

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

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**Mass Intentions July 24-August 1, 2010**

**Saturday**

**5:00 PM Estelle Shelley**

**Sunday**

**8:00 AM Richard Dickinson**

**9:30 AM Anthony Fruciano**

**11:15 AM F.J. Earley**

**Monday**

**9:00 AM John Baldwin**

**Tuesday**

**9:00 AM Joseph Visconti & Lillian Michaud**

**Wednesday**

**9:00 AM Kelli Murray**

**Thursday**

**9:00 AM John, Marilyn & Gene Gage**

**Saturday**

**5:00PM Bill Hanlon**

**Sunday**

**8:00AM Dr. Susan Bayer**

**9:30 AM Maria & Jacinto Rego**

**11:15 AM Ron Maonaco**

**WEDDING BANNES**

*Nicole Catanzano and Ryan Downing.*

**BAPTISMS**

The following children were welcomed into St. Thomas Parish Family on Sunday, July 18., 2010.

Christopher Richard Cali  
Dante Roberto D'Ippolito  
Benjamin S. Gavegnano  
Alexia Lee Valente

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

The Rectory summer hours are  
10am to 2pm  
Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

CCD OFFICE will reopen as of Monday, August 2

10am to 3pm Monday Tuesday Wednesday

**A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR**

I want to thank all those who worked on the Pie Booth at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. The Charities Committee raised \$2,734.00. I am particularly grateful this year for their work because of the higher than usual heat they were working in. Thanks for a job well done!

Our religious education program is gearing up for another year. There is still a need for teachers and other volunteers. Elsewhere in the bulletin is a list of the open positions. If you are interested in helping to pass on our faith to the next generation, please call the religious education office.

It is that time of year when all parish volunteers have to fill out the CORI form. The filling out of the form each year can be a pain. However, it is a way to keep all of our parishioners safe. The forms are in the sacristy. Thanks for your cooperation.

The Catholic Appeal supports the central ministries of the Archdiocese of Boston. Our goal for the Appeal is \$30,500. Thus far \$31,082.00 has been pledged by 198 parishioners. We are now at 101.9 % of our goal. I want to thank all those who gave to the Catholic Appeal. It is not too late to give to the Catholic Appeal. The parish gets 25% of the amount pledged that is over our goal. If you have not yet given, please consider giving to the Catholic Appeal.

I also want to thank all those parishioners who send in their envelopes when they are away. I appreciate it. As the old cliché goes, the parish bills do not go on vacation!!

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

**FAMILY FUN DAY**

St. Thomas Parish Family Fun Day with games, food and fun for all ages. Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 26, 2010. If you would like to help out with the planning or volunteer for the day call Pat Archfield at 978-250-1710 or the rectory.

**BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION**

We are collecting school supplies that will be distributed to needy families through Catholic Charities in Lowell

Looking for a summer service project?

I am looking for a family or two to help with the school supply collection this summer, with the intention of taking over the project next summer. It is a great project for a young family. The tasks include setting up the boxes in mid July, putting the announcement in the bulletin, and sorting the supplies each Sunday. If you are interested or have further questions please call Donna at 978-988-0853.

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### ST. THOMAS CHARITIES COMMITTEE

#### FOOD COLLECTION

August 21 & 22, 2010

All donations may be dropped off in Villanova Hall this weekend. **The Food pantry is especially in need of grape jelly, tuna, canned fruit and condiments**

#### NEW CORI FORMS 2010-2011

We are asking all volunteers to fill out a new 2010-2011 Cori form The Cori forms are in the sacristy

**IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME FILLING OUT A CORI FORM PLEASE BE SURE TO TAKE A BLUE FORM**

**PLEASE NOTE VOLUNTEER MUST PROVIDE A GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION TO VERIFY HIS OR HER IDENTITY MA LICENSE US PASSPORT ETC.**

Volunteers in any parish ministry who have the potential for unmonitored access to children are required to fill out a Cori annually.

Catechists, substitute teachers, and other Religious Ed support staff serving the children of the parish Pastoral Visitation to the sick and Homebound Eucharistic ministers, lectors and ushers

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The CCD Office is in need of volunteers

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| Grade 3 | 3 teachers |
| Grade 6 | 4 teachers |
| Grade 8 | 2 teachers |
| Grade 9 | 4 teacher  |

They also are in need of office help and Hall monitors 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       | 5:30 to 6:30pm |

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

### OUTSIDE THE PARISH

#### GRANDPARENTS AS PARENTS

Are you a Grandparent Raising Your Grand Children? Did you know that you are not alone? Grandparents as Parents, a program of Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities, offers information and referrals, support groups, a quarterly newsletter and activities for grandparents and the grandchildren they are raising. Call Dotty Duval at 978-452-1421 ext. 223 or email her at [dotty\\_duval@ccab.org](mailto:dotty_duval@ccab.org) for more information.

#### THE PIETA MINISTRY

**Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents**

Monthly Mass and Coffee

9-5-10, 10-3-10, 11-7-10 & 12-5-10

St. Anthony Shrine & Ministry Center 100 Arch St, Downtown Crossing, Boston

**SPRITUAL RETREAT** November 6 & 7, 2010

Join other parents and Franciscan Friars in a warm and loving place where you can find comfort, rest and peace- at least for a time. For more information see [www.pietaministry.org](http://www.pietaministry.org) or call Diane at 1617-542-6440 ext 116.

#### THE SAMARITANS OF MERRIMCK VALLEY

A training class for prospective Samaritan volunteers. Volunteers answer 24 hour crisis help lines for the lonely, despairing and suicidal. The next training is August 23,25,30 and September 1 from 6:30-9:30PM at Family Service Inc 430 North Canal St. Lawrence. Attendance at all 4 training is required. For more information or to sign up to attend please e-mail Debbie at [dhelm@familyserviceinc.com](mailto:dhelm@familyserviceinc.com) or call 978-327-6671.

#### LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor is looking for a volunteer coordinator to help the home's volunteer efforts. The Volunteer Coordinator is a volunteer position that helps lead the way in opening up new opportunities for volunteers to contribute to the mission and day to day work of the home. You would be responsible for achieving what is absolutely critical for the long term sustainability of the Home, involving volunteers in every part of our mission. For more information please call John Licciardi 617-746-4420 ext 312 or email [smdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org](mailto:smdevelopment@littlesistersofthepoor.org).

**JULY 25, 2010**

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY                   | TUESDAY     | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY    | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY   |
|--|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|
| July 25<br>1pm<br>Baptismal<br>Instruction<br>7pm Prayer Group   | July 26                  | July 27     | July 28     | July 29     | July 30  | July 31  |
| August 1<br>1pm Baptism<br>NO Prayer Group                       | August 2                 | August 3    | August 4    | August 5    | August 6<br>6pm to 7:30pm<br>Eucharistic<br>Adoration    | August 7<br>10-11:30<br>Angels meeting                                 |
| August 8<br>NO Prayer Group                                      | August 9                 | August 10   | August 11   | August 12   | August 13  | August 14  |
| August 15<br>1pm Baptism<br>NO Prayer Group                      | August 16                | August 17   | August 18   | August 19   | August 20  | August 21<br>FOOD<br>COLLECTION<br><br>10 to 11:30am<br>Angels Meeting |
| August 22  | August 23                | August 24   | August 25   | August 26   | August 27  | August 28  |
| August 29<br>1pm<br>Baptismal<br>Instruction<br>7pm Prayer Group | August 30                | August 31   | September 1 | September 2 | September 3<br>6pm to 7:30pm<br>Eucharistic<br>Adoration | September 4  |
| September 5<br>1pm Baptism<br>NO Prayer Group                    | September 6<br>Labor Day | September 7 | September 8 | September 9 | September 10   | September 11   |

**SUMMER HOURS:**

**PRAYER GROUP** WILL MEET LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH at 7pm

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** WILL BE FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH from 6-7:30pm

**OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE**

**June 25, 2010**

*“Dear children! With joy, I call you all to live my messages with joy, only in this way little children, will you be able to be closer to my Son. I desire to lead you all only to Him, and in Him you will find true peace and the joy of your heart. I bless you all and love you with immeasurable love. Thank you for having responded to my call.”*

Meditation of the Heart

By Carolyn M. Kenney

In today's gospel, we read some word beautiful words spoken by Jesus, "...ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

If we ask Jesus in our prayers for graces and blessings, He will bestow them on us. If we seek them, He will be sure to bless us abundantly; if we knock He will open the door of salvation and be sure to welcome us inside. Seek God's graces and blessings. We need as many as we can obtain. Seek them and He will fill you beyond measure.