

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions May 29-June 6, 2010

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

Monday

9:00 AM For all Veterans

Tuesday

9:00 AM William Healey

Wednesday

9:00 AM Paul Lydon

Thursday

9:00 AM Dick Dickinson

Saturday

5:00 PM Caroline Vernaci

Sunday

8:00AM Mary & Alexander Quandt

9:30 AM James M. McGonagle II

11:15 AM Carol Thorntin

VETERANS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

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

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.

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.

WEDDING BANNS

II Angela Jackson and Charles Broussard

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

The 2010 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

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

OUTREACH MINISTRY MEETING

Outreach will meet in the Church on Tuesday, June 1st 7pm

CHARITIES COMMITTEE PLANNING MEETING

The St. Thomas Charities Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 2 at 7pm in Villanova Hall. This is an important meeting for our upcoming events.

Religious Ed. Office is in the basement of the Church.

Summer Office hours are Mon., Tues, Wed. from 10am to 3pm

MOST HOLY TRINITY

ST. THOMAS CHARITIES FOOD COLLECTION **JUNE 12 & 13**

The Charities Committee will be collecting Food for the Wilmington Food Pantry.

FATHER'S DAY SPORTS BASKET

"Father's Day Sports Basket", Raffle tickets will be available after all Masses during the weekend of June 12 & 13 and June 19 & 20. This year's basket consists of \$100 gift card to Legal Seafood, Revolution & Spinners tickets, free night at the Marriot and much more.

All donations raised will support the efforts of the Charities Committee. The drawing will take place June 20th.

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC FAMILY CONFERENCE

Please mark your calendars and join us for the Northeast Catholic Family Conference on June 27th. The theme of the conference is "Called to Greatness." The Northeast Catholic Family Conference will rekindle the Truth in hearts of all ages- that we are "Called to Greatness." It takes place June 27 from 1pm-8pm at St. Mary's Church in Waltham, the day will feature an event with Cardinal Sean, Mass and Adoration, a Marian Procession, workshops for adults. Separate teen and children's programs, a family cookout, and inspiring speakers including Leah Darrow, a former contestant on the Realty Television Show, "America's Next Top Model." You don't want to miss this great event for the Family. For more information and registration please visit www.yHopefamily.org or call Fr. Mike Harrington at 781-956-0548

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!

A THANK YOU

Thanks to the people of St. Thomas Parish for their kind support for Mass Citizens for Life's first rose drive during Mother's Day weekend.

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!

ACTS HIV MINISTRY

The ACTS HIV Ministry was founded in the year 2000 to spread the Gospel of Jesus through ACTS retreats .to Men & Women affected or infected by HIV/AIDS

ACTS retreats are three day spiritual retreats, led by compassionate Catholic laymen and laywomen. Talks and activities during the retreat focus on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service, from which the ACTS acronym is derived.

The weekend is designed to help the retreatants enter into a new and deeper relationship with our Lord and fellow members from the community.

The retreat is a powerful and enduring personal conversion experience that allows retreatants to feel God's love and joy.

The ACTS HIV Ministry also provides ongoing prayer groups, monthly Mass and social activities to continue to provide friendship and fellowship to those affected or infected with HIV

The next retreat will be June 24-27, 2010 Espousal Retreat Center Waltham For more information Annie Hiort 978-409-2520 , Sandie Shaw 978-455-0398 or James Rodriguez 210-691-0941

EXPERIENCED BABYSITTER seeking employment! Please call Darleen Leroux 978-835-5791 has taught in Religious Ed and has recently been coried. Schedule flexible. References furnished upon request.

MAY 30, 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 30 1pm Baptism Instruction No Prayer Group	May 31 Memorial Day	June 1 7pm Outreach Ministry in Church Women's Club Meeting 7pm	June 2 7pm Charities planning meeting Villanova Hall	June 3	June 4 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	June 5
June 6 Pancake Breakfast 1pm Baptism No Prayer Group	June 7 7pm Women's Club Meeting	June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12 10am-11:30am ANGELS MEETING Food Collection Father's Day Basket Raffle Tickets
June 13 NO Prayer Group	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19 Father's Day Basket Raffle Tickets
June 20 1pm Baptism Father's Day No Prayer Group	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	June 26 10am-11:30am ANGELS MEETING
June 27 1pm Baptismal Instruction 7pm Prayer Group	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1	July 2 No 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
Please not that there will be no Adoration July 2 There will be Adoration on June 25.

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE May 25, 2010

“Dear children! God gave you the grace to live and to defend all the good that is in you and around you, and to inspire others to be better and holier; but Satan, too does not sleep and through modernism diverts you and leads you to his way. Therefore, little children, in the love for my Immaculate Heart, love God above everything and live His commandments. In this way, your life will have meaning and peace will rule on earth.. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Meditation of the Heart

By Carolyn M. Kenney

Two weeks ago, I went with a group to Oberammergau, Germany where we were blessed to see the “Passion Play.” This play has been performed every ten years since 1633 by the villagers of this small, quaint village. The residents number 5,000 people with everyone participating in one way or another in the play. Only residents of Oberammergau may be in the play.

Religion is an integral and important part of their lives. So much so that when I went into the bank near the center of town, I noticed a beautiful, hand-carved crucifix hanging on the wall. I was amazed to see this because we would never see a crucifix in a bank - or any building (except a church) here in our country. The people of Oberammergau are thoughtful, caring individuals. They know the importance of God in their lives and aren't afraid of showing the world. They will perform the Passion Play 100 times this summer with the last performance in early October. People come from all over the world to this tiny village in order to see the Play. More and more God is being removed from our lives - as a nation and as individuals - and the effects of this are evident. Do not let this happen. Pray to increase your faith.

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