

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions March 27-April 4, 2010

Saturday

5:00 PM Angela & Giuseppe DePasquale

Sunday

8:00 AM Maria & Jacinto Rego

9:30 AM Edwin John Moon

11:15 AM Stephen Hancox

Monday

9:00 AM Carmela Arzilla

Tuesday

9:00 AM The People of the Parish

Wednesday

9:00 AM Nicholas Murphy

Thursday

7:00 PM Holy Thursday

Saturday

8:00 PM Easter Remembrances

Sunday

8:00 AM Easter Remembrances

9:30 AM Easter Remembrances

11:15AM Easter Remembrances

EASTER ENVELOPES

For those who wish prayers said for their deceased loved ones there are envelopes by the Statue of Mary all donations will be used for the decorations for Easter. Please PRINT clearly. All names will be printed in the bulletin. Masses will be said during the Easter Season.

EASTER FLOWERS

Because the Easter Season is so long we will be adding plants in stages to keep the altar decoration fresh through the season.

GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Please note on Good Friday, April 2, 2010 St. Thomas Parish will have the Ecumenical service at 12 noon.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Our parish offers the Sacrament of the Sick on Sunday after the 11:15 Mass

WEDDING BANNES

Timothy Elliot and Sarah Rappa

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Again This Wednesday night the sacrament of reconciliation will be available in the church from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. This is part of an Archdiocesan project. The sacrament of reconciliation will be available in all churches, shrines and chapels throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. All Catholics are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

The 2010 Catholic Appeal was launched. The Catholic Appeal supports the central ministries of the Archdiocese of Boston. I would encourage you to support the appeal. If you supported the appeal in the past but stopped supporting it because of how the abuse crisis was handled, I would ask you to consider supporting the appeal once again. Cardinal Sean came to this diocese to clean it up. He is doing that. He himself was not the cause of the problem, but rather he is working to solve the problem. I think he deserves support. Supporting the appeal does not deny the anger you feel at how the abuse crisis was handled. Thanks for giving it some thought.

On Palm Sunday, the Passion of Jesus Christ will be presented in song and narration at the 9:30 AM Mass and 11:15 AM Mass. If you have not experienced it, join us at one of those Masses.

On Wednesday night, the sacrament of reconciliation will be celebrated from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the church.

On Holy Thursday, Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 PM. There is no morning Mass on Holy Thursday.

The Ecumenical Good Friday Service will be at St. Thomas of Villanova Church at noon.

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at 3:00 PM in the church. Stations of the Cross for children will be celebrated at 4:15 PM. The celebration of the Lord's Passion will be celebrated Friday night at 7:00 PM.

On Holy Saturday we celebrate the Vigil of Easter at 8:00 PM. Please note there is no 5:00 PM Mass on Holy Saturday. Please join us.

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

EASTER COLLECTION

The upcoming Easter collection supports the retirement, medical care and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. We ask that you give generously on behalf of the priests that have devoted their lives to faithfully serve God and the good work of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity

PALM SUNDAY

MEN /WOMEN CHILDREN CLOTHING COLLECTION

Once again we ask for your generosity to support less fortunate people. The Charities Committee will be collecting Food for the Wilmington Food Pantry and also Donations of gently used clothing men & women and children clothing for the Epilepsy Foundation.

Please drop off food and clothing in Villanova Hall April 17 & 18, 2010 after all Masses

CHARITIES COMMITTEE PLANNING MEETING

The St. Thomas Charities Committee will meet on Wednesday April 14 at 7pm in Villanova Hall. This is an important planning meeting for the Spring and summer projects.

ALZHEIMER'S PUZZLE BOOK DONATIONS

As part of her National Honor Society Leadership Project at the Middle School, Brianna Fruciano has become involved in the Alzheimer's Association of Massachusetts and is holding a puzzle book collection during the month of March. All donations can be brought to mass and placed in the purple collection box set up at the back of the church. This is a special way that you can help those that suffer from this serious memory impairing disease at Woodbriar of Wilmington. Every donation will help! Thank you.

HEAVEN CENT

Just a Reminder that all Baby bottles should be brought in to the church this weekend. All Change collected will support homeless women and children.

ST. THOMAS WOMEN'S CLUB **UP COMING DATES**

April 24 Senior Mass and Luncheon

May 10 Closing Mass and Dinner Out

June 11 Play Gas Light at the Stoneham Theatre

SENIOR ANNOINTING MASS AND LUNCHEON

Senior Anointing Mass and Luncheon will be Sat., April 24. Mass will be at 11:30am followed by the luncheon. To make a reservation, please call Joan at 978-657-3905. No reservations will be taken after that date. If you need a ride, please let us know when you register.

GASLIGHT

St. Thomas Women's Club is sponsoring an evening at the Stoneham Theatre, Friday, June 11, 2010 at 8pm to see the famous play, "Gaslight". We have 40 tickets available for the best seats in the house. Adults \$35.00 Seniors \$32.00. Tickets will go fast. For paid reservations please call Joan at 978-657-3905.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Now- April 10, 2010

Late Registration April 11- May 17, 2010

No Registration will be accepted after May 17, 2010.

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

ANGELS

St. Thomas is starting a new Children's Ministry called Angels for children between the ages of 6 through 9 years old. This program will operate from April through August meeting every other Saturday. This is a dynamic opportunity to enhance and continue your child's spiritual activities such as arts, crafts, field trips, and service projects. There is a \$10 monthly fee with a multi-sibling discount. A t-shirt will be provided as part of the fee for safety during field trips. Angels is a non-profit ministry organized and operated by several volunteer CCD teachers from St. Thomas Parish. Contact Wendy Proodian at 978-657-8646 or Kelly Quinlan at 878-447-1676 for information and registration. Our first session starts April 13th We can't wait to see you there!!!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

All Parishioners are invited to a service of the Divine Mercy, Sunday, April 11, from 2:30 to 3:30. in the Main Church We begin with the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Benediction and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered during the hour.

MARCH 28, 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March 28 1pm Baptismal Instruction 7pm Prayer Group	March 29 Gr1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30 9 6:45-8pm	March 30 Gr 2 4- 5pm Gr 5 5:30 -6:30 Gr 7 6:45-8:00	March 31 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30 Reconciliation 6:30to 8pm	April 1 Holy Thursday 7pm Mass	April 2 12noon Ecumenical Service Stations 3pm Adult 4:15 Children 7pm The Lords Passion	April 3 8pm Easter Vigil Mass NO 5pm Mass
April 4 EASTER Mass 8am 9:30 11:15 Baptism @ 11:15	April 5	April 6	April 7	April 8	April 9 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	April 10
April 11 2:30pm to 3:30pm DIVINE MERCY Sunday	April 12 Group1 Confirmation Practice 6:30pm	April 13 Group2 Confirmation Practice 6:30pm	April 14	April 15	April 16 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	April 17 Confirmation 10:30am & 1pm
April 18 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	April 19	April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	April 24
April 25 1pm Baptism Instruction 7pm Prayer Group	April 26	April 27 Jesus Day 4-6pm	April 28	April 29	April 30 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	May 1
May 2 Baptism 11:15Mass 7pm Prayer Group	May 3 First Communion Practice Gr 1 4-5pm	May 4 First Communion Practice Gr 2 4-5pm	May 5 First Communion Practice Gr 1 4-5pm	May 6 First Communion Practice Gr 2 4-5pm	May 7 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	May 8 1st Communion 10:30am & 1pm

Meditation of the Heart
By Carolyn M. Kenney

In today's gospel for Palm Sunday we hear the familiar reading of Jesus' crucifixion. Despite His total innocence, Jesus was scourged to such a degree that His body became a sea of blood. A crown of thorns was thrust into His head causing more blood to drip over His face mingling with tears He shed for you and for me. Jesus knew everything He would undergo during His crucifixion and the immense pain He would suffer. Yet, He did it willingly in order that we may inherit eternal life with Him. Will we ever truly understand the love Jesus has for us? Between now and Easter Sunday, pray before the crucifix that Jesus will fill you with His blessings and His love.

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

February 25, 2010

“Dear children! In this time of grace, when nature also prepares to give the most beautiful colors of the year, I call you, little children, to open your hearts to God the Creator for Him to transform and mold you in His image, so that all the good which has fallen asleep in your hearts may awaken to a new life and a longing towards eternity. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Rev. Andre Patenaude (Fr. Pat) will present and Easter concert “Seeing Him Again” on April 18, 2010 from 2:00pm to 5:pm at the Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St. Andover, Ma. Admission is \$20 per person. Refreshments will be served. For tickets call Fran at (978) 851-2186.