

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

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**Mass Intentions October 11-19, 2008**

**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**

**Monday**

**9:00 AM Carole & Mary Dineen**

**Tuesday**

**9:00 AM Janet Gallante**

**Wednesday**

**9:00 AM Juda Aversa**

**Thursday**

**9:00 AM Tardif Family**

**Saturday**

**5:00 PM Georgina & Joseph Melanson & Tom & Teresa**

**Sunday**

**8:00 AM Theresa Vitale**

**9:30 AM Anthony Fruciano**

**11:15 AM Jeannette Lavoie**

**BLESSING OF THE PETS THIS 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.

**MENS WOMENS AND CHILDRENS CLOTHES  
COLLECTION AND FOOD COLLECTION  
OCT. 17 & 18**

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

All donations can be dropped off in Villanova Hall

**BAPTISM**

The following children were welcomed into St. Thomas Parish Family on Sunday, October 4, 2009

*Olivia Anne Martiniello  
Ethan Caleb McInnis  
Liam T. Fitzgerald  
Chase Alexander Levesque  
Tyler Nicolas Almaraz*

**A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR**

The annual report is really out this weekend. The delay was the result of the report not being printed on time.

Family Fun Day was last Sunday. I want to thank all those who helped make the day possible. It was a job well done

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.

This 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 17<sup>th</sup> we will have the senior luncheon.

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

With all the talk about seasonal flu and H1N1 flu, I thought I would say a word about the kiss of peace and drinking from the cup. The Archdiocesan Office of Risk Management has been in touch with the Center for Disease Control concerning the flu and what precautions should be taken. At this point there is no need to stop the handshake of peace or drinking from the cup. I believe what is needed is a little common sense. If you are not feeling well, do not drink from the cup and just nod for the kiss of peace. Some healthy people may not want to exchange a handshake of peace or drink from the cup. That is their choice. Please respect their choices and do not get mad. Let's hope that we have a mild flu season.

Almost twenty years ago, the Archdiocese started a priest support program called Emmaus. We all had to go on an Emmaus retreat. After the retreat, you were encouraged to join an Emmaus support group. Fr. Paul and I belong to the same support group. We gather the last Wednesday of the month (except for July and August). Every couple of years, the group goes away together to spend more time talking about ministry, the diocese, priesthood, etc. We try to mix serious talk and fun together. Our Emmaus group has planned to get together this coming week. Fr. Paul and I will leave Sunday night and return Friday. We have coverage for morning Mass and funerals. Unfortunately there will be no one here for anointing.

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

## TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### CHURCH SUPPORT

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

**Your participation in St. Thomas of Villanova's Increased Weekly Giving Program is important. Please give prayerful consideration to Father Earley's request for a reasonable increase in your weekly offering.**

### SENIOR MASS AND LUNCHEON

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

### 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** 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

### MISSIONS COLLECTION

Next weeks second collection supports Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelizing programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission diocese in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith-a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit [www.worldmissions-catholicchurch.org](http://www.worldmissions-catholicchurch.org) for more information.

### A VERY SPECIAL EVENT

We have invited the Society of Saint James the Apostle to send one of their Latin American missionaries to our parish the weekend of October 24 and 25 as part of our special appeal for the South American missions. Founded by Cardinal Cushing in 1958, members of the Society are diocesan priests, from English speaking countries, who work with exceptionally poor in Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador. Please be as generous as your means allow to help those less fortunate. For more information on the Society of St. James visit their website: [www.socstjames.com](http://www.socstjames.com).

### OUTSIDE THE PARISH

#### TRAVELING THE WAY OF SALVATION WITH JESUS AS HEALER AND DIVINE PROVIDER

Sunday Oct, 18 10am -5pm Registration is at 9:30am  
Espousal Retreat Center, Waltham

*Without knowing it are we coasting through life deceived that we may have reached our limits spiritually and psychologically? Perhaps we need time to reflect and consider climbing to a higher altitude. Guided by the Holy Spirit we will identify and incorporate ways and words of Jesus to help us re-enter the spiritual growth and transformation process. To accomplish this we will invite Jesus to reach out and minister His DIVINE HEALING LOVE to us. John 3:16 & John 10:10*

*For more information please contact us at 781-209-3120. [espousaladmin@gmail.com](mailto:espousaladmin@gmail.com) or [www.espousal.org](http://www.espousal.org)*

### 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](http://www.wwmeMA.org)

**OCTOBER 11, 2009**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
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
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 Baptism  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 <b>7:00pm Women's Club</b>	Nov 10 No CCD Class	Nov 11 No CCD Class	Nov 12	Nov 13 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	Nov 14
Nov 15 9:30 Mass Children's Liturgy Coffee & Donuts  1pm Baptism	Nov 16 Gr1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30 9 6:45-8pm	Nov 17 Gr 2 4-5pm Gr 5 5:30-6:30 Gr 7 6:45-8:00	Nov 18 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30  6-7pm Children Choir 7-8pm Adult Choir	Nov 19	Nov 20 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	Nov 21 CRAFT FAIR 10am to 3pm

**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

In today's gospel, we read that Jesus asked a man to give up his possessions and to "...follow me." However, due to his wealth the man found this to be a difficult undertaking. This man was asked by Jesus, the Son of God, to become His follower. How blessed he was, but because of his possessions he rejected the offer and "...went away sad." I wonder if he later thought about the incredible blessing he had been given, yet rejected. Did he later wish that he had said "yes" to Jesus?

Our focus should not be on our material possessions. Instead, our focus should be on how we can follow Jesus by fulfilling God's will, keeping His commandments and loving one another.