

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions January 24- February 1, 2009

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

Monday

9:00 AM Dorothy Spaulding

Tuesday

9:00 AM Mark Haubner

Wednesday

9:00 AM Dorothy Spaulding

Thursday

9:00 AM Helen Tivnan

Saturday

5:00 PM Marion Murphy & Mary Marotta

Sunday

8:00 AM Donald Snell

9:30 AM For the People of the Parish

11:15 AM Domenico Maglione

WINE , WOMEN & SONG

Our next gathering will be on Thursday, February 19 at 7pm in the Chapel. The 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!

MANDATORY WEDDING MUSIC MEETING

On Sunday, February 22, at 2:30pm 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.

S.T.A.M.P. DANCE

MARK YOUR CALANDER FOR THE
TENTH ANNUAL S.T.A.M.P. DANCE
SATURDAY, MARCH 14th IN VILLANOVA HALL

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

The weather has been dreadful for the past two weekends. Attendance has been way down. I appreciate those who mail in their contributions when weather prevents them from attending. It is very helpful because despite the bad weather the church bills manage to continue to come!!

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

FAMILY MARDIGRAS CELEBRATION

Join us for a Family Mardigras celebration on Sunday, February 22, at 5pm we will be making mardigras masks, stringing beads, coins and games with music and ending with make your own ice cream Sunday to start off your fat Tuesday celebration!

HEAVEN CENT

At the start of Lent, The Parish Outreach ministry will be giving out baby bottles for you to fill with extra change. We will be collecting for BIRTHRIGHT AND PROJECT RACHEL .

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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) Donations can be mailed to Joshua Weaver 20 West St. Wilmington, Ma or left at the Rectory attention Josh's Eagle Project, Thank You!

ST. THOMAS WOMENS CLUB

Please note that the Monthly meeting for February and March are canceled due to illness and vacations of members. The Women's Club will resume their meetings again April any questions please call Joan at 978-657-3905.

BLANKET COLLECTION

The Parish Outreach will be having a blanket collection through the month on January and February. Blankets don't have to be new but must be clean.

WEDDING BANN

I Melissa Weatherbee and Matthew Boyer

MARRIAGE PREP SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING...

World Marriage day will be celebrated here on February 14th at the 5pm Mass.

As you know there exists a 50% failure rate in married relationships. In an effort to lower that number, the Archdiocese has in place Marriage Preparation Classes which look at 5 areas of Marriage, Communication, Finance, Sexuality, Parenting and Spirituality. St. Thomas has a Program On **SATURDAY, MARCH 28th** in Villanova Hall. For more information or to register for the class please call the Rectory.

CHURCH SUPPORT

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

The Second Collection is for the Church in Latin America

ST. THOMAS GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

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| As of January 14, 2009 | \$44,876.00 |
| 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.

BAPTISMS

On Sunday January 18, 2009 the following children were welcomed into St. Thomas Parish Family.

*Nicholas David DePippo
Connor Thomas Ducey*

THERE WILL BE NO BAPTISMS DURING LENT

**THE LAST BAPTISM BEFORE LENT
FEBRUARY 15, 2009**

**THE BAPTISMS DURING THE EASTER SEASON
WILL BE:**

**EASTER SUNDAY
April 12th @ 11:15 AM**

**DURING SUNDAY MASS
MAY 3rd @ 11:15 AM**

**REGULAR BAPTISM NO MASS
April 19 & May 17 @ 1:00 PM**

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Wed, Jan 28th Ivan Dragicevic-Medjugorje visionary will be at St. Mary in Lynn. Rosary 6pm, Mass 7pm followed by witness talks and Benediction. For further details contact Pat (781)581-0967 or Carolyn (781)598-3285

THE PASSION PLAY OBERAMMERGAU, 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 25, 2009

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| 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 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 NO CCD PARISH RETREAT | Feb 10 NO CCD PARISH RETREAT | Feb 11 NO CCD PARISH RETREAT | Feb 12 | Feb 13 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration | Feb 14 Valentine's Day 5pm Mass WORLD MARRIAGE |
| 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 6:30pm Stations of the Cross | 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 6:30pm STATIONS | March 7 |
| March 8 Gr 2 Parent Meeting 12:30 in Church 7pm Prayer Group | March 9 Gr 1 4to 5pm 4 5:30 to 6:30pm 10 6:45to 8pm | March 10 Gr 2 4to5pm 5 5:30 to 6:30pm 8 6:45 to 8pm | March 11 Gr 3 4to5pm 6 5:30pm to 6:30 Children's Choir 6pm Adult Choir 7pm | March 12 | March 13 6:30pm STATIONS | March 14 STAMP DANCE |
| March 15 7pm Prayer Group | March 16 Gr 1 4to 5pm 4 5:30 to 6:30pm 9 6:45to 8pm | March 17 ST.PATRICKS DAY Gr 2 4to5pm 5 5:30 to 6:30pm 7 6:45 to 8pm | March 18 Gr 3 4to5pm 6 5:30pm to 6:30 Children's Choir 6pm Adult Choir 7pm | March 19 | March 20 6:30pm STATIONS | March 21 |

ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST Season Two: Changes of Heart, will begin during the week of Feb 22. This will provide a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our faith in Jesus Christ during this Lenten Season. By sharing our faith with members of a small Arise Group, as the members share theirs, we all begin to further deepen our own faith. Thirty Six members of the parish participated in the Arise Program during Season One and all fully enjoyed it and are signing up for Season Two. Each Season consists of six, 90 minute weekly sessions. Most sessions are scheduled during the evening. Please consider taking part in this opportunity during our Lenten journey. SIGN UP SUNDAY will be FEB 1, 2009. Applications will be available in the pews during Mass for all interested. Should you be interested in participating and know of a neighbor or friend who may also enjoy the program, invite them. All are invited, whether they are a member of the Parish or not.

Meditation of the Heart

By Carolyn M. Kenney

In today's gospel from Saint Mark, Jesus calls Simon (Peter), Andrew, James and John to "come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." The gospel tells us they "abandoned their nets" and "left their father" to follow Him. As Jesus walked along the Sea of Galilee, He saw these hard-working men and knew of their devotion and loyalty to His early church. For their part, these four men looked in Jesus' eyes and heard Him speak their names. They felt His divine nature calling them to a deeper, richer life. His words were compelling and the message He brought was uplifting.

How is Jesus calling you to live your life? (www.meditationsoftheheart.com)