

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions January 23-31, 2010

Saturday

5:00 PM Ana La Frazia

Sunday

8:00 AM Gertrude E. Wagstaff

9:30 AM Susan Packer

11:15 AM Aldo Caira

Monday

9:00 AM Helen Hein

Tuesday

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

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Thursday

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Saturday

5:00 PM Marion Murphy & Mary Marotta

Sunday

8:00 AM Gertrude E. Wagstaff

9:30 AM Michael J. Imbarrato

11:15 AM Helen Tivnan

**BRIDES AND GROOMS
MANDATORY WEDDING MUSIC MEETING**

On Sunday, February 28, at 1pm there will be a mandatory Music meeting for Brides and Grooms getting married this year. For more information please call Lora at 781-243-1073.

PRE CANA CLASS DATES

St. Thomas offers a Marriage prep class once a year in the spring. This year the dates are Friday March 26, 6pm to 8pm and Saturday March 27 from 9am to 4pm.

To sign up or if you have questions please call the rectory

S.T.A.M.P. DANCE

MARK YOUR CALANDER FOR THE
ANNUAL S.T.A.M.P. DANCE
SATURDAY, MARCH 20 IN VILLANOVA HALL

Arise Together in Christ

Season Four: A New Heart and A New Spirit will Begin during the week of February 21, 2010. This will provide a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our faith in Jesus Christ during this Lenten Season. By sharing our faith with members of a small Arise Group, as the members share their, we all begin to further deepen our own faith.

Thirty Six members of the parish participated in the Arise Program during Season One through Three and all have fully enjoyed it and are signing up for Season Four. Each Season consists of six, 90 minutes weekly sessions. Most sessions are scheduled during the evening. Please consider taking part in this opportunity during our Lenten journey.

Sign up Sunday will be January 31, 2010. Applications will be available at the front of the church after Mass for all interested. Should you be interested in participating and know of a neighbor or friend who may also enjoy the program, invite them. All are invited, whether they are a member of the Parish or not. For more information, please call Deacon Joe Fagan at the Rectory.

CHARITIES COMMITTEE MINISTRY

Thank You to all the Parishioners who made donations of Food for the Wilmington Food Pantry as well as clothes for the local shelters.

More than 80 bags of clothing were collected. Additionally, more that 50 bags of groceries were provided to the Wilmington Food Pantry. The Charities Committee is pleased to faclilate this generous support through this generous support through our Ministry.

BAKE SALE

Bake sale before and after each Mass this Sunday Jan 24 Proceeds will benefit the MSPCA9Mass Society for the Prevention of Cruelty of Animals) at the Nevins Farm in Methuen, Ma

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. THOMAS WOMEN'S CLUB

St. Thomas Women's Club Meeting is on Monday, February 8th at 6pm in Villanova Hall. This month's theme is "Chinese New Year". It is the year of the Tiger. Please RSVP by Monday February 1st to Joan Corsaro 978-657-3905, since the Chinese food (without MSG and low salt) has to be ordered. It will be a fun night for all the women of the parish.

BLANKET COLLECTION

The Parish Outreach will be having a blanket collection through the month on January and February. Blankets don't have to be new but must be clean.

CHURCH SUPPORT

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

The Second Collection is for the Church in Latin America
ST. THOMAS GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

As of January 12, 2009	\$ 34,005.00
Our Parish Goal	\$ 50,000.00

Thanks to all who have already given, for those who may be thinking of contributing to the Grand Annual you may mail your gift to the parish or drop it in the offertory basket.

BAPTISMS

On Sunday January 17, 2010 the following children were welcomed into St. Thomas Parish Family.

Matthew Richard Lawler
Thomas Paul MacGilvray
David Mark Maselli
Rachel Julia Ong
Jacqueline Margaret Warren

BAPTISM

THERE WILL BE NO BAPTISMS DONE DURING LENT
FEBRUARY 17, – APRIL 4, 2009

THE BAPTISMS DURING THE EASTER SEASON:
APRIL 4 11:15 AM (EASTER)
APRIL 18 1:00 PM
MAY 2 11:15 AM
MAY 16 1:00 PM

REFLECTION

No doubt by now you have trashed the torn wrapping paper, the treasured ornaments are packed away, discarded the wilted tree or dismembered its branches and shoved it into a huge box, and returned those too tight or too loose or too "not me" Christmas gifts.

For most of us, Christmas is now a memory, hopefully a warm and nurturing memory as we adjust to the shift in our lives that this "post Christmas" season creates. This little poem below by Howard Thurman, however, suggests that now the "Work of Christmas" is begun. The rebirth of the Christ in our lives that we celebrate on Christmas Day is an invitation to renew and refresh our relationship with the God made Flesh. It is also an imperative to live the good-news in our lives...to "be" the Good News for others in our world. We offer Thurman's thoughts for your reflection... and in the hope that this post Christmas time finds you with "music in your heart"!

The Work of Christmas

When the song of angles is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the wise men and wise women are back home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost
To heal the broken
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoners,
To rebuild the nations
To bring peace to all
To make music in the heart.

BIRTHRIGHT

Birtheright of Framingham wants to thank Joan and all the volunteers and parishioners who helped to make the St. Thomas Christmas drive for Birtheright so successful. The women and children we serve can use it all. More importantly, the women who face life changing choices will be assured that others care. To better serve all our clients, Birtheright of Framingham has moved to 79A Main St. in Framingham. Our new "cottage" is located just off Route 9 behind the Ski Market Plaza. This is a first floor location so no more stairs! Please watch for notice of our open house coming in March. Volunteers are always welcome- please call 508-620-0657 or our hotline 1-800-550-4900. Thank you again for your generous support!

JANUARY 24, 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 24 9:30 Mass Children's Liturgy Coffee & Donuts 7pm Prayer Group	Jan 25 Gr1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30 10 6:45-8pm	Jan 26 Gr 2 4- 5pm Gr 5 5:30 -6:30 Gr 8 6:45-8:00	Jan 27 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30	Jan 28	Jan 29 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	Jan 30
Jan 31 1pm Baptismal Instruction 7pm Prayer Group	Feb 1 Gr1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30 9 6:45-8pm	Feb 2 Gr 2 4- 5pm Gr 5 5:30 -6:30 Gr 7 6:45-8:00	Feb 3 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30	Feb 4	Feb 5 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	Feb 6 Gr 10 Confirmation Retreat
Feb 7 9:30 Mass Children's Liturgy Coffee & Donuts 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	Feb 8 Gr1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30 10 6:45-8pm	Feb 9 Gr 2 4- 5pm Gr 5 5:30 -6:30 Gr 8 6:45-8:00	Feb 10 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30	Feb 11	Feb 12 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	Feb 13 World Marriage Day
Feb 14 7pm Prayer Group	Feb 15 NO CCD VACATION	Feb 16 NOCCD VACATION	Feb 17 Ash Wednesday NO CCD	Feb 18	Feb 19 Stations 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	Feb 20 Food Collection
Feb 21 9:30 Mass Children's Liturgy Coffee & Donuts 11:15 Mass Grade 10 Mass 7pm Prayer Group	Feb 22 Gr1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30 10 6:45-8pm	Feb 23 Gr 2 4- 5pm Gr 5 5:30 -6:30 Gr 8 6:45-8:00	Feb 24 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30	Feb 25	Feb 26 Stations 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	Feb 27
Feb 28 CCD Registration for 2010-2011 begins 1pm WEDDING MUSIC MEETING 7pm Prayer Group	March 1 Gr1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30 9 6:45-8pm	March 2 Gr 2 4- 5pm Gr 5 5:30 -6:30 Gr 7 6:45-8:00	March 3 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30	March 4	March 5 Stations 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	March 6

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

December 25, 2009

“Dear children! On this joyful day, I bring all of you before my Son, the King of Peace, that He may give you His peace and blessing. Little children, in love share that peace and blessing with others. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Meditation of the Heart

Carolyn M. Kenney

This past week, I am sure we all watched the news regarding the devastating earthquake in Haiti. One report had the death toll at over 100,000 people. If you or I were faced with this situation, how would we react? Could you survive for one day, let alone a week without food or water? When we have a meal or snack, we go to the refrigerator and get the food we need. When we are thirsty, we turn on the faucet and have a nice cold drink of water.

One reporter told of a woman who gave birth to a baby boy in the midst of all this destruction. The conditions were far from sterile with one doctor and numerous reporters and cameras from all over the world reporting this miracle. From his first day of birth, this baby faces incredible challenges. How can we help? For those who are able to, a monetary donation is more than welcome. We must also continue our prayers for all the people of Haiti who face unbelievable misery at this time.