

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions February 7-15, 2009

Saturday

5:00 PM Deceased Members of Gillis Family

Sunday

8:00 AM Guilherme Viverios, Honorato & Maria Liberato

9:30 AM Anthony Fruciano

11:15 AM Carmelo Limoli

Monday

9:00 AM Thomas Murphy

Tuesday

9:00 AM John Faria

Wednesday

9:00 AM Harold Roche

Thursday

9:00 AM Dorothy Snell

Saturday

5:00 PM Virginia Crane

Sunday

8:00 AM Chuckie Peterson , Anthony & Simonne Nuziato

9:30 AM Joseph Saporito

11:15 AM Edward White

WINE , WOMEN & SONG

Thurs, Feb 19 at 7pm in the Chapel. Begins with a social time of wine (or soda), hors d'oeuvres, and conversation followed by prayer and reflection through music.

MANDATORY WEDDING MUSIC MEETING

Sun, Feb 22, at 2:30pm meeting for those getting married this year call Lora at 781-245-1073.

FAMILY MARDIGRAS CELEBRATION

Sun Feb 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!

FAMILY SKI TRIP

DUE TO THE OVERWELMING SUCCESS OF THE LAST SKI TRIP THERE WILL BE ANOTHER TRIP Sat, March 7, a Motor coach will leave St. Thomas parking lot for Gunstock Mtn. N.H. at 7am and return at aprox. 6pm. Cost for Adult ages (18-64) \$69 Teen (13-17) \$59. and Children (6-12) \$55. Price includes round trip transportation and lift ticket. For more information contact Rich Casey at 978-447-1020. All children 6-17 must be accompanied by parent.

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

Our parish retreat begins this weekend. Deacons Ed Ensley and Robert Herrmann from the diocese of Savannah, Georgia will speak at all the Masses this weekend as well as giving the retreat. The retreat will run Mon, Tues and Wed nights. Day one will be how we deal with every day stresses and pressures of life. Day two will be 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. I hope to see you there.

Over the years I have tried to offer you a variety of retreat presenters. We have had priests, nuns and now deacons. We have had lay women and lay men. One thing I hope you take away from the variety of presenters is that speaking about God is not just the job of the priest or deacon. We are all called to spread the faith in various ways. For many of you it may be spreading it among family and friends. For others you may have a larger audience. Regardless of your audience, spread the faith!!

We are going to have a Mardi Gras party next Sunday. It should be fun. For more details, look elsewhere in the bulletin.

As I write this note, the snow is falling. As a result, I have a request in regards to parking not only for church, but also for CCD and Villanova Hall. 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.

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

CHURCH SUPPORT

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

Next Sunday's Second Collection is the Parish Monthly

ST. THOMAS GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

As of February 2, 2009	\$ 45,626.00
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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Season Two: will begin during the week of Feb 22. This will provide an opportunity to reflect on our faith in Jesus Christ during this Lenten Season. By sharing our faith with a small Arise Group, as the members share theirs, we all begin to further deepen our own faith.

Each Season consists of six, 90 min weekly sessions. Most sessions are scheduled in the evening. Please consider taking part in this opportunity during our Lenten journey.

ASH WEDNESDAY

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

LENTEN REGULARIONS

Abstinence: Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligations of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Fast: Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their sixtieth year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, milk and fruit juices are allowed.

THERE WILL BE NO BAPTISMS DURING LENT

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

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

BLANKET COLLECTION

The blankets don't have to be new but must be clean

ST. THOMAS CHARITIES FOOD COLLECTION

Feb 21 & 22 Food Collection for the Wilmington Food Pantry. All donations can be dropped off in Villanova Hall after all Masses that weekend.

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.

WEDDING BANN

III Melissa Weatherbee and Matthew Boyer

BAPTISM

On Sunday February 1st the following children were welcomed into St. Thomas Parish Family.

*Gino Michael Mattuchio
Dennis Michael Reppucci Jr.
Anne Elizabeth Reppucci*

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.

TO BENEFIT VILLANOVA HALL REJUVINATION

Help Support Josh Weaver Eagle Scout project (painting foyer, back hall and Handicap bathroom) 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.

FEBRUARY 8, 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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 SKI TRIP
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
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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

“...the house of Simon and Andrew...” mentioned in today’s Gospel is situated in the village of Capernaum in the Holy Land. The house can still be seen today and is situated on one side close to the synagogue in Capernaum and on the side about 200 yards from the peaceful Sea of Galilee. Today, a small church has been built above the remains of this home. From the center of the church, a round glass has been placed enabling people to look straight down into the house itself – the house where Jesus cured Peter’s mother-in-law along with so many other people.

At the end of the Gospel, Saint Mark wrote, “He told them, Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.” Today Jesus teaches us through our priests, religious and one another. We need His presence to help us build a better world. We must also recognize the presence of Jesus in our midst in order to grow spiritually. I have come to realize that I feel comfortable and at ease in His presence. Do you?

“Meditations of the Heart” available at www.authorhouse.com