

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions September 26-October 4, 2009

Saturday

5:00 PM Lawrence & Katherine Hayford & Ray Guay

Sunday

8:00 AM Joseph Bradley

9:30 AM Kenneth Brooks

11:15 AM Roseanne Dyer

Monday

9:00 AM Joe MacEachern

Tuesday

9:00 AM Jean Scarano

Wednesday

9:00 AM James Rooney

Thursday

9:00 AM Martin & John Flaherty

Saturday

5:00 PM Angela & Giuseppe De Pasquale

Sunday

8:00 AM Alfred DeMarco

9:30 AM Allan Fenton

11:15 AM Winifred & Alexander Groves

WEDDING BANNES

Jennifer McCarthy & Ryan Rappoli

Courtney Zolner & Matthew Coyne

BAPTISM

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

August 2, 2009

Annette Yamle' Fitzgibbons Nicholas Joseph Ientile

Jasmine Eve Ramos Timothy Evan Louis

Dylan Y. Seaburg

August 16, 2009

Evan Thomas Cummings Theresa Lorraine Marr

Grace Marjorie Bellardine

September 6, 2009

Cooper Christopher Foti

September 20, 2009

Jullian Faith Coviello Adam Joseph Dever

Elizabeth Kathleen Kulevich Kyle B. Collinan

Alessia Rose Cino Noah Ryan Brennan

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

The annual report will be coming out next weekend. It will be an insert in the bulletin,

This Sunday (September 27) is Family Fun Day. That is always a fun day. We will have hamburgers and hot dogs, games, drinks, etc. It is all free. Come and join us. We will conclude at 4:30 PM with Mass.

Last weekend we began our increased offertory program. During the week you should have received a letter from me. I would ask that you put the response envelope into the offertory collection. Thank you for what ever you can do.

Our increased offertory program is based on the notion of stewardship. I like the notion of stewardship. I really believe that all that I am and all that I have is a gift from God. Our culture does not teach us that. It teaches that all the talents I have and all that I possess is solely the result of my own work and effort. Speaking for myself, I can take credit for developing the talents God gave me and trying to put to service for the common good. The talents that I have are a gift from God as are all the things that this world offers. For the goodness and generosity that God has shown me, I really do need to thank him.

In October, a group from the parish will head to Mississippi to rehab some homes damaged by Katrina.

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

DOMINICAN SISTERS BAKE SALE

There will be a bake sale on the weekend Oct 3 & 4 there will be bread, brownies, apple & Blueberry pies. All proceeds will help Sister Madeline with their mission.

BLESSING OF THE PETS

In the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, who loved all living creatures as a reflection of God's goodness, we are having a Blessing of Pets on Sunday, October 11 at 2:00pm in front of the Marian Shrine. All are invited to this celebration of life. Bring your dogs, cats, turtles, hamsters, birds, snakes and any animal that is close to your heart.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities we would like to thank Donna Murphy and all Parishioners of St. Thomas Parish for the generous donation of book bags and school supplies. This donation allows our Agency to fulfill its mission of helping those in need of services.

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CRAFT NIGHT

St. Thomas Women's Club Craft with Kathy will be held **Monday, October 5, 2009 at 7:00pm in Villanova Hall.** We will be making snowman the cost is \$6. Please bring a regular sewing needle.

All women of the parish welcome

Please call 978-658-9189 to sign up.

SENIOR MASS AND LUNCHEON

St. Thomas Women's Club will again sponsor the Fall Senior Mass and Luncheon on Sat., Oct 17th, 2009, in Villanova Hall. Mass is at 11:30am followed by a Luncheon. All Seniors are invited to join us. To make a reservation please call Joan at 978-657-3905 If you need a ride please let us know when you register.

ST. THOMAS CRAFT FAIR

Once again The St. Thomas Women's Club will have the Craft Fair On Saturday, November 21, 2009 from 10 am to 3pm. It is \$35 to reserve a table. To RESERVE A TABLE OR THE DONATE A RAFFLE CALL Maureen at 978-658-8206 or Elaine 978-658-9060.

CHILDREN LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will begin on Sunday, Oct 4 at the 9:30 Mass and will continue every other week. We will have Coffee and donuts downstairs after all Children Liturgy Masses.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Anyone who is interested in joining the Choir please see Lora our music Director after Mass. They meet for rehearsal on Wednesday evenings.

Adult Choir rehearsal Wednesday's 7pm

The Children's Choir every other Wednesday 6pm

NEW CORI'S FORMS FOR 2009-2010

All volunteers in the Parish need to fill out a new Cori every year. This includes all CCD Teachers and all ministries. The Forms are in the Sacristy. **PLEASE NOTE** EACH VOLUNTEER MUST PROVIDE A GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION TO VERIFY HIS OR HER IDENTITY- MA LICENSE, US PASSPORT ETC

OUTREACH MEETING

There will be an Outreach Meeting on Thursday, October 1 at 7pm in Villanova Hall.

INCREASED WEEKLY GIVING PROGRAM

Our Increased Weekly Giving Program is now underway. Please respond by using the burgundy response envelope enclosed with the letter you received from Father Earley this week. The participation of ALL, parishioners is essential for the success of this effort. If you increased your weekly offering but did not use the special envelope, please do so next weekend so we can acknowledge your response properly.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER CANDY SALE OCTOBER 17 & 18th

The Wilmington Knights of Columbus will be celebrating it's 50th Anniversary in May 2010. On the weekend of October 17th & 18th, 2009 the K of C members will be selling Captain Marty's hand made chocolates after each mass. The funds raised from the candy sale will be used to support the special events planned to celebrate the anniversary.

DINNER SHOW

The Father Croke Council of the Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a dinner show featuring "Father Misgivings" at the Council quarters on Friday, October 2, 2009. The night will begin with a reception at 6:00pm followed by a stuffed breast of chicken dinner at 7:00pm and the show at 8:30pm. Father Misgivings is a comedy show that features an evening with an Irish Catholic Priest, Father Patrick Aloysius Misgivings. The show is very respectful of the Catholic Church and has been well received in Churches of all denominations.

The cost of the evening is \$25 per person. Tickets may be obtained by calling Bill Liston at the Council quarters 978-658-6507.

TEWKSBURY INTERFAITH CHOIR

Tewksbury Interfaith Choir is starting its rehearsals for the annual Christmas Concert, beginning September 27 at 7:30pm. Rehearsals are held at the Tewksbury Congregational Church in the center of Tewksbury. All voices are welcome, no audition necessary. For more information call Arlene Wright 978-851-2809.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Sept 27 GR 2 9:30 MASS FAMILY FUN DAY 1pm Baptismal Instruction 7pm Prayer group | Sept 28 Gr1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30 10 6:45-8pm | Sept 29 Gr 2 4- 5pm Gr 5 5:30 -6:30 Gr 8 6:45-8:00 | Sept 30 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30 7-8pm Adult Choir | Oct 1 7pm Outreach meeting V.H. | Oct 2 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration | Oct 3 Dominican Sisters BAKE SALE |
| Oct 4 BAKE SALE CHILDRENS LITURGY Gr 10 Mass 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer group | Oct 5 Gr1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30 9 6:45-8pm 7:00pm Women's Club CRAFT NIGHT | Oct 6 Gr 2 4- 5pm Gr 5 5:30 -6:30 Gr 7 6:45-8:00 | Oct 7 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30 6-7pm Children Choir 7-8pm Adult Choir | Oct 8 | Oct 9 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration | Oct 10 |
| Oct 11 7pm Prayer group Blessing of the Pets 2pm | Oct 12 No CCD Class Columbus Day | Oct 13 Gr 2 4- 5pm Gr 5 5:30 -6:30 Gr 8 6:45-8:00 | Oct 14 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30 7-8pm Adult Choir | Oct 15 | Oct 16 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration | Oct 17 Food & Clothing Collection SENIOR ANNOINTING MASS K of C Candy Sale |
| Oct 18 CHILDRENS LITURGY 7pm Prayer group | Oct 19 Gr1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30 9 6:45-8pm | Oct 20 Gr 2 4- 5pm Gr 5 5:30 -6:30 Gr 7 6:45-8:00 | Oct 21 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30 6-7pm Children Choir 7-8pm Adult Choir | Oct 22 | Oct 23 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration | Oct 24 |
| Oct 25 1pm Baptismal Instruction 7pm Prayer group | Oct 26 Gr1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30 10 6:45-8pm | Oct 27 Gr 2 4- 5pm Gr 5 5:30 -6:30 Gr 8 6:45-8:00 | Oct 28 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30 7-8pm Adult Choir | Oct 29 | Oct 30 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration | Oct 31 |
| Nov 1 CHILDRENS LITURGY 1pm Baptismal Instruction 7pm Prayer Group | Nov 2 Gr1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30 9 6:45-8pm | Nov 3 Gr 2 4- 5pm Gr 5 5:30 -6:30 Gr 7 6:45-8:00 | Nov 4 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30 6-7pm Children Choir 7-8pm Adult Choir | Nov 5 | Nov 6 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration | Nov 7 FOOD COLLECTION |
| Nov 8 7pm Memorial Service | Nov 9 Gr1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30 10 6:45-8pm 7:00pm Women's Club | Nov 10 No CCD Class | Nov 11 No CCD Class | Nov 12 | Nov13 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration | Nov14 |

Meditation of the Heart By Carolyn Kenney

Do you desire to have a deeper relationship with God? Actually, you need a deeper and more fulfilling relationship with Him. This is possible through attendance at mass, daily prayer, praying the rosary and going to Adoration. At Adoration you are able to have some quiet time with Jesus. Talk with Him. Tell Him your problems and your joys, then listen as He speaks to your soul.

As Jesus sits in silent repose in the monstrance or in the tabernacle, He looks at those seated before Him. Like the people of Galilee 2000 years ago, we are eager to hear His words and His teachings. In the stillness, we can hear His voice - not in the audible voice of men - but in the spiritual knowing that God is with us, as He speaks to our soul.