

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions October 3-11, 2009

Saturday

5:00 PM Angela & Giuseppe DePasquale

Sunday

8:00AM Alfred DeMarco

9:30 AM Allan Fenton

11:15 AM Winifred & Alexander Groves

Monday

9:00 AM James Rooney

Tuesday

9:00 AM Ralph Crawford

Wednesday

9:00 AM William Bovitiz

Thursday

9:00 AM Mary Biando

Saturday

5:00 PM Stephen Grant

Sunday

8:00 AM Dottie Dellascio

9:30 AM Madelyn Dalton

11:15 AM Deacon Frank Mandosa & Robert Basile

WEDDING BANNES

Courtney Zolner & Matthew Coyne

BAKE SALE THIS WEEKEND

The Dominican Sisters bake sale is this weekend bread, brownies, apple & Blueberry pies. The proceeds from the sale will be used to buy medical supplies for their mission to support the lepers.

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.

BLESSING OF THE PETS NEXT SUNDAY

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.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

The annual report is out this weekend. It is an insert in the bulletin,

After the 5:00 PM Mass last weekend, we rethought our position concerning the family fun day. We decided to postpone it until this Sunday; This Sunday (October 4th) 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.

We are in the midst of our increased offertory program. I want to thank all those who have returned the response envelope. If you not returned the response envelope, you can do it this week by putting it in the offertory collection.

Our increased offertory program is based on the notion of stewardship. Stewardship is based on the core truth that all that we are and all that we have is a gift from God. In light of God's great love and generosity toward us, we are compelled to make a joyful return to him of our time, our talent and our treasure.

Next Sunday, October 11, we will have the blessings of the pets at 2:00 PM in front of the statue of Mary in the side yard. All pets are welcomed.

On October 17th we will have the senior luncheon.

On October 18th, a group from the parish will head to Mississippi to rebuild some homes damaged by Katrina.

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

**MENS WOMENS AND CHILDRENS CLOTHES
COLLECTION AND FOOD COLLECTION
OCT. 18 & 19**

The Charities Committee will be collecting all Men's, Women's and Children's Clothing the weekend of October 17 and 18. They will also be collecting food for the Wilmington Food Pantry .

All donations can be dropped off in Villanova Hall

**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

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SENIOR MASS AND LUNCHEON

St. Thomas Women's Club will again sponsor the Fall Senior Mass and Luncheon on Sat., Oct 17th, 2008, 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.

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

CHILDREN LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will begin THIS 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.

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.

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** In addition to the CORI form.

We ask you to please sign a **CODE OF CONDUCT STATEMENT AGREEMENT**, We will keep it on file. The forms are in the sacristy. Please read it over and sign it. You can leave it in the CORI basket on the counter in the sacristy.

INCREASED WEEKLY GIVING PROGRAM

Sharing is Caring! Please share with St. Thomas of Villanova Parish a weekly offering that reflects a sacrifice according to your current means. We need every family to prayerfully consider a reasonable increase from their current level of weekly support.

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK

October 4-10,

Day of Prayer: Tuesday, October 6, 2009

The office of Person with Disabilities of the Archdiocese of Boston is encouraging Catholic observance of the annual Mental Illness Awareness Week and the National Day of Prayer for Mental Illness Recovery and Understanding which is held in October. This national effort is designed to promote pastoral sensitivity to, and inclusion of, individuals and their family members who are affected by mental illness. It is an opportunity for dioceses and parishes to raise awareness about this important issue, to educate Catholics about mental illness, and to help reduce the unfortunate stigma often associated with mental illness. For more information please call the Office for Persons with Disabilities at 617-746-5679 or e-mail Karen_murray@rcab.org

SUITCASES 4 KIDS

Thousands of children in foster and institutional care carry their worldly possessions in garbage bags each time they move. Please Help end this indignity by donating your new or gently used suitcases, duffel bags, or large backpacks today!

SUSUITCASE DROP OFF

Saturday, October 10 from 10:30am to 2:30pm

(Rain or Shine)

AT WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

MARRIED COUPLES

Scripture says about married people that **"Two shall live as one"** How often do you find yourselves living as two? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you get back to basics in this complicated day and age. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are October 23-25, November 6-8 and December 4-6. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwmeMA.org

OCTOBER 4, 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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
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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

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

September 25, 2009

“Dear children, with joy, persistently work on your conversion. Offer all your joys and sorrows to my Immaculate heart that I may lead you all to my most beloved Son, so that you may find joy in His Heart. I am with you to instruct you and to lead you towards eternity. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Meditation of the Heart

By Carolyn M. Kenney

The sacrament of marriage is a sacred bond of love between a man and a woman. Quite often a young man or woman desires to get married only because their friends are married, which is not the right reason for such a serious undertaking. Love is the first and only basis for a man and woman to marry. Month after month and year after year, the marriage must continuously undergo work and commitment if it is to grow richer, deeper and enhance the love of the couple involved.

Love is one of God's greatest gifts to each of us. God, who is pure love, transmits this to us from our conception to our final breath. Do not take it lightly, for by His love you are enriched and are able to enrich the lives of others.