

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH

Mass Intentions June 13-21, 2009

Saturday

5:00 PM Jack Smith

Sunday

8:00 AM Manuel Almada Chaves

9:30 AM Arthur & Dorothy Kelley

11:15 AM Alice M. Pratt

Monday

9:00 AM James Bosse

Tuesday

9:00 AM Carmine Sellitto & Luisa Tammaro

Wednesday

9:00 AM John "Jack" Craig

Thursday

9:00 AM Anthony Langone

Saturday

5:00 PM The Charles Murray Family

Sunday

8:00AM Mary & Alexander Quandt

9:30 AM Frank Ratto

11:15 AM Pasquale, Salvatore & Patrick Lippiello

THE UNITED STATES FLAG

As we look at the flag of our country, let us always remember its true meaning for a flag without meaning is only a piece of cloth.

The red of our flag stands for valor and bravery like that of those who fought to protect our freedoms.

White signifies purity and innocence, as that of our Founding Fathers' intent to secure the rights of all.

Blue signifies vigilance, perseverance, justice, as all are needed in any government to secure the blessings of God.

And as our stars and stripes point to the stars of the heavens and the rays of the sun, let us never forget that our country must depend upon God's blessing and protection.



Wedding Banns

Lauren Mallon and Charles DiDomenico

BAPTISM

The following children were welcomed into St. Thomas Parish family on Sunday, June 7th, 2009.

Caitlin Elizabeth Hayes

Annabel Eve Rossetti

Colby James Sullivan

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

The second collection next weekend is for the Clergy Benefit Trust. This trust funds the medical and retirement needs of the priest of the Archdiocese of Boston. As you have read in the Globe, the Archdiocese is trying to make the fund solvent. If the Archdiocese took no action, the trust would be out of money by 2011. Thus far the Archdiocese has taken the following steps. First the Cardinal appointed a lay board to oversee the trust. They are revamping the benefits. For example, they are transitioning to a system where the Archdiocese will no longer pay for nursing home care. The priest will have to pay it himself if he has any family assets or go on Medicaid. They added the collection we are taking up next weekend. In the fall, they are planning a huge fundraising event. I know that whatever you can contribute to this collection will be greatly appreciated by the priests of the Archdiocese.

On this Sunday, June 14th, we will have a pancake breakfast after the 9:30 AM Mass. Tickets are \$6.00 per person or \$10.00 per family. Hope to see you there.

St. Thomas Charities Committee is looking for people who are willing to help out with the Fourth of July booth on the Wilmington Common. If you can help, please call Michelle White or Rosemary Greco. Their phone numbers are elsewhere in the bulletin.

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, \$25,264.00 has been pledged from 200 parishioners. That is 85.6% of our goal. I am hoping that we can make our goal. Thanks again!!

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

FATHER'S DAY SPORTS BASKET

Raffle tickets will be available after all Masses the weekend of June 20th & 21. This year's basket has Revolution Soccer Tickets, Spinners tickets, Restaurant gift cards and more. All donations raised will support the efforts of the Charities Committee. The drawing will take place June 21st.

SUMMER HOURS

The Parish Secretary will be in the Rectory Office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10am to 2pm.

The Religious Ed. Office hours are Mon., Tues, Wed. from 10am to 3pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The CCD Office is in need of volunteers

Grade 1	3 teachers
Grade 2	2 teachers
Grade 3	2 teachers
Grade 4	4 teachers
Grade 5	2 teachers
Grade 6	2 teachers
Grade 7	5 teachers
Grade 8	4 teachers
Grade 9	1 teacher
Grade 10	2 teachers

They also are in need of office help please call the CCD office 978-658-6040.

CCD Classes will Begin the week of September 14

Monday	Grade 1	4 to 5pm
	4	5:30 to 6:30pm
	9 or 10	6:45 to 8pm
Tuesday	Grade 2	4 to 5pm
	5	5:30 to 6:30pm
	7 or 8	6:45 to 8pm
Wednesday	Grade 3	4 to 5pm
		6 to 5:30pm

CHURCH SUPPORT

As of June 5, 2009

2008 Grand Annual	\$46,951.00
Our Parish Goal	\$50,000.00

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

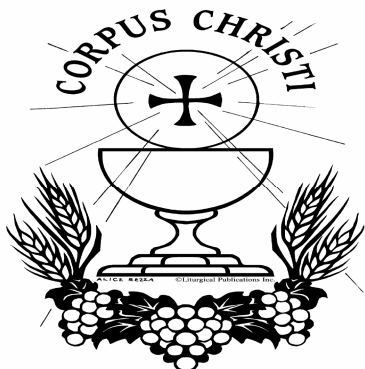
CLERGY BENEFIT TRUST

Next week's second collection supports the healthcare and retirement needs of priests throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. We ask that you give generously to the priests that have devoted their lives to faithfully serve God and the good work of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity.



As we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ in Feast of Corpus Christi on THIS Sunday, June 14

join us after the 9:30 Mass in Villanova Hall. Tickets are available at the door \$6. per person \$10 for a family. There will be lots of fun and good food. Beach Basket Raffle, Children's Treasure chest...



REFLECTION

Today is the Feast of Corpus Christi The Body of Christ the day when we celebrate the mystery and joy of the Eucharist. Our Altar is decorated with bread, wheat, wine and grapes used in that first Eucharist meal. During Mass we receive the Body and Blood of Christ as a community. Today we celebrate Jesus' Gift to us of His body and His Blood and His invitation to us to become a member of His Mystical Body, the Church and we rejoice in the words so the Lord in John 6:51. "I myself am the living bread come down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever " Today we celebrate this Feast of Corpus Christi we are having a community Meal. A Pancake Breakfast in Villanova Hall another type of Communion!

PIECE OF PIE SALE IS COMING

Again this year, the St. Thomas Charities Committee will sell pieces of pie on the common during the Fourth of July Celebration. **Dates of the pie sale are Friday, July 3, Saturday, July 4, and Sunday, July 5.** Funds raised from this pie sale will be used for charitable expenses here in Wilmington. Without your help we cannot succeed.

Please make a pledge & post a reminder to yourself!!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to work on this project, please phone Michelle White 978-658-7218.

JUNE 14, 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June 14 PANCAKE BREAKFAST 7pm Prayer group	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	June 20 FATHERS DAY RAFFLE
June 21 1pm Baptism RAFFLE 7pm Prayer group	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	June 27
June 28 Baptismal Instruction 7pm Prayer group	June 29	June 30	July 1	July 2	July 3 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration PIE SALE	July 4 PIE SALE
July 5 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer group PIE SALE	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	July 11
July 12 7pm Prayer group	July 13	July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	July 18 FOOD COLLECTION
July 19 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer group	July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	July 25
July 26 Baptismal Instruction 7pm Prayer group	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	Aug 1

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

MAY 25, 2009

“Dear children! In this time, I call you to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit upon every baptized creature, so that the Holy Spirit may renew you all and lead you on the way of witnessing your faith-you and all those who are far from God and His love. I am with you and intercede for you before the Most High. Thank you for having responding to my call.”

Meditation of the Heart By Carolyn M. Kenney

In today's gospel of Saint Matthew, Jesus said to His Apostles, "...this is my body...this is my blood..." It was at this time that He instituted the Eucharist to them and to the whole Church as well. The Eucharist is the central part of the mass and must become the central part of our lives. God loves each of us to such a degree that He blesses us with the Real Presence of His Son in the Eucharist. At this time, we are united to Jesus in a deep and intimate way as we partake of His body, blood, soul and divinity.

Pope John Paul II wrote, "The Eucharist is truly a glimpse of heaven appearing on earth. It is a glorious ray...which pierces the clouds...and lights up our journey. Here is the Church's treasure, the heart of the world..." We are each in desperate need of a "glorious ray" to pierce our minds and to light up the journey of our lives. We need the "glorious ray" of love Jesus gives us in the Eucharist.