

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

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**Mass Intentions May 16-24, 2009**

**Saturday**

**5:00PM Rose Sullivan**

**Sunday**

**8:00AM Paul R. Palizzolo Jr.**

**9:30 AM Helena Cabral**

**11:15 AM Donald Franco**

**Monday**

**9:00 AM Easter Remembrances**

**Tuesday**

**9:00 AM Kitty Glaza**

**Wednesday**

**9:00AM Maryann Murphy**

**Thursday**

**9:00AM Tiba Bowen**

**Saturday**

**5:00 PM Paulo Barberi**

**Sunday**

**8:00 AM Umberto & Antonina Deuterio**

**9:30 AM Dorothy Ebert and deceased members of  
The Savosik Family**

**11:15 AM Andrew P. Ring**

**PRAYER FOR THOSE IN ARMED FORCES**

Heavenly Father,  
be with our men and women as they serve our country.  
When they are faced with danger,  
Give them the courage of Michael the Archangel,  
who was victorious over evil.  
When our soldiers are faced with difficult choices  
give them the discernment of St. Martin of Tours,  
the soldier who remembered to aid the meek and helpless.  
When our soldiers are injured or forced to the sidelines,  
give them the guidance you gave St. Ignatius of Loyola,  
who turned a time of pain and recovery from a war wound  
into a new life of trust in you.  
Amen.

**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.

**HOUSE HOLD ITEMS FOR MISSION OF DEEDS**

St. Thomas Charities Committee collection for the Mission  
of Deeds is this 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 this weekend.

**THEY ARE 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.

**OUTREACH MEETING**

St. Thomas Outreach Ministry will meet on Wednesday,  
May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm and Dinner at Kyoto  
Steak House, Tewksbury. Please call Joan at 657-3905 for a  
count.

**CROSS INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC OUTREACH**

Rev. Tom Poisson will be visiting our parish next weekend  
to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross International  
Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful  
link between parishes in America and the priest and nuns  
working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Central  
America, Philippines and Africa.

**CHURCH SUPPORT**

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

## **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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### **CONGRATULATIONS**

We congratulate the following students of Arlington Catholic High School who are members of St. Thomas Parish and have earned Honor Roll status .

#### **First Honors**

Michael Brent  
Kerrienne Marino  
Lauren Tamburello  
Lia Tamburello  
Michelle Worthington

#### **Second Honors**

Kelly Walsh

### **JUST A REMINDER**

If children need to use the restrooms during Mass times, parents are to accompany them. Why not make a visit before Mass begins? As a courtesy to others, please turn your cell phones off. Out of respect to the Sacrament we celebrate, please arrive for Mass on time and do not leave early.

### **OUTSIDE THE PARISH**

#### **MASS IN HONOR OF PATRON SAINT OF CANCER PATIENTS**

On Wednesday, May 20 (Ascension Thursday Eve), a liturgy will be celebrated at 7pm in honor of St. Peregrine at the Immaculate Conception Church on East Merrimack Street in Lowell. St. Peregrine is the Patron Saint of Cancer patients, and is the Saint many cancer patients, family members, and friends pray to for comfort and strength. Saint Peregrine, who lived in the 14<sup>th</sup> century, was a member of the Order of the Servants of Mary. He was afflicted with cancer of the leg and was miraculously cured the evening prior to an operation to amputate his leg. During this Mass the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered to cancer patients and any who wish to partake of this Sacrament of God's Healing. All are invited to come and pray with and for those afflicted with cancer.

#### **THE FIRST ANNUAL BURLINGTON ROTARY & MEALS ON WHEELS 5K ROAD RACE/WALK SUNDAY, JUNE 14 BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**

**8:00 am check in -9:00am Start Time**

Proceeds to benefit Minuteman Senior Services and Burlington Rotary Club Charities. Runners and walkers needed for this 3mile route. Event begins and ends at Burlington High School. \$15 with mail in print out Registration form at [www.minutemansenior.org](http://www.minutemansenior.org) For online registration [www.active.com](http://www.active.com) \$20 registration day of the race

### **PROTECTING GODS CHILDREN**

There will be a session on 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](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com). All calls are confidential.

### **LIFE LINE SCREENING**

Do your legs ache after walking a short distance? If so, you may want to consider being screened for peripheral arterial disease (PAD), a condition in which the arteries that carry blood to the arms or legs become narrowed or clogged by plaque, slowing or stopping the flow of blood. Life Line Screening will bring this preventive health event that can assess one's risk of PAD through an ankle brachial index (ABI). PAD is closely linked to coronary artery disease, and identifying PAD can also help prevent heart attack and stroke. We are pleased to host a screening on June 5, 2009. Register for the Stroke, Vascular Disease and 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) or <http://www.lifelinescreening.com/>, for more information or to pre-register.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
May 17 Baptism  7pm Prayer Group	May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21 9am Mass Only	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	
June 28 Baptismal Instruction  7pm Prayer Group	June 29	June 30	July 1	July 2	July 3 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	July 4	

**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**

Pope Benedict XVI visited the Holy Land this past week landing in Tel Aviv on Monday. Watching him, I realized here was the successor of Peter walking in the same steps which Saint Peter walked with Jesus. The Holy Land is considered the Fifth Gospel and should be visited by all Christians; it is a life-changing experience.

During his speech at the Tel Aviv airport, the Pope stated, “I come to pray for peace in the Holy Land and peace throughout the world. The family is the first and indispensable teacher of peace.” Hopefully, by our good example, our children will one day teach others peace and love. They do not need to become great and outstanding people. However, we do pray they will “love one another” as Saint John repeated throughout his life. Jesus teaches us in today’s Gospel, “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you...This I command you, to love one another.”

(Meditations of the Heart is available at [www.authorhouse.com](http://www.authorhouse.com))