

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions June 20-28, 2009

Saturday

5:00 PM The Charles Murray Family

Sunday

8:00 AM Mary & Alexander Quandt

9:30 AM Frank Ratto

11:15 AM Pasquale, Salvatore & Patrick Lippiello

Monday

9:00 AM Mary Walsh

Tuesday

9:00 AM Margaret Callahan

Wednesday

9:00 AM Eugene Grant

Thursday

9:00 AM Sharon C. Norkunas

Saturday

5:00 PM Lauren Hamilton

Sunday

8:00AM Jane Harvey & Mary Galayda

9:30 AM Anthony Fruciano

11:15 AM James M. McGonagle II

WE WISH ALL THE FATHERS OF THE PARISH! HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

PRAYER FOR FATHERS

Dear God,

You have given fathers the task of raising their children to holiness. You chose Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as fathers of your holy nation of Israel. Despite their failings, weaknesses and poor choices, you made of them a great and long-lasting nation. And when the time came for your Son to enter this world, you chose a holy man named Joseph as his father.

As our Heavenly Father,

You have seen us, your children, make both wise and poor choices.

Give us grace to be faithful to you, despite our failings, and help us be fathers to our children as you have been to us. Amen.

FATHER'S DAY SPORTS BASKET

Raffle tickets will be available after all Masses this weekend June 20 & 21. This year's basket has Revolution Soccer Tickets, Spinners tickets, Restaurant gift cards and more. All donations raised will support the efforts of the Charities Committee. The drawing will take place June 21st.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

The second collection this weekend is for the Clergy Benefit Trust. As I mentioned last week, this trust funds the medical and retirement needs of the priest of the Archdiocese of Boston. As you have read in the Globe, the Archdiocese is trying to make the fund solvent. If the Archdiocese took no action, the trust would be out of money by 2011. Thus far the Archdiocese has taken the following steps. First the Cardinal appointed a lay board to oversee the trust. They are revamping the benefits. For example, they are transitioning to a system where the Archdiocese will no longer pay for nursing home care. The priest will have to pay it himself if he has any family assets or go on Medicaid. They added the collection we are taking up this weekend. In the fall, there are planning a huge fundraising event. I know that whatever you can contribute to this collection will be greatly appreciated by the priests of the Archdiocese.

St. Thomas Charities Committee is looking for people who are willing to help out with the Fourth of July booth on the Wilmington Common. If you can help, please call Michelle White or Rosemary Greco. Their phone numbers are elsewhere in the bulletin.

The Catholic Appeal is underway. I would ask that you seriously consider making a donation to the Catholic Appeal. As Cardinal Sean said in his message, the Catholic Appeal supports various ministries that pass on the faith. I have left appeal packets in the pews. Please remember that whatever you pledge can be paid over time. You can drop your pledge card in any collection basket or mail it directly. Thank you for considering this request.

I want to thank those who already gave. Our goal is \$29,500.00. Thus far, \$25,669.00 has been pledged from 204 parishioners. That is 87% of our goal. I am hoping that we can make our goal. Thanks again!!

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

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish secretary will be in the Rectory Office on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10am to 2pm

The CCD Office will be closed for the Month of July they will open on August 3, 2009 for Monday Tuesday Wednesday 10 to 3pm

ST. THOMAS PPC MEETING

St. Thomas Parish Council will meet Sunday evening June 28 in Villanova Hall at 7pm. All interested parishioners are invited to attend.

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PIECE OF PIE SALE IS COMING

Thanks to the generous response of our parishioners for many years, this fund-raiser has been a big success. Can we count on you to bake a pie for sale at the Fourth of July Celebration? We will need approximately 60 pies on each day. Homemade pies are always our best sellers. Favorite store bought pies include lemon, blueberry, cherry and rhubarb.

Dates of the pie sale are Friday, July 3, Saturday, July 4, and Sunday, July 5.

Please mark your calendar!

Drop the pies off in Villanova Hall between 3:00 and 4:30pm on your selected day!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The CCD Office is in need of volunteers

Grade 2	2 teachers
Grade 3	1 teachers
Grade 4	3 teachers
Grade 5	2 teachers
Grade 6	3 teachers
Grade 7	2 teachers
Grade 8	4 teachers
Grade 9	1 teacher

They also are in need of office help please call the CCD office 978-658-6040.

CCD Classes will Begin the week of September 14

Monday	Grade 1	4 to 5pm
	4	5:30 to 6:30pm
	9 or 10	6:45 to 8pm
Tuesday	Grade 2	4 to 5pm
	5	5:30 to 6:30pm
	7 or 8	6:45 to 8pm
Wednesday	Grade 3	4 to 5pm
		6 to 5:30pm

CHURCH SUPPORT

As of June 5, 2009

2008 Grand Annual	\$46,951.00
Our Parish Goal	\$50,000.00

Thank you! We are grateful to all who mail in their envelopes when away from the parish.

CLERGY BENEFIT TRUST

This weekend the second collection supports the healthcare and retirement needs of priests throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. We ask that you give generously to the priests that have devoted their lives to faithfully serve God and the good work of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity.

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Annulment Information

Offered by the Metropolitan Tribunal

St. Theresa Parish

63 Winter Street

North Reading - phone: 978-664-3412

Monday evening, June 29th at 7:00pm

No registration is required.

“I could not believe my marriage that was meant to last a lifetime was over. I tried so hard, for so many years. Why hadn’t my prayers been answered? What would become of my family? I felt I was no longer a ‘good Catholic.’ It was in the annulment process that my Church helped me reflect on my marriage and provided me the opportunity to experience healing.”

You may desire to learn more about what the Catholic Church teaches about annulments or you may be interested in beginning the process. The following meeting is designed to offer basic information and provide the opportunity to seek answers for any questions you may have.

For further information or if you have questions please contact:

The Metropolitan Tribunal at 617-746-5900.

BONE MARROW DONOR DRIVE

Sunday, June 21 from 10:30am to 1:30pm at St. Williams Parish Center in Tewksbury. If you cannot make it to the donor drive, visit www.marrows.org to register online for free by June 22. The drive is conducted by volunteers of the National Marrow Donor Program. Please contact Patty Lane at 978-500-2395 for more details.

JUNE 21, 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June 21 1pm Baptism RAFFLE 7pm Prayer group	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	June 27
June 28 Baptismal Instruction 7pm Prayer group	June 29	June 30	July 1	July 2	July 3 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration PIE SALE	July 4 PIE SALE
July 5 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer group PIE SALE	July 6	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	July 11
July 12 7pm Prayer group	July 13	July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	July 18 FOOD COLLECTION
July 19 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer group	July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	July 25
July 26 Baptismal Instruction 7pm Prayer group	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31 6-7:30 Eucharistic Adoration	Aug 1

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

MAY 25, 2009

“Dear children! In this time, I call you to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit upon every baptized creature, so that the Holy Spirit may renew you all and lead you on the way of witnessing your faith-you and all those who are far from God and His love. I am with you and intercede for you before the Most High. Thank you for having responding to my call.”

Meditation of the Heart

By Carolyn M. Kenney

“Do you not yet have faith?” It is almost hard to believe that Jesus asked His disciples this question. We think the Apostles would have few, if any, questions concerning the teachings of Jesus. Daily they walked with Him from village to village. They talked with Him. They witnessed His countless miracles. Eventually each Apostle possessed such a conviction and love for God that they were martyred for their faith, except Saint John who died a natural death.

Today Jesus asks us the same question, “Do you not yet have faith?” Do we believe in His gospel teachings? Do we love God and each other? As we look around our world today, there is much uneasiness. Only in God will our hearts find true and lasting peace. At the sound of His voice, the wind and sea obeyed Him. When He speaks to your heart, what is your response?

(“Meditations of the Heart” is available at www.authorhouse.com)