

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions July 18-26, 2009

Saturday

5:00 PM Martin Flaherty

Sunday

8:00 AM John Doane

9:30 AM Stephen & Josephine Ferrari

11:15 AM Donald Franco

Monday

9:00 AM Barbara J. Brady

Tuesday

9:00 AM Matthew Duggan

Wednesday

9:00 AM John Savard

Thursday

9:00 AM John Baldwin

Saturday

5:00PM F.J. Earley

Sunday

8:00AM Alice Tannian

9:30 AM Mark Matarese

11:15 AM Eligio & ada Ernesto Vignali

WEDDING BANNS

I Christine Sullivan and Roger Gray Jr.

ST. THOMAS CHARITIES FOOD COLLECTION

All donations can be dropped off this weekend Food for the Wilmington Food Pantry.

A NOTE OF THANKS

The Charities Committee would like to thank all of the volunteers and people who baked and donated pies for our 4th of July event. This event was very successful and it is because of the support from all of you. We received a record number of calls to volunteer and also bake pies, for this we are truly thankful. We would also like to thank the Outreach group for their part in keeping our event alive. We look forward to next year.

The winner of this year's Father's Day Sports Basket was David Travis.

The Charities Committee Fundraising events	
Sports Basket Raffle	\$ 783.00
4 th of July Pie Booth	\$1,693.00
Total of	\$2,476.00

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

The religious education is in need of teachers and aides. The needs are listed elsewhere in the bulletin.

Did you know that Pope Benedict has declared this year to be the Year of the Priest? He wants to focus on the role of the priest for several reasons. First, he wants to highlight their role in the Church. In every age, the Church needs priests to bring God's love, mercy and compassion to His people especially through the celebration of the sacraments. Secondly, in highlighting their role in the church, it may encourage vocations. Thirdly, since Christ gave the Church the power to forgive sins, the Pope is hoping that more people will receive the sacrament of reconciliation. During Advent and Lent, there will be additional times when a person may receive the sacrament of reconciliation. As part of the celebration of the Year of the Priest, the Archdiocese is having a priest appreciation dinner at the Seaport Hotel in Boston on September 16. The tables are \$5,000.00 each. Since there are 10 people at a table, tickets are \$500.00. They would like each parish to sponsor a table. If anyone is interested in purchasing a ticket, please call the rectory. All proceeds will benefit the Clergy Benefit Trust.

Over the next several weeks I will be writing about a new proposed model for the financial relationship between the parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston and central ministries. This week I am repeating what I wrote last week since many people were away. The goal of the model is to streamline the relationship, make it more transparent and fairer. What is the current relationship? Currently each parish has a Catholic Appeal target. There are no consequences if you do not reach the target... Each parish also pays a school tax (6% of offertory and monthly), a hospital tax (2.5% of offertory and monthly), Cathedraticum (1-2% of offertory and monthly), 50% of the Communication collection and various fees (audit, real estate, etc.). They want to simplify this approach. In the coming weeks, I will outline the new approach and explain what it means in terms of dollars and cents.

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, \$27,297.00 has been pledged from 213 parishioners. That is 92.5% 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 and pray for some sun (the orange ball that used to be up in the sky.)
Fr. Earley

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAMILY FUN DAY

Once again St. Thomas will have a Family Fun Day with games, food and fun for all ages.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 27, 2009

More information will follow. If you would like to help out with the planning or volunteer for the day of please call Pat Archfield at 978-250-1710 or the rectory.

RECTORY SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The Rectory summer hours are

10am to 2pm

Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

CCD OFFICE CLOSED FOR MONTH OF JULY

The Religious Ed. Office is closed for the Month of July.

As of Monday, August 3 the summer hours will be

10am to 3pm Monday Tuesday Wednesday

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The CCD Office is in need of volunteers in the following grades.

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

Office Help is always needed for all grades!

The requirements for teaching in the Religious Education Program are that you are a confirmed practicing catholic and in good standing in the Church.

CCD Classes will Begin the week of September 14

The schedule will stay the same as last year

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	6 to 5:30pm

NEW CORI'S FORMS FOR 2009-2010

We ask all volunteers in the Parish to please fill out a new cori. This includes all CCD Teachers and all ministries. The Forms are in the Sacristy. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE

EACH VOLUNTEER MUST PROVIDE A GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION TO VERIFY HIS OR HER IDENTITY- MA LICENSE, US PASSPORT ETC.

CHURCH SUPPORT

June 7, 2009 Offertory Collection	\$5,543.48
June 14, 2009 Offertory Collection	\$4,982.00
June 21, 2009 Offertory Collection	\$5,451.00
Clergy Benefit Trust	\$3,368.00
June 27, 2009 Offertory Collection	\$4,657.00
Parish Monthly	\$3,156.79
July 5, 2009 Offertory Collection	\$4,713.00

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

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Greece & The Greek Isles

In the Steps of Saint Paul

Nov. 10-20, 2009

Father Augustine Anda, Parochial Vicar at St. Columbkille Parish, Brighton is leading a group to Greece and the Greek Isles on November 10, 2009. Father Anda has led other groups on inspiring trips to the Holy Land, Italy and Lourdes. We will visit Athens and Corinth prior to boarding our ship for a three-day Aegean Sea cruise where we will see the Greek Isles and Turkey. We will visit numerous archaeological sites throughout this inspiring trip. If interested, please contact Carolyn Kenney at 978-852-7852 or email cmk44@comcast.net. A flyer is available upon request. Price for the trip is \$2399, plus tax and \$200 additional for outside cabin on the cruise.

ENJOY A FAMILY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

St. William in Tewksbury will be showing "Come What May" on Frid, Aug 21 in the lower church at 7pm. "Come What May" is a movie about a college student and a seemingly impossible court argument. A children movie will be in the next room. For more info go to www.comewhatmaythe.com. 978-851-1304 or info@catholicquest.org Donation \$7 adult \$5 child family max \$ 25.

JULY 19, 2009

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

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

June 25, 2009

“Dear children! Rejoice with me, convert in joy and give thanks to God for the gift of my presence among you. Pray that, in your hearts, God may be in the center of your life and with your life witness, little children, so that every creature may feel God’s love. Be my extended hands for every creature, so that it may draw closer to the God of love. I bless you with my motherly blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

Meditation of the Heart

by Carolyn M. Kenney

Vast crowds followed Jesus wherever He went - from Capernaum to Jerusalem and from village to village. He crossed the broad Sea of Galilee and, “When He disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.”

People were drawn to Jesus. They were drawn to His kind voice, reverent nature and gentle, healing touch. These same attributes of Jesus are available to us if we seek Him with faith. We cannot - and should not - automatically expect Him to answer our every request if we cannot find the time to spend an hour with Him at mass on Sunday. He is our creator, our God and our life. At mass focus on Jesus, because you should only be there for Him. (“Meditations of the Heart” is available at www.authorhouse.com)