

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

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**Mass Intentions May 8-16, 2010**

**Saturday**

**5:00 PM Gilbert Cahill**

**Sunday**

**8:00 AM Elizabeth Addonizio**

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

**11:15 AM Frederick Bauer**

**Monday**

**9:00 AM Eugenio Ricco**

**Tuesday**

**9:00 AM Robert Vasselo**

**Wednesday**

**9:00 AM Easter Remembrances**

**Thursday HOLY DAY**

**9:00 AM THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**Saturday**

**5:00 PM Lisa Cameron**

**Sunday**

**8:00 AM Francis Hightower**

**9:30 AM Frank J. Fruciano**

**11:15 AM Kathleen Barry & Robert Barry**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Please join us downstairs for cake & coffee, Sun May 23, after the 9:30 Mass as we will celebrate this Feast Day the "Birthday" of the Church as the Spirit of God descended upon it. We asked you to wear red. The vibrant color commemorates the out pouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles.

**WEDDING BANNES**

**II Kandyce Dewar and Andrew Mutter**  
**I Sarah Hayes and Patrick Souza**

**BAPTISM**

The following children were welcomed into St. Thomas Parish Family on May 2, 2010.

**Shanna Martina White**                      **Maia Hong Tran**  
**Holly Marilyn Nimblett**                **Adam Michael Ientile**  
**Vecenzo Benedetto Signori**

**OUTREACH MEETING**

On Tuesday May 11, the Outreach Ministry will meet in Villanova Hall at 7pm

**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 \$24,227.00 has been pledged by 173 parishioners. We are now at 79.4% 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>.

**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 3 tickets available. Adults \$35.00 Seniors \$32.00.. For paid reservations please call Joan at 978-657-3905.

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### HOUSE HOLD ITEMS FOR MISSION OF DEEDS

St. Thomas Charities Committee will have a collection for the Mission of Deeds next weekend of May 15 & 16. The items most in need are pots and pans, kitchen utensils and twin size bedding, but all house hold items can be dropped off in Villanova Hall after all the Masses that weekend.

### 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 OF EVENT MAY 7 THRU MAY 24 Look for the boxes at each entrance of the church.



### A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Dear God on this day that we honor mothers, may we draw strength from the mothers who went before us.

May we remember Jochebed, mother of Moses, who gave her son over to God's providence when forces that threatened him were beyond her control.

May we remember the mother of Mary, St. Anne, who helped her daughter learn an openness to God's will.

May we remember St. Monica,  
Who suffered an abusive spouse and her son's poor choices,  
but lived to see her child's return to God.

Most of all, we remember Mary,  
Though she watched her child suffer and die,  
She also saw his resurrection and glory and was in turn glorified by him.

Amen

### MOTHER'S DAY ROSE SALE

The Massachusetts Citizens for Life will sell roses after all Masses this weekend. The newly formed Wilmington chapter began last February, though some people in Wilmington and Tewksbury have been involved individually in pro-life activities for years. They are always looking for new members to carry on pro-life activities as a group and if anyone is interested, sign-up forms are available at the table with the roses.

Some of the activities they will be involved in this year include the Respect for Life walk in Boston, during Life Month in October.

Raising awareness for upcoming legislation concerning pro-life issues and having people contact their representatives.

Hearing from speakers on how we can be more involved in supporting life issues, such as the speaker from Heartbeat Pregnancy Center in Burlington told of the 103 women they were able to help last year, thus preventing many abortions.

The Mother's Day Rose Sales are the biggest fundraiser for the year and we want to thank St. Thomas of Villanova Parish for support M.C.F.L. as we try to expand pro-life activities in this area.

### 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

### OUTSIDE THE PARISH

### MERRIMACK VALLEY CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUMMER PARTY

Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities Annual Summer Party "Celebrating 90" at the Whistler House Museum of Art in Lowell on Wed, June 2, 6:00 to 8:30pm. Tickets are \$75.00 which includes a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception.

To purchase tickets or make a donation, please make check payable to MVCC and send to 70 Lawrence Street, Lowell, Ma 01852-2697. For further information, please call 978-452-1421 or visit our website at <http://www.ccab.org/merrimack90>.

Proceeds to benefit the programs and services of Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities in its fiscal year 2011.

### SWEET DREAMS PROJECT HAITI

Sat May 15, 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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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  7pm OUTREACH MEETING in V.H.	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 No Prayer Group	June 7	June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12
June 13 NO Prayer Group	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19
June 20 1pm Baptism  Father's Day No Prayer Group	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26
June 27 1pm Baptismal Instruction 7pm Prayer Group	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1	July 2	July 3

**SUMMER HOURS:** PRAYER GROUP WILL MEET LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 7pm  
 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION WILL BE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH 6-7:30pm

**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

Did you have a hectic day yesterday or perhaps a busy week filled with unnecessary commotion and confusion? Between work, home, family and friends our life is divided leaving little time for ourselves. Are you pulled from all sides when what you really want is some peace and quiet?

Jesus calms our fears and inner turmoil with these words from today's gospel, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” In fact, the priest repeats these very words during the mass. Week after week, Sunday after Sunday, through the person of the priest Jesus says to you, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.” He has not forgotten you and He never will. “Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” Only through Jesus will you find true peace