

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions October 24-Nov 1, 2009

Saturday

5:00 PM Mae Cannizaro

Sunday

8:00 AM Umberto & Antonia Deuterio

9:30 AM Joseph & Mary Fagan Sr.

11:15 AM John & Fernanda Brent

Monday

9:00 AM Judy Aversa

Tuesday

9:00 AM Zachery Metivier

Wednesday

9:00 AM Lisa Cameron

Thursday

9:00 AM Daniel Edward Debarros

Saturday

5:00 PM Jeanne Auld

Sunday

8:00 AM Gilbert Cahill

9:30 AM John V. Kelley

11:15 AM Virginia Crane

BAPTISM

The following children were welcomed into St. Thomas Parish Family on October 18, 2009.

*Emma Dorothy Ebert
Mikayla Addison Gilbert
Gianna Grace Jordan
Benjamin John Kluse
Damian Joseph Roscillo*

WEDDING BANNES

James Ryan and Brianne McCarthy

MEMORIAL PRAYER SERVICE

Come join St. Thomas of Villanova Community on Sunday, November 8 at 7pm, for a Memorial Prayer Service for all parishioners who died from October 2008 through 2009. Light refreshment to follow in the Chapel.

ALL SOULS ENVELOPES

There will be masses said in memory of all our faithful departed in the month of November. By the statue of Mary there are envelopes for anyone wishing to add their departed loved ones name. Please be sure to write their names clearly for we will add all names to the bulletin.

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.

ST. THOMAS PASTORAL COUNCIL

St. Thomas Parish Pastoral Council will meet Sunday, October 25, 2009, at 7:00PM in Villanova Hall. All interested parishioners are invited to attend.

CHARITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

The Charities Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 28, at 7:00pm in the downstairs of Villanova Hall conference room.

ST. THOMAS CHARITIES FOOD COLLECTION

The weekend of November 7th and 8th The Charities Committee will collect food for the Wilmington Food Pantry. You may drop off Food donations in Villanova Hall after all Masses that weekend.

MY BROTHER'S TABLE

St. Thomas Parish Outreach is going to cook and serve a meal at My Brother's Table in Lynn on Saturday, October 31. Our menu will be salad, potatoes, meatloaf and vegetables. Desert will be brownies, cupcakes, cakes decorated in Halloween theme. If anyone would like to go with is to cook and serve we are meeting at 10:45 in Villanova Hall. Also if you would like to bake a desert it would be greatly appreciated. Call Pat 978-387-3838.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CHURCH SUPPORT

This weekend the Second Collection is the Parish Monthly

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

INCREASE MONTHLY GIVING PROGRAM

St. Thomas of Villanova's Increased Weekly Giving Program is coming to a close. We would like to commend all parishioners for their concern for our parish. If you have not yet returned your response envelope, please do so at the first opportunity.

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST. JAMES

This weekend we have a visiting diocesan priest from The Society of Saint James who will give us some insight into the state of the missions in South America. The Society, founded by Cardinal Cushing in 1958, has about forty members serving in Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador. Each year a few of the members come north to spread the word about their missionary work and to appeal for donations. Please be as generous as your means allow. For more information on Society of St. James visit their website: www.socstjames.com

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's 6pm

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST DATES

The High school Placement Test, which is used for entry into Catholic High School in the Archdiocese of Boston, will be given on Saturday, November 14, 2009 and Saturday, December 12, 2009. For more information or to register for the test please contact your local catholic High School.

ST. DOROTHY PARISH BAZAAR CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER

Friday, November 13th 5pm to 9pm

Saturday, November 14, 9:30am to 5pm

Refreshments, Raffles, Baskets, I-Pod Raffle
Crafts, White Elephant Table, Children's Table,
Face painting, Balloons Sculptures
For more information contact Carol Costello 978-988-8077

ST. WILLIAM PARISH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday, December 5, 9:00am to 3:00pm

YEAR FOR PRIESTS SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

During this Year for Priests, The Vocation Office is happy to announce that Serra Boston Vocation Club is initiating the "Adopt- a- Priest Apostolate" where parishioners spiritually adopt a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston for one year. Parishioners are given the name of a priest of the Archdiocese, prayer cards and a prayer booklet and asked to pray for the particular intentions and ministry of that priest. If you are interested in more information or being assigned a priest of the Archdiocese to pray for on a daily basis, please call 978-462-1057 or go to www.seraboston.org or <http://www.vocationsboston.org/Resources.aspx>

CATHOLICS CAN LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH ONLINE ANYTIME AT CATHOLICTV.COM

Catholics now have an online source for Catholic catechesis available to them at anytime at www.CatholicTV.com. CatholicTV.Com offers many shows which aim to teach about the Catholic faith. These catechetical shows include a retreat based on the Ignatian Discernment of Spirits, a series on Old Testament prophets, a Catechetical game show, a Catholic discussion show produced by teenagers, a show on Catholic marriage, and many others.

CatholicTV is a nationally-broadcasted television network headquartered near Boston. CatholicTV streams its broadcast simultaneously, 24hours a day at www.CatholicTV.com.

CatholicTV.com has over 60 shows for Catholics who are interested in learning more about their faith and growing closer to God. CatholicTV produces about 40% of its programming and all of the shows by Catholic TV have archived episodes viewable anytime.

OCTOBER 25, 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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 My Brother's Table
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 7:00pm Women's Club	Nov 10 No CCD Class	Nov 11 No CCD Class	Nov 12	Nov13 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	Nov14
Nov 15 9:30 Mass Children's Liturgy Coffee & Donuts 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	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
Nov 22 Community Thanksgiving Service 6pm Methodist Church 7pm Prayer Group	Nov 23 Gr1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30 10 6:45-8pm	Nov 24 Gr 2 4- 5pm Gr 5 5:30 -6:30 Gr 8 6:45-8:00	Nov 25 NO CCD	Nov 26 THANKSGIVING	Nov 27 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	Nov 28
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Dec 6 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	Dec 7 NO CCD	Dec 8 NO CCD Immaculate Conception	Dec 9 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30	Dec 10	Dec 11 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	Dec 12

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 of Saint Mark, we read about the blind man, Bartimaeus. Upon hearing Jesus was nearby, Bartimaeus called out to Him but was rebuked by the crowd. This did not deter him, however, and he continued calling to Jesus. Hearing Bartimaeus, Jesus asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" In answer, the blind man responded, "...I want to see." Jesus said, "...your faith has saved you." With that, the man's sight was restored and he followed Jesus.

We are like Bartimaeus in today's gospel. We are blind, not physically, but spiritually which is worse. In order to be healed, we must also call out to Jesus. But do we? Or, do we just placate God by coming to mass on Sunday and then go our way? When will we ask God to restore our spiritual sight? Is our faith strong enough to save us?