

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH , WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions February 14-22, 2009

Saturday

5:00 PM Virginia Crane

Sunday

8:00 AM Chuckie Peterson & Anthony & Simonne Nuziato

9:30 AM Joseph Saporito

11:15 AM Edward White

Monday

9:00 AM Mary & Alfred Centrella

Tuesday

9:00 AM Leo J. Earley

Wednesday

9:00 AM Louis Cerullo

Thursday

9:00 AM Alice Stira

Saturday

5:00 PM Richard Paul Robinson

Sunday

8:00 AM Winifred King

9:30 AM George H. Pratt

11:15 AM Deceased Members of Casey & Reinhart Families

WINE , WOMEN & SONG

Thurs, Feb 19 at 7pm in the Chapel. Begins with a social time of wine (or soda), hors d'oeuvres, and conversation followed by prayer and reflection through music.

MANDATORY WEDDING MUSIC MEETING

Sun, Feb 22, at 2:30pm meeting for those getting married this year call Lora at 781-245-1073.

FAMILY MARDIGRAS CELEBRATION

Sun Feb 22, at 5pm we will be making mardigras masks, stringing beads, coins and games with music and ending with make your own ice cream Sunday to start off your fat Tuesday celebration!

FAMILY SKI TRIP

DUE TO THE OVERWELMING SUCCESS OF THE LAST SKI TRIP THERE WILL BE ANOTHER TRIP Sat, March 7, a Motor coach will leave St. Thomas parking lot for Gunstock Mtn. N.H. at 7am and return at approx. 6pm. Cost for Adult ages (18-64) \$69 Teen (13-17) \$59. and Children (6-12) \$55. Price includes round trip transportation and lift ticket. For more information contact Rich Casey at 978-447-1020. All children 6-17 must be accompanied by parent.

S.T.A.M.P. DANCE

MARK YOUR CALANDER FOR THE
TENTH ANNUAL S.T.A.M.P. DANCE
SATURDAY, MARCH 14th IN VILLANOVA HALL

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

We will celebrate World Marriage Day this weekend at the 5:00 PM Mass. A reception will follow downstairs. I want to thank Deacon Cliff King and his wife Loretta for spearheading this effort. Also, Mary Lou & Chris Ferraro and the Marriage Prep Team.

Our parish retreat was held this past week. I want to thank. Deacons Ed Ensley and Robert Hermann from the diocese of Savannah, Georgia for their presentations. I received a lot of positive feedback

We are going to have a Mardi Gras party next Sunday. It should be fun. For more details, look elsewhere in the bulletin.

Ash Wednesday is February 25, 2009. The schedule for the distribution of ashes is as follows: during the Masses at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Ashes will also be distributed at 4:00 PM during a prayer service.

Our confirmation students made their confirmation retreat on Saturday, February 7, 2009. I want to thank for Father Flammia for leading the day and all those who assisted him.

We had six altar servers installed last Sunday at the 9:30 AM Mass. I want to thank them for their willingness to serve.

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

CHURCH SUPPORT

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

ST. THOMAS GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

As of February 2, 2009	\$ 45,626.00
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

ARISE TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Season Two: will begin during the week of Feb 22. This will provide an opportunity to reflect on our faith in Jesus Christ during this Lenten Season. By sharing our faith with a small Arise Group, as the members share theirs, we all begin to further deepen our own faith.

Each Season consists of six, 90 min weekly sessions. Most sessions are scheduled in the evening. Please consider taking part in this opportunity during our Lenten journey.

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ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins Wednesday, February 25th.
The Mass schedule will be 9am and 7pm
& 4:00pm Service only

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence: Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligations of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Fast: Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their sixtieth year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, milk and fruit juices are allowed.

THERE WILL BE NO BAPTISMS DURING LENT

THE BAPTISMS DURING THE EASTER SEASON

EASTER SUNDAY

April 12th @ 11:15 AM

DURING SUNDAY MASS

MAY 3rd @ 11:15 AM

REGULAR BAPTISM NO MASS

April 19 & May 17 @ 1:00 PM

HEAVEN CENT

For Lent, The Parish Outreach ministry will be giving out baby bottles for you to fill with extra change for BIRTHRIGHT AND PROJECT RACHEL

BLANKET COLLECTION

The blankets don't have to be new but must be clean

ST. THOMAS CHARITIES FOOD COLLECTION

Feb 21 & 22 Food Collection for the Wilmington Food Pantry. All donations can be dropped off in Villanova Hall after all Masses that weekend.

MARRIAGE PREP

Marriage Prep will be held on **SATURDAY, MARCH 28th** in Villanova Hall. For info. or to register call the Rectory.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Anyone who has a child entering first grade in Sept., and the child was NOT BAPTIZED at St. Thomas we ask you to bring his/her baptismal certificate to the office for verification and we will register him/her at that time.

TO REGISTER FOR CCD PLEASE CALL

The Religious Ed. Office at 978-658-6040. Their office is located in the basement of the Church.

Registration tuition payment

1 Child \$75.00

2 Children \$100

3 or more children \$125.00

If you have a parochial school child entering into grade 10 and plan on having him /her confirmed, you must register him/her in the religious education program.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Wilmington will be having a Relay For Life event at the High school track the weekend of May 16-17.

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's signature activity. It offers everyone in a community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer. Teams of people camp out at a local high school, park, or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Relays are an overnight event. For more information www.relayforlife.org/wilmingtonma.

PLEASE RECYCLE

The Minuteman Senior Service are looking for old cell phones, PDAs, blackberries and Palms and all the Paraphernalia that goes along with them example car chargers... The Minuteman sends them to a recycling center that pays a small amount for them. This helps the environment and any monies collected helps for frail senior serves. A box will be in the Foyer of the Church for your donations. Any questions please call June 978-657-7119.

WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN A PARENT OR OTHER ELDERLY REALATIVE CAN NO LONGER LIVE ALONE?

Call Caregiver Homes- we pay you to care. Caregiver Homes is a MA state Licensed, Adult Foster Care provider, a community based alternative to nursing Home placement. We pay family members or non family members up to \$18,000 per year, tax free, to care for frail elders or disabled (16+) at home. Ideal candidates need 24 hour supervision and need daily physical help with Personal care. The caregiver will receive professional nursing support, care Management, and training in their home. Please let us help you by calling Sister Maureen Kane at 781-223-6291.

FEBRUARY 15, 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 15 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	Feb 16 NO CDD WINTER VACATION	Feb 17 NO CDD WINTER VACATION	Feb 18 NO CDD WINTER VACATION	Feb 19 7PM WINE WOMEN SONG	Feb 20 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Feb 21 FOOD COLLECTION
Feb 22 Gr 10 11:15Mass 7pm Prayer Group	Feb 23 Gr 1 4to 5pm 4 5:30 to 6:30pm 10 6:45to 8pm	Feb 24 Gr 2 4to5pm 5 5:30 to 6:30pm 8 6:45 to 8pm	Feb 25 ASH WEDNESDAY No CCD	Feb 26	Feb 27 6:30pm Stations of the Cross	Feb 28
March 1 7pm Prayer Group	March 2 Gr 1 4to 5pm 4 5:30 to 6:30pm 9 6:45to 8pm	March 3 Gr 2 4to5pm 5 5:30 to 6:30pm 7 6:45 to 8pm	March 4 Gr 3 4to5pm 6 5:30pm to 6:30 Children's Choir 6pm Adult Choir 7pm	March 5	March 6 6:30pm STATIONS	March 7 SKI TRIP
March 8 Gr 2 Parent Meeting 12:30 in Church 7pm Prayer Group	March 9 Gr 1 4to 5pm 4 5:30 to 6:30pm 10 6:45to 8pm	March 10 Gr 2 4to5pm 5 5:30 to 6:30pm 8 6:45 to 8pm	March 11 Gr 3 4to5pm 6 5:30pm to 6:30 Children's Choir 6pm Adult Choir 7pm	March 12	March 13 6:30pm STATIONS	March 14 STAMP DANCE
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March 22 7pm Prayer Group CCD 2009-2010 Late registration begins	March 23 Gr 1 4to 5pm 4 5:30 to 6:30pm 10 6:45to 8pm	March 24 Gr 2 4to5pm 5 5:30 to 6:30pm 8 6:45 to 8pm	March 25 Gr 3 4to5pm 6 5:30pm to 6:30 Children's Choir 6pm Adult Choir 7pm	March 26	March 27 6:30pm STATIONS	March 28 MARIAGE PREP Confirmation 10:30 & 1pm
March 29 Baptismal Instruction 7pm Prayer Group	March 30 Gr 1 4to 5pm 4 5:30 to 6:30pm 9 6:45to 8pm	March 31 Gr 2 4to5pm 5 5:30 to 6:30pm 7 6:45 to 8pm	April 1	April 2	April 3 6:30pm STATIONS	April 4

Meditation of the Heart

By Carolyn M. Kenney

Who do you trust? Who – or what - do you rely on in times of trouble? Do you rely on alcohol or drugs? Do you immerse yourself in work or television instead of turning to someone for help? “Lord, be my rock of safety...lead me and guide me.” These words come from the Opening Psalm in today’s mass. In times of distress, turn to God and let Him be the rock on which you lean.

This is surely what the leper did in today’s Gospel reading. He turned to Jesus and asked for healing. Jesus “...stretched out his hand, touched him...and he was made clean.” Once others heard of this healing, “...people kept coming to Him from everywhere.” Jesus is present with us today. He is truly present in the Eucharist just as He was to the leper over 2000 years ago. The only difference is the leper saw Him with his eyes. We must use our eyes of faith and see Him with our soul.

“Meditations of the Heart” available at www.authorhouse.com

OUR LADY’S MONTHLY MESSAGE JANUARY 25, 2009

“Dear children! Also today I call you to prayer. May prayer be for you like the seed that you will put in my heart, which I will give over to my Son Jesus for you, for the salvation of your souls. I desire, little children, for each of you to fall in love with eternal life which is your future, and for all worldly things to be a help for you to draw closer to God the Creator. I am with you for this long because you are on the wrong path. Only with my help, little children, you will open your eyes. There are many of those who, by living my messages, comprehend that they are on the way of holiness towards eternity. Thank you for having responded to my call.”