

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

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**Mass Intentions May 1-9, 2010**

**Saturday**

**5:00PM Paul Palizzolo Jr.**

**Sunday**

**8:00AM George K. Mullens**

**9:30 AM Carlos, Mary & Matilda Gouveira**

**11:15 AM Catherine "Jo" Cunningham**

**Monday**

**9:00 AM Alice Melanson**

**Tuesday**

**9:00 AM Easter Remembrances**

**Wednesday**

**9:00AM Daniel O'Rourke**

**Thursday**

**9:00AM Fr. David Boulton SJ**

**Saturday**

**5:00 PM Gilbert Cahill**

**Sunday**

**8:00 AM Elizabeth Addonizio**

**9:30 AM Maria Theresa Burns & Helen Cabral**

**11:15 AM Fredrick Bauer**

**MISSION DEEDS COLLECTION MAY 15 & 16**

Items most in need are pots & Pans, Kitchen utensils and twin size bedding.

Charities will also have a Food Collection for the Wilmington Food Pantry.

All donations may be put in Villanova Hall after all the Masses on May 15 & 16.

**SOLES 4 SOULS**

St. Thomas Parish Outreach Ministry has partnered with Soles4Souls to help collect new and gently worn shoes for the victims of the Haitian earthquake and people in the Third World countries. Join us and take off your shoes for this cause. As part of the powerful movement, clean out your closets and bring the shoes to donate! Soles4Souls accept all types of new and gently worn shoes including: athletic, running, dress, sandals, pumps, heels, work boots, cleats, dance and flip flops.

Soles4Souls collects new and gently worn shoes from your closets of people like you and distributes them free of charge to people in need all over the world. Since 2005, Sole4Souls has given away more than 9 million pairs of shoes, protecting countless lives from foot injury, disease, and indignity. Currently, the organization gives away a pair of shoes every nine seconds.

DATE ODF EVENT MAY 7 THRU MAY 24 Look for the boxes at each entrance of the church.

**A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR**

Religious education registration is going on. No registrations will be accepted after May 17<sup>th</sup>. Always remember that no child will be deprived of a religious education because the family cannot afford the registration fee. If you cannot afford it or want to pay for it later, register your child now.

The 2010 Catholic Appeal was launched. The Catholic Appeal supports the central ministries of the Archdiocese of Boston. Our goal for the Appeal is \$30,500. Thus far \$23,902.00 has been pledged by 156 parishioners. We are now at 78.4% of our goal. I want to thank all those who gave to the Appeal. It is not too late to give to the Appeal.

If you have been thinking about offering your talents in service to St. Thomas, there are a number of opportunities available. If you would like to join the Finance Council, please call me. The Finance Council meets approximately 5 times a year. We meet after each quarter of the fiscal year and a fifth meeting to consider the budget for the next fiscal year. This is a good way to learn about parish finances.

We are also looking for someone who will tend to the flower pots in front of the church. The church pays for all flowers and supplies. You supply the labor. If you like gardening, this is a great opportunity to serve the parish. If you are interested, call me.

If you would like to serve as a Eucharistic minister or lector at Mass, give me a call. We will provide training.

Finally if you would like to join the Parish Pastoral Council, give me a call. Currently we are working with Dr. Jim Gorman to look at ways we will do ministry in the future as the role of laity increases and the number of clergy decrease. If you are interested, let me know.

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

**ANGELS**

The Angles program is now accepting registrations for children between the ages of 6-10. Contact Wendy Proodian at 978-657-8646 or Kelly Quinlan at 978-447-1676 to register and to get more information. Registration deadline is May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**WEDDING BANNES**

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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### TO REGISTER FOR CCD PLEASE CALL

The Religious Ed. Office at 978-658-6040.  
Their office is located in the basement of the Church.  
Late Registration April 11- May 17, 2010  
No Registration will be accepted after May 17, 2010

### CLOSING MASS AND DINNER OUT

Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, we invite the women of the Parish to join us for a closing Mass at 6:30pm in the Chapel.  
Following the Mass there will be a dinner at the Hill view Country Club in North Reading. For paid reservations and more information please call Ellie at 1-978-658-2999. Dinner choices are: Chicken, Haddock or SirlonTips. The price per person is \$16.25. All reservations must be received before Tuesday May 4.

### 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.

### OUTSIDE THE PARISH

#### MOTHER -DAUGHTER PROGRAM

St. William in Tewksbury on Sat., May 15 from 1-3pm in the Parish Center. The target age range for daughters is between 10-13years of age. This event will introduce girls to the onset of young womanhood through God's love. The program is to provide an atmosphere of love and learning in order to discuss the important topic of growing up and to establish a foundation for continued communication between mother and daughter. Refreshments will be served. Registration is required. For more info or to register please contact Marie Hines at 978-651-0057.

#### SWEET DREAMS PROJECT HAITI

On Saturday May 15, There will be a Family Spaghetti Dinner at the United Methodist Church 87 Church Street Wilmington from 5 to 8:30pm \$8 per adult \$4 for children There will be Dinner Music and kids face painting silent Auction good food, fun and support of Haiti  
The goal is to send 50 cots to families so they can sleep on a soft mattress as opposed to the dirt ground with hope of getting some rest. Simple pleasures in life, but not so in this village.

### MASS IN HONOR OF PATRON SAINT OF CANCER PATIENTS

On Wednesday, May 12 Ascension Thursday Eve. A liturgy will be celebrated at 6pm in honor of St. Peregrine at the Immaculate Conception Church (Lower Hall) on East Merrimack Street in Lowell. St. Peregrine is the Patron Saint of cancer patients, and it's the Saint many cancer patients, family members, and friends pray to for comfort and strength. Saint Peregrine, who lived in the 14th century, was a member of the Order of the Servants of Mary. He was afflicted with cancer of the leg and was miraculously cured the evening prior to an operation to amputate his leg. During the Mass the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered to cancer patients and any who wish to partake of this Sacrament of God's healing  
All are invited to come and pray with and for those afflicted with cancer.

### MASS OF HEALING & REMEMBRANCE

May 23 at 3pm at St Joseph the Worker Shrine for all whose life has been touched through the lose of a child. We pray for those who lost a child by miscarriage, still birth, sudden infant death syndrome or death of a child at a young age. Mass will be preceded by confession at 2:15pm. The Sacramental anointing of the sick will be celebrated after Mass. All are invited to this special time of prayer and healing.

### ST CHARLES GOLF TOURNAMENT

St. Charles in Woburn is holding their 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on Monday June 7, 2010 at Arkinson Resort and Country Club Arkinson NH to benefit the School. They are looking for both Golfers and Sponsors Go to [www.saintcharleschurch.net](http://www.saintcharleschurch.net) to dowland an entry form and for more information.

### MUSIC CONCERT FOR THE FAMILY

Discover what treasure we have in the Eucharist as you listen to a classical concert performed by Eric Genuis, world renowned composer and concert pianist, on Sunday, May 16 at 2pm at the Parish of the Resurrection, 449 Broad Street. Nashua NH. Eric, along with a world class violinist, cellist and vocalist will perform various music pieces for the whole family, highlighted with accounts on the beauty, prominence, history, and the true essence of the Eucharist. Light refreshments will be served and a free will offering is greatly appreciated. For more information contact 603-566-2741

**MAY 2, 2010**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion 10:30am & 1pm
May 9 MOTHER'S DAY No Prayer Group	May 10 First Communion Practice Gr 3 4-5pm Women's Club Closing Mass	May 11 First Communion Practice Gr 4 4-5pm	May 12 First Communion Practice Gr 3 4-5pm	May 13 First Communion Practice Gr 4 4-5pm	May 14 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	May 15 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion 10:30am & 1pm  MISSION OF DEEDES
May 16 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	May 17 CCD Registration ENDS	May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	May 22
May 23 7pm Prayer Group	May 24	May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	May 29
May 30 1pm Baptism Instruction No Prayer Group	May 31 Memorial Day	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	June 5
June 6 Pancake Breakfast  1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	June 7	June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	June 12
June 13 7pm Prayer Group	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	June 19

**OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE      April 25, 2010**

*“Dear children! At this time, when in a special way you are praying and seeking my intercession, I call you, little children, to pray so that through your prayers I can help you to have all the more hearts be opened to my messages. Pray for my intentions. I am with you and intercede before my Son for each of you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”*

Meditation of the Heart

By Carolyn M. Kenney

In today's first reading, we hear the words, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." How often do situations arise in our everyday life which causes us physical or mental stress? We would all like to live our life without any problems, but such is not the case.

It was the will of His Father that Jesus came to earth and died for our sins. Jesus did not have to accept this but because of His love for His Father, as well as His love for mankind, Jesus, the Son of God, willingly died an excruciating death for you and for me. If we have faith and trust in Jesus, He will lead us safely along the path God has chosen for us. His love and grace will be strength enough in our daily life.

**FEMA** If you have water problems and are looking for some information 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or (TTY) 1-800-462-7585