

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions –January 31 – February 8, 2009

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

Monday

9:00 AM Special Intention

Tuesday

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Wednesday

9:00 AM Helen Tivnan

Thursday

9:00 AM Thomas Murphy

Saturday

5:00 PM Deceased Members of the Gills Family

Sunday

8:00 AM Guilherme Viveiros, Honorato & Maria Liberato

9:30 AM Anthony Fruciano

11:15 AM Carmelo Limoli

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.

TO BENEFIT VILLANOVA HALL REJUVINATION

Joshua Weaver is planning to paint Villanova Hall foyer, back hall and handicap bathroom for his Eagle Scout project donation checks can be made out to Troop 56 BSA and mailed to Joshua Weaver 20 West St. Wilmington, or left at the Rectory attention Josh's Eagle Project, Thank You!

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

As I write this note, we are expecting another snowstorm. As a result, 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.

Next week, February 9, 10, and 11, 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 with 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.

On Saturday, January 31, our second grade students are scheduled to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. The last time I mentioned this, we had a snow storm and had to postpone the reception of the sacrament. I hope I don't jinks it again. Keep the children in your prayers.

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

WEDDING BANN

II Melissa Weatherbee and Matthew Boyer

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

World Marriage Day will be celebrated at the 5pm Mass on February 14th followed by light refreshments after Mass.

MARRIAGE PREP

Marriage Prep will be held on SATURDAY, MARCH 28th in Villanova Hall. For info. or to register call the Rectory.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WINE, WOMEN & SONG

All women are welcome, Thursday, Feb 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.

MANDATORY WEDDING MUSIC MEETING

Sunday, Feb 22, at 2:30pm meeting for Brides and Grooms getting married this year, please call Lora at 781-243-1073.

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!

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins Wednesday, February 25th.
The Mass schedule will be 9am and 7pm
& 4:00pm Service only

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**

BLANKET COLLECTION

The blanket collection is going on through the month on February. Blankets don't have to be new but must be clean.

HEAVEN CENT

For Lent, The Parish Outreach ministry will be giving out baby bottles for you to fill with extra change for BIRTHRIGHT AND PROJECT RACHEL .

CHURCH SUPPORT

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

Next Sunday The Second Collection is the Parish Monthly

ST. THOMAS GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

As of January 26, 2009	\$45,076.00
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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration letters have gone out.

Anyone who has a child entering first grade in Sept., and the child was NOT BAPTIZED at St. Thomas we ask you to bring his/her baptismal certificate to the office for verification and we will register him/her at that time.

TO REGISTER FOR CCD PLEASE CALL

The Religious Ed. Office at 978-658-6040. Their office is located in the basement of the Church.

Registration tuition payment

1 Child \$75.00

2 Children \$100

3 or more children \$125.00

If you have a parochial school child entering into grade 10 and plan on having him /her confirmed, you must register him/her in the religious education program.

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

THE SAMARITANS OF MERRIMACK VALLEY

Schedule for Volunteer Trainings for 2009

Mon. Feb 2, Wed. Feb 4, Mon. Feb 9 & Wed, Feb 11 6:30 to 9:30pm Sat. May 2 Sat May 9 9am to 3pm
Mon Aug 24, Wed August 26, Mon Aug 31 & Wed. Sept 2 6:30 to 9:30pm Sat Nov 7 Sat Nov 14 9am to 3pm

Following 12hrs of classroom you will be required to complete 20hrs on the crisis lines with a trained volunteer. For more info call 978-688-0030 or e-mail dhelms@familyserviceinc.com.

FEBRUARY 1, 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE JANUARY 25, 2009

“Dear children! Also today I call you to prayer. May prayer be for you like the seed that you will put in my heart, which I will give over to my Son Jesus for you, for the salvation of your souls. I desire, little children, for each of you to fall in love with eternal life which is your future, and for all worldly things to be a help for you to draw closer to God the Creator. I am with you for this long because you are on the wrong path. Only with my help, little children, you will open your eyes. There are many of those who, by living my messages, comprehend that they are on the way of holiness towards eternity. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Meditation of the Heart

By Carolyn M. Kenney

In today's Gospel, Saint Mark tells us about a visit Jesus made to the village of Capernaum. While there, He went to teach in the synagogue. This particular time, Saint Mark writes, “The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority.” The people were amazed when an unclean spirit came out of a man. After this, Jesus’ “...fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.”

Later today, many people will watch the Super Bowl. They have followed the teams and their quarterbacks and know the good points of each. In fact, they probably know more about these teams than they know about their own religion. Can you answer these questions: Where is Capernaum located? Which Apostle lived in Capernaum prior to being “called” by Jesus? What are the four mysteries of the Rosary? When was the last time you prayed the Rosary?
(www.meditationsoftheheart.com)