

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions May 9-17 2009

Saturday

5:00 PM Maria Silva & Anna Viveiros

Sunday

8:00 AM Ralph DiPeitro

9:30 AM Maria Teresa Burns

11:15 AM Domenico Maglione

Monday

9:00 AM Easter Remembrances

Tuesday

9:00 AM Palmina, Joseph, Mary Jane & Stephen Langone

Wednesday

9:00 AM Louis & Geraldine Maglio

Thursday

9:00 AM Mary Simeone

Saturday

5:00 PM Rose Sullivan

Sunday

8:00 AM Paul R. Palizzolo Jr.

9:30 AM Helena Cabral

11:15 AM Donald Franco

HOUSE HOLD ITEMS FOR MISSION OF DEEDS

St. Thomas Charities Committee will have a collection for the Mission of Deeds next weekend of 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 WILL ALSO BE COLLECTING FOOD FOR THE WILMINGTON FOOD PANTRY

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

Please note they will not be collecting Clothes this weekend.

ST. THOMAS CHARITIES MEETING

The Charities Committee will meet to discuss upcoming events and plans on Wednesday, May 13th at 7pm in Villanova Hall. The Charities Committee is looking for volunteers to work with the team for our food, clothing and special events. Please feel free to join this meeting or call Rosemary Greco 978-658-5362.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

To all the Mothers, I want to wish you a happy Mother's Day. Parenting is your most important work and it is also your most difficult work. May God bless you and give wisdom in your work as a parent.

Last weekend and this weekend, St. Thomas celebrated 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 is over. It ended Saturday, May 9, 2009.

The Catholic Appeal is underway. I would ask that you seriously consider making a donation to the Catholic Appeal. As Cardinal Sean said in his message, the Catholic Appeal supports various ministries that pass on the faith. I have left appeal packets in the pews. 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, \$23,084.00 has been pledged from 178 parishioners. That is 78.3% of our goal. The parish is off to a good start. I am hoping that we can make our goal. Thanks again!!

This will be the last note for a couple of weeks. Fr. Tully and I are going on vacation starting Tuesday, May 12, 2009. Fr. Paul will be holding the fort down.

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Please join us downstairs for cake & coffee, Sun May 31, after the 9:30 Mass as we will celebrate this Feast Day the "Birthday" of the Church as the Spirit of God descended upon it. We asked you to wear red. The vibrant color commemorates the out pouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles.

THANK FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Parish Outreach would like to thank all who bought flowers to support their Ministry. There are still a few plants left over, stop by after Masses this weekend.

CHURCH SUPPORT

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WOMENS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

St. Thomas Women's Club will again offer a \$500 Scholarship to a graduating High School Senior who plans to go on to further education. The senior must be a registered parishioner at St. Thomas Parish. The applications are available at the Rectory and must be returned by Friday, May 29th.

WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP MEETING AND AGENDA PLANNING FOR 2009-2010 will be held MONDAY, JUNE 1, AT 7:00 PM IN V.H.

CLOSING MASS AND DINNER OUT

Mass will be held June 8th at 6:30 pm and Dinner at Kyoto Steak House, Tewksbury. Please call Joan at 657-3905 for a count.



If we used today to be as loving to others as mothers are to their children, this might be the year that peace becomes a reality.

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Dear God on this day that we honor mothers, may we draw strength from the mothers who went before us.

May we remember Jochebed, mother of Moses, who gave her son over to God's providence when forces that threatened him were beyond her control.

May we remember the mother of Mary, St. Anne, who helped her daughter learn an openness to God's will.

May we remember St. Monica,
Who suffered an abusive spouse and her son's poor choices,
but lived to see her child's return to God.

Most of all, we remember Mary,
Though she watched her child suffer and die,
She also saw his resurrection and glory and was in turn glorified by him.
Amen

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

PROTECTING GODS CHILDREN

There will be a two hour session on Sat, May 16 from 9:45am-12noon or Wed, June 24 from 6:45-9pm in St. William school building in Tewksbury. Registration is required and space is limited. Please call St. William's rectory to register 978-851-7331.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR ADULTS?

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 Thur 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 information contact Eileen Wood at 978-858-3634 or 978-851-1304(work)

PROJECT RACHEL

Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over past abortions? Project Rachel is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with the pain of abortion. Project Rachel will offer a "Come to the Waters" post abortion healing retreat on Sat, May 30. For more information and registration, contact Project Rachel at 508-651-3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com. All calls are confidential.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Are you, or have you ever been, a smoker? Are you a male over 55? St. Thomas 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. 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>>, for more information or to pre-register.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 10 Mother's Day No 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
June 21 FATHER'S DAY No Prayer group 1pm Baptism	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	June 27

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.”

Meditations of the Heart By Carolyn M. Kenney

I would like to wish all mothers a very Happy Mothers Day! I particularly wish my niece, and all new mothers a special Mother's Day. My mother would have been so proud to see her new little great-grandson. Family was extremely important to my mother. She would always be at home when my sisters and I returned from home from school. Not only did we enjoy the physical warmth of home on a cold day, but it was my mother's love that enveloped us making us safe and secure. All her life, my mother cooked, cleaned and cared for our family. A mother is described by one word - love.

Faith was of the utmost importance to my mother. She had a special devotion to the Blessed Mother and prayed the rosary every night since we were children. It is a pleasure to think of my mother who gave not only me, but also other family members so much happiness. I wish she was still here with us today. She would have enjoyed all her grandchildren immensely. However, she will be watching and guiding us every step of our lives as she looks down from the eternal splendor of heaven. For you see, a mother's love never ends. (“Meditations of the Heart” is available at www.authorhouse.com)