:30pm to 6:30 Children's Choir 6pm Adult Choir 7pm	March 5	March 6 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	March 7

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

December 25, 2008

“Dear children! You are running, working, gathering-but without blessing. You are not praying! Today, I call you to stop in front of the manger and to meditate on Jesus, Whom I give to you today also, to bless you and to help you to comprehend that, without Him, you have no future. Therefore, little children, surrender your lives into the hands of Jesus, for Him to lead you and protect you from every evil. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Meditation of the Heart

By Carolyn Kenney

How many times does God speak to us, but we do not hear Him? In today's gospel, John the Baptist said regarding Jesus, "Behold, the Lamb of God." If Andrew had not listened to these words, if he had walked away, he may not have come to know Jesus. In turn, Andrew may not have had the opportunity to introduce his brother, Peter, to Jesus. What if Andrew and Peter had not listened, but had simply gone back to fishing the waters of the Sea of Galilee? Who would have become the first Pope? What affect would this have had not on the early church, but on our church today?

Clearly Andrew and Peter saw and heard something special in Jesus. They had a free will, like us, yet they chose to listen to Jesus and follow Him. It is important for us to listen to the inner promptings of God who speaks to us through the Holy Spirit. Take time each day to shut out the noise of the world and focus on God. He does not force His will upon us. It is up to each one of us to choose to follow Him or not.

(www.meditationsoftheheart.com)