

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions May 22- 30, 2010

Saturday

5:00 PM Joseph Flood

Sunday

8:00 AM Malcom & Aline Budd

9:30AM Shirley Meeks

11:15 AM Andrew P. Ring

Monday

9:00 AM William D. Healey

Tuesday

9:00 AM Paul Lydon

Wednesday

9:00 AM Ann O'Shea

Thursday

9:00 AM Paul Lydon

Saturday

5:00 PM Patricia Howard

Sunday

8:00 AM Ralph DiPietro

9:30 AM Maria Silva & Ana Viverios

11:15 AM Deacon Frank Mandosa

WEDDING BANNES

III Sarah Hayes and Patrick Souza

I Angela Jackson and Charles Broussard

BAPTISM

The following Children were welcomed into St. Thomas Parish Family on Sunday, May 16, 2010.

Colton James Bamberg

Evan J. Connor

Jack Andrew Cyr

Jaelyn Cynthia Creekmore

Damiano Arcangelo Dicenso

Lillian Michelle French

Michela Christina Sellitto

Gianna River Vecchi

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Please join us downstairs for cake & coffee, Today, 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.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

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 \$24,427.00 has been pledged by 174 parishioners. We are now at 80.1% 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

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

As we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ in the Feast of Corpus Christi St. Thomas Parish Outreach Ministry is having a "Pancake Breakfast", Sunday, June 6 after 9:30 Mass in the Downstairs of the Church. There will be lots of Fun and for the whole family. They will also have a raffle drawing and prizes. Be sure to get your ticket and join us in Villanova Hall for Breakfast on June 6. The cost per person is \$5. or \$12 per family.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING

There will be a meeting for all Eucharistic Ministers in the Church on Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at 7pm This is for all Eucharistic Minister who serve at Mass and also the Homebound and Nursing Home.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

ALL VETERANS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

On Sunday, May 30 at the 11:15 Mass there will be a celebration honoring our Veterans especially those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

For more information please call Lou Cimaglia at the Town hall for more information.

WOMENS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

St. Thomas Women's Club will again offer a \$500 Scholarship to a graduating High School Senior who plans to go on to further education. The senior must be a registered parishioner at St. Thomas Parish. The applications are available at the Rectory and must be returned by Friday, May 28th.

WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 1, AT 7:00 PM IN VILLANOVA HALL.

THE WOMENS CLUB WILL MEET TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE WOMEN'S CLUB ON MONDAY JUNE 7th AT 7PM IN VILLANOVA HALL

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.

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 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.

25th and 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sean Cardinal O'Malley O.F.M. Cap. invites all couples of the Archdiocese of Boston celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2010 to the Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Sunday, June 13th at 11:30am. Mass will include a renewal of vows. Family members and friends as well as the general public are welcome to attend. Please register with the parish office as soon as possible before May 28, 2010. A formal invitation and more information will be sent from the Archdiocese to anniversary couples. Congratulations on your anniversary!

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.

CARS FOR HELP

DONATE OLD CAR-HELP NEEDY-RECEIVE \$500 TAX DEDUCTION Its fast, its easy, and it requires only one phone call or visit at our website. Cars For Help, a 501©3 not-for-profit charity, is working through Catholic Relief Services to help alleviate human suffering. If you would like to donate any vehicle of yours in any condition, or just have questions, please visit us at www.CarsForHelp.com. You can also call us directly at (630-595-9272). Together we can make a difference!

TAKE A HIKE FOR HUMANITY

Want to get your family and friends involved in serving your community? Here's your chance to help and have fun at the same time!

Saturday June 5 at Blue Hills Reservation in Milton Ma

Event registration begins at 9am both days and hikers are welcome to stay until parks close at 5pm.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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 Women's Club Meeting 7pm	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 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	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 ever look at something and “see” it in its reality? Many times we take things for granted. We see the beauty of nature around us, yet we know it will be there day after day and therefore don’t appreciate it’s intricate details. Daily we see family members and friends and think they will be with us for years to come. But, do you know for sure if they will?

Each Sunday at mass we receive the Holy Eucharist. In an orderly manner, row by row, we approach the altar reverently receiving the Blessed Sacrament. We “see” a small, round host. Yet, this is so much more than what we witness with our eyes. Look at it with your soul. Feel it with your heart. This is Jesus, the Son of God.

FAMILY ROSARY CONFERENCE: AS WE FORGIVE Block your calendar, plan to gather your family on Saturday, July 17 to learn how to communicate within the family, how to forgive each other and how to receive God’s graces. With workshops for adults, teens and youth, a Mission Rosary, Vigil Mass, Reconciliation and a dynamic keynote speaker, your family will enjoy an inspiring and uplifting day; and all for \$10 per person up to \$50 max for families... and it includes lunch. So register and simply join in on the grounds of Stonehill College on July 17. Go to [www. HCFMorg](http://www.HCFMorg) or call 508-238-4095 or 800-299-7729 for more information