

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

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**Mass Intentions May 23- 31, 2009**

**Saturday**

**5:00 PM Paulo Barberi**

**Sunday**

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

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

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

**Monday**

**9:00 AM NO MASS**

**Tuesday**

**9:00 AM Easter Remembrances**

**Wednesday**

**9:00 AM Angelo & Michele Rubino**

**Thursday**

**9:00 AM Gladys Amicangioli**

**Saturday**

**5:00 PM Rosemary Toscano**

**Sunday**

**8:00 AM Joseph Flood**

**9:30 AM Frank Fruciano**

**11:15 AM Deacon Frank Mandosa**

**BAPTISM**

The following Children were welcomed into St. Thomas Parish Family on Sunday, May 17, 2009.

*Ava Rose Cadigan  
Christopher Lewis Conn  
Claire Eden Connelly  
Daniel Louis D'Augusta  
Brady Michael Emery  
John Christopher Gibbons  
Benjamin Francis Gibbons  
Allison Maryellen Logan  
Liam Mark Marazi  
Madison Margaret O'Donoghue  
Aiden J. O'Hearn  
Michael E. O'Hearn*

**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.

**WE ARE HONORED TO WELCOME VETRAINS ON THIS MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, AND WE THANK THEM FOR THEIR SERVICE TO OUR NATION. YOU ARE ALWAYS IN OUR PRAYERS.**

**MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER**

***ALMIGHTY GOD AND FATHER, BY THE MYSTERY OF THE CROSS, YOU MADE US STRONG; BY THE SACRAMENT OF THE RESURRECTION YOU HAVE SEALED US AS YOUR OWN. LOOK KINDLY UPON YOUR SERVANTS, NOW FREED FROM THE BONDS OF MORTALITY, AND COUNT THEM AMONG YOUR SAINTS IN HEAVEN. WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN***

**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**

Please welcome Rev. Tom Poisson who will 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. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

As we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ in the Feast of Corpus Christi St. Thomas Parish Outreach Ministry is having a "Pancake Breakfast", Sunday, June 14 after 9:30 Mass.

There will be lots of Fun and for the whole family. They will also have a raffle drawing and prizes. Be sure to get your ticket and join us in Villanova Hall for Breakfast on June 14.

### CHURCH SUPPORT

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

### ST. THOMAS GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

As of May 18, 2009	\$ 46,846.00
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.

### OUTSIDE THE PARISH

#### WCTV'S OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to WCTV's Open House on Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2-8pm at 10 Waltham Street.

Come see the new state-of-the-art TV and audio studios. Tours, refreshments and popcorn, too!!

### 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

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR ADULTS?

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, 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)

### LIFE LINE SCREENING

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) <<http://www.lifelinescreening.com/>>, for more information or to pre-register

### ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON 25<sup>th</sup> & 50<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sean Cardinal O'Malley, O.F.M.Cap. invites all couples of the Archdiocese of Boston who are marking their 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries in 2009 to join him for the annual celebration at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Sunday, June 7, 11:30am Mass. Mass will include a renewal of marriage vows by all participating anniversary couples. Family members and friends of participating couples, as well as the general public, are welcome to attend. Please register with the parish office by May 26, 2009 if you would like to attend this celebration. A formal invitation and more information will then be sent to celebrating couples from the Archdiocese. Congratulations on your anniversary!

### FAMILIES MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Northeast Catholic Family Conference will take place on Sunday, June 28 at St. Mary's in Waltham beginning at 1pm. The conference offers prayer, music and workshops for adults, children and teens.

Cardinal Sean will celebrate Mass and join us for the family cookout! For more information or to register, please for to [www.schoolofnazareth.org](http://www.schoolofnazareth.org) or contact Fr. Michael Harrington at [mharrington@rcab.org](mailto:mharrington@rcab.org) or 781-956-0548.

### SPEAKER AT ST. AGNES, READING, JUNE 14

On Sunday, June 14, Professor Peter Kreeft of Boston College will speak at 3pm on "How to Win the Culture War" and at 7pm on "How to Make Good Choices". Both talks will be given in Lower Church of St. Agnes in Reading Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. More information [www.peterkreeft.com](http://www.peterkreeft.com) or by emailing [rdhoward21@verizon.net](mailto:rdhoward21@verizon.net)

### 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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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

Saint John must have witnessed Jesus in prayer many times. He must have seen Jesus healing numerous people, teaching them and reaching out to their inner spirits. In the first sentence of his reading today, Saint John writes, “...we also must love one another.” He goes on to write a beautiful testimony of God’s love, perfection and Spirit. In closing, John writes, “God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.”

For three years, the Apostles witnessed first-hand true and eternal love in the teachings, healings and everyday life of Jesus. For three years, Saint John saw God’s love at work through Jesus, His Son, who totally and without reservation loved everyone. Re-read today’s second reading of Saint John in the quiet of your home. Reflect on what he is saying. Reflect on God’s love.