

**ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

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**MASS INTENTIONS MAY 2-10, 2009**

**Saturday**  
5:00PM George Mullens

**Sunday**  
8:00AM Mark Harvey

9:30 AM Orlando & Maria Liggiero

11:15 AM Catherine "Jo" Cunningham

**Monday**  
9:00 AM Easter Remembrances

**Tuesday**  
9:00 AM Erin M. Roderick

**Wednesday**  
9:00AM Richard Stuart

**Thursday**  
9:00AM Jennifer Manthos

**Saturday**  
5:00 PM Maria Siva & Anna Viveiros

**Sunday**  
8:00 AM Ralp DiPietro

9:30 AM Maria Teresa Burns

11:15 AM Domenico Maglione

**BAPTISM**

The following children will be welcomed into St. Thomas Parish at the 11:15 Mass on Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Matthew Charles Boyer*  
*Jenna Dora Giammarco*  
*Henry Richard Santini*  
*Quinn Thomas Thornton*

**WEDDING**

*Jerry Driscoll and Kiley Johnston*

**HOUSE HOLD ITEMS FOR MISSION OF DEEDS**

St. Thomas Charities Committee is having a collection for the Mission of Deeds the weekend May 16 & 17. The Items most in need are pots and pans Kitchen utensils and twin size bedding, but all house hold Items can be dropped off in Villanova Hall after all the Masses that weekend.

**THEY ARE ALSO COLLECTING FOOD FOR THE WILMINGTON FOOD PANTRY**

The pantry is most in need of: Tuna fish, syrup, canned Fruit, Ketchup, mustard, mayo and relish

**A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR**

This weekend and next weekend, St. Thomas will be celebrating First Communion for 112 children. I want to thank all those who prepared them for this day especially their parents and catechists.

Religious Education registration for next year is in full swing. As I say each year, no child will be deprived of a religious education because of a family's inability to pay the registration fee. If you are having a problem, speak with Marilyn Mandosa, Dotty Barker or myself. Please remind any neighbor or friend who may be unaware that it is time to register especially those families who will be entering our program for the first time. Thanks.

The Catholic Appeal is underway. I would ask that you seriously consider making a donation to the Catholic Appeal. As Cardinal Sean said last weekend in his message, the Catholic Appeal supports various ministries that pass on the faith. I have left appeal packets in the pew. If you received one in the mail, you could fill it out at home and bring it with you. Please remember that whatever you pledge can be paid over time. You can drop your pledge card in any collection basket or mail it directly. Thank you for considering this request.

I want to thank those who already gave. Our goal is \$29,500.00. Thus far, \$22,292.00 has been pledged from 163 parishioners. That is 75.6% of our goal. The parish is off to a good start. I am hoping that we can make our goal. Thanks again!!

You may have noticed that the lawn in front of the rectory is torn up. We had a new water pipe put in. The old pipe was installed in 1929. I am told that it was a lead pipe. Apparently over time the pipe has gotten smaller. As a result, the water pressure in the rectory was terrible. If you had a faucet on or flushed a toilet or took a shower, there would be no water pressure elsewhere in the house. Thanks to Tim Kannally and Tom Miller for figuring out what was wrong and making the arrangements with Wilmington water department to put the new pipe in. It is great to have water pressure!!

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

**FLOWER SALE**

After all Masses The Outreach Ministry will be selling Flowers. Money from the flower sale will help support the ministries varies outreach programs.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### CUB SCOUT PACK 136

The following Cub Scouts received the following awards at the 9:30 am Mass on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Light of Christ	Michael Bettencourt
Parvuili	Kevin Cox Andrew Durate Christopher Patrone Frankie West

All 5 boys received their international; Awareness Pin and badge as well.

### ST. THOMAS WOMEN'S CLUB

**June 1-** Scholarship Meeting 7pm in Villanova Hall

**June 8-** Closing Mass at 6:30pm and dinner at Kyoto Steak House in Tewksbury

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

**TO REGISTER FOR CCD PLEASE CALL  
The Religious Ed. Office at 978-658-6040. Their office is  
located in the basement of the Church.**

**LATE Registration tuition payment**

**1 Child \$85.00**

**2 Children \$120**

**3 or more children \$155.00**

**Last day for registration is Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>.**



### **FIRST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Dear Jesus, through bread and wine at the Last Supper, and by your holy word, you gave the Eucharist to your church. You transformed common food and drink into your Body and Blood, and offered us a share in your life in ways we still cannot fully understand. Grant now that these young people will always treasure the gift they have in you. Give them the grace to be faithful to you and to remain in communion with your church. As they receive their first Communion, the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation, make them always aware of the hope they have for eternal life in you Amen.*

### CHURCH SUPPORT

Next Weekend is the Parish Monthly Collection.

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

### OUTSIDE THE PARISH

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR ADULTS?

That's right! Why should only the children have all the fun? Due to the incredible positive response and enthusiasm we had for our Lenten Bible Study, we have decided to offer it again this summer.

A Quick Journey through the Bible was developed by renowned Bible teacher and Catholic television personality Jeff Cavins who will help you understand the "big picture" of God's plan via DVD each week in class. You will get to know the people, places, events, and themes of God's plan of salvation history; receive a practical plan for reading through the Bible story in three months; learn about God's marvelous plan for the world-and how your own faith story fits into "His-story."

The 8-week session will be at St. William Parish in Tewksbury on Thursdays from 9:45-11:15am or 7-8:30pm from June 4-July 30. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes a Bible Timeline chart, the Student Guide workbook, and memory aids, Register at St. William Rectory in person or call 978-851-7331 by May 25.

For more information contact Eileen Wood at 978-858-3634(home) or 978-851-1304(work)

### LIFE LINE SCREENING

Are you, or have you ever been, a smoker? Are you a male over 55? St. Thomas of Villanova Parish is pleased to host a Life Line Screening preventive health event to scan for risk of an abdominal aortic aneurysm(AAA), Life line Screening uses hospital quality ultrasound technology to detect an enlargement or weak area in the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body. Warning signs of AAA often go unidentified and if ruptured, abdominal aortic aneurysms are 80-95 fatal. The screening will be held on June 5 2009. Register for the Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package for \$149. All five screenings take 60 -90 minutes to complete. Your Health is in Your Hands, so call 1-888-653-6441, or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com)<<http://www.lifelinescreening.com/>>, for more information or to pre-register.

**MAY 3, 2009**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 3 Baptism 11:15 Mass  7pm Prayer Group	May 4 First Communion practice for Group 3 4:00-5:00pm	May 5 First Communion practice for Group 4 4:00-5:00pm	May 6 First Communion practice for Group 3 4:00-5:00pm	May 7 First Communion practice for Group 4 4:00-5:00pm	May 8 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	May 9 10:30am & 1pm First Communion  LAST DAY for CCD 2009- 2010 registration
May 10  7pm Prayer Group	May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	May 16 MISSION OF DEEDS COLLECTION
May 17 Baptism  7pm Prayer Group	May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	May 23
May 24  7pm Prayer Group	May 25 Memorial Day	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	May 30
May 31 PENTECOST SUNDAY  Baptismal Instruction  7pm Prayer Group	June 1 7pm Women's Club Scholarship Meeting	June 2	June 3	June 4	June 5 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration  LIFE LINE SCREENING	June 6
June 7 Baptism  7pm Prayer Group	June 8 6:30 Closing Mass	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	June 13
June 14 7pm Prayer Group	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	June 20

**OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE**

**April 25, 2009**

*“Dear children! Today I call you all to pray for peace and to witness it in your families so that peace may become the highest treasure on this peaceless earth. I am your Queen of Peace and your mother. I desire to lead you on the way of peace, which comes only from God. Therefore, pray, pray, pray. Thank you for having responded to my call.”*

Meditation of the Heart  
By Carolyn M. Kenney

Last year on my trip to the Holy Land, I purchased a beautiful statue of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. It stands ten inches tall and is exquisitely carved from olive wood. In His right hand, Jesus holds a lamb, while four others lie or stand at His feet. The two shades of wood frame the image of Jesus beautifully while His robe hangs in even folds in the back. Needless to say, I was very careful while carrying this back from Israel to Boston.

In today's gospel from Saint John, Jesus tells His Apostles, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” You and I are the “sheep” which Jesus talks about. Over 2000 years ago, He gave His life for you and for me. At that moment, He knew of the life you would one day live. He knew your faults as well as your strengths. He loved you then and loves you today at this very moment. No one loves you so totally and unreservedly as Jesus.  
(“Meditations of the Heart” is available at [www.authorhouse.com](http://www.authorhouse.com))