

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions July 25-August 2, 2009

Saturday

5:00 PM F.J. Earley

Sunday

8:00 AM Alice Tannian

9:30 AM Mark Matarese

11:15 AM Eligio & Ada , Ernesto Vignali

Monday

9:00 AM Jack Craig

Tuesday

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Wednesday

9:00 AM Earl Ellsworth

Thursday

9:00 AM John, Marilyn & Gene Gage

Saturday

5:00PM Powers & Carbone Family & Kathy Garragh

Sunday

8:00AM George Mullens

9:30 AM Maria Chaves

11:15 AM Domenico Maglione

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

The religious education is in need of teachers and aides. The needs are listed elsewhere in the bulletin.

As part of the celebration of the Year of the Priest, the Archdiocese is having a priest appreciation dinner at the Seaport Hotel in Boston on September 16. The tables are \$5,000.00 each. Since there are 10 people at a table, tickets are \$500.00. They would like each parish to sponsor a table. If anyone is interested in purchasing a ticket, please call the rectory. All proceeds will benefit the Clergy Benefit Trust.

Over the past several weeks I have been writing about a new proposed model for the financial relationship between the parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston and central ministries. This week I am repeating what I wrote since many people were away. I will also tell you what the new model is. The goal of the model is to streamline the relationship, make it more transparent and fairer. What is the current relationship? Currently each parish has a Catholic Appeal target. There are no consequences if you do not reach the target... Each parish also pays a school tax (6% of offertory and monthly), a hospital tax (2.5% of offertory and monthly), Cathedraticum (1-2% of offertory and monthly), 50% of the Communication collection and various fees (audit, real estate, etc.). They want to simplify this approach.

The new proposed model will consist of a parish tithe and a Catholic Appeal assessment. The parish tithe will be 10% of

offertory (including the monthly), the Grand Annual collection and net rental income. Net rental income is generated when a parish leases a building or parking lot to an outside entity. We do not have any net rental income. The parish tithe replaces all current taxes and fees. Each parish will have a Catholic Appeal assessment. The assessment will be 7-8% of offertory (including the monthly), the Grand Annual collection and net rental income. The difference between the current goal for the Catholic Appeal and an assessment for the Catholic Appeal is that an assessment requires us to pay the assessment even if the money collected for the Catholic Appeal does equal the assessment. Any shortage would have to come out of the parish operating revenue. Let's assume that this year's goal is an assessment. Our assessment is \$29,500.00. Thus far we collected \$27,297.00. Under the new model, I would have to write a check from the parish to cover the \$2,203.00 shortfall. Under the new model the Catholic Appeal assessment will be much greater than the current goal of \$29,500.00 because the assessment will be 7-8% of offertory (including the monthly), the Grand Annual collection and net rental income.

Under the new model, more money will be going out of the parish than under the old model. Since we are not running a huge surplus, more money going out of the parish means one of two things, either we make cuts here at the parish in order to meet our obligation to the diocese or we increase our revenue to meet our obligation to the diocese.

In the coming weeks, I will present a comparison between the old model and the new model from a dollars and cents perspective.

In fairness to the Archdiocese of Boston, this is the model that I was familiar with when I was stationed in New Jersey. I would venture that most dioceses use this model. Since they have not used it in Boston, it may seem to be draconian to some. I will continue to keep you informed.

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, \$27,297.00 has been pledged from 213 parishioners. That is 92.5% 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 and pray for some sun (the orange ball that used to be up in the sky.)

Fr. Earley

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The Rectory summer hours are
10am to 2pm
Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

CCD OFFICE will reopen as of Monday, August 3

10am to 3pm Monday Tuesday Wednesday

WEDDING BANNERS

II Christine Sullivan and Roger Gray Jr.

BAPTISMS

The following children were welcomed into St. Thomas Parish Family.

June 21, 2009

Isabel Louise Carriere	Abigail Claire Engvaldsen
Andrew Ronald LaRosee	James Richard Passerini
Madison Cynthia-Isabel Deniso	Isabella Rose Molina
Emma Sophia Tetrault	Nashville Anziani
Michael Steven Jhonson	

July 5, 2009

David Crandall Norton IV	Briah Michele Sirbak
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July 19, 2009

Nathan Thomas Anderson	Addison Grace Aufiero
Daniel Harrison Fogg Jr.	Nicholas Remo Melaragni
Khloe Phyllis Quinn	

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION

As you begin to buy school supplies for your own kids, please pick up a few extra and bring them to church. We are collecting school supplies that will be distributed to needy families through Catholic Charities in Lowell. There will be boxes at the entrances to the church from now through the middle of August. They are most in need of backpacks, for High school students, notebooks, paper, pens, pencils, markers, glue, pencil boxes, rulers, scissors, etc. Thank you for your continued generosity to this project.

FAMILY FUN DAY

Once again St. Thomas will have a Family Fun Day with games, food and fun for all ages.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 27

More information will follow. If you would like to help out with the planning or volunteer for the day of please call Pat Archfield at 978-250-1710 or the rectory.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The CCD Office is in need of volunteers in the following grades.

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

Office Help is always needed for all grades!

The requirements for teaching in the Religious Education Program are that you are a confirmed practicing catholic and in good standing in the Church.

CCD Classes will Begin the week of September 14

The schedule will stay the same as last year

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	6 to 5:30pm

NEW CORI'S FORMS FOR 2009-2010

We ask all volunteers in the Parish to please fill out a new cori. This includes all CCD Teachers and all ministries. The Forms are in the Sacristy. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE

EACH VOLUNTEER MUST PROVIDE A GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION TO VERIFY HIS OR HER IDENTITY- MA LICENSE, US PASSPORT ETC.

GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

In the Steps of Saint Paul Nov. 10-20, 2009

Fr Augustine Anda, Parochial Vicar at St. Columbkille, Brighton is leading a group to Greece and the Greek Isles on November 10, 2009. Fr Anda has led other groups to the Holy Land, Italy and Lourdes. We will visit Athens and Corinth prior to boarding our ship for a three-day Aegean Sea cruise where we will see the Greek Isles and Turkey. We will visit numerous archaeological sites throughout this trip. If interested, please contact Carolyn Kenney at 978-852-7852 or email cmk44@comcast.net. A flyer is available upon request. Price for the trip is \$2399, plus tax and \$200 additional for outside cabin on the cruise.

JULY 26, 2009

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

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

June 25, 2009

“Dear children! Rejoice with me, convert in joy and give thanks to God for the gift of my presence among you. Pray that, in your hearts, God may be in the center of your life and with your life witness, little children, so that every creature may feel God’s love. Be my extended hands for every creature, so that it may draw closer to the God of love. I bless you with my motherly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Meditation of the Heart

By Carolyn M. Kenney

In today’s gospel, we read of the miracle of the loaves and fish. How could Jesus feed 5,000 men, plus women and children, with only five loaves and two fish? Before He performed this miracle, Jesus “...gave thanks...” He thanked His Father for the gift about to take place. As we read on further, twelve wicker baskets were filled with the fragments left over!

As stated at the end of the gospel, Jesus did not want to be made king, as the people desired. He only wanted to nourish them with earthly food and with spiritual enrichment. Today, He desires to nourish us also. Jesus comes to us body, blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist. He is the life-giving bread and spiritual food for our journey. (“Meditations of the Heart” is available at www.authorhouse.com)