

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF WILMINGTON AND SOUTH TEWKSBURY

Mass Intentions February 5-12, 2012

Saturday St. Dorothy

4:00 PM Anna E. Colbert & Joseph E Colbert Jr.

St. Thomas

5:30 PM. Michael Franculli

Sunday St. Dorothy

7:30 AM Annie Rooney & Brian Lamothe

St, Thomas

9:00AM Margorie Melino & Gertrude Wagstaff

St. Dorothy

10:30 AM Mary Puleo & Fred Peters

St. Thomas

12Noon Walter & Kevin Clancy, James DeMio &

Margaret Melillo

Daily Mass at St. Dorothy Church Monday- Thursday

Monday

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Tuesday

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Wednesday

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Thursday

9:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Saturday St. Dorothy

4:00 PM Margaret Woodworth & Margaret "Peggy"

Graham

St. Thomas

5:30 PM Virginia Crane & Michael Franculli

Sunday St. Dorothy

7:30 AM For the people of the Parish

St, Thomas

9:00AM Gildo Frederico & Margaret Melillo

St. Dorothy

10:30 AM Robert Coleman & John Dwyer

St. Thomas

12Noon Guilhmer Viveiros, Honorato & Maria

Liberato & Joseph L. Ring

PLEASE PRAY FOR *CJ Wilkin, .Ellen Mitchel, Jane Leary, Kevin Rodwell, James O'Keefe, Michael Murphy, Dennis Wilson, James O'Leary, Frances Berkeley, and Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Cronin* who are ill and in need of prayers

For the intentions on our wailing wall and in our petition box and for the protection of our Armed Forces stationed overseas.

SODALITY MEETING

On Thursday, February 9 The Ladies Sodality will say the rosary in St. Dorothy Church at 7pm a meeting will follow downstairs in the hall.

SODALITY COFFEE HOUR

Please join us Downstairs in St. Dorothy Parish Hall after the 10:30 Mass on February 12 for Coffee hour.

You are Invited, Welcomed, Accepted, Loved and Respected at St. Thomas of Villanova and St. Dorothy Parishes No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, No matter what your current family or marital situation, No matter your personal history, age, background, race or color, No matter what your own self-image or esteem.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Listening Day was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall behind St. Thomas of Villanova Church. The day began with registration at 8:30 AM and ran until 3:30 PM. During the morning session we presented the results of the survey and focus groups. We presented the history of the two parishes. I also gave a talk on evangelization and a talk on the future of our parishes. We had lunch. In the afternoon we had different topics for discussions at the tables. We wanted the input of the participants and we got it.

I want to thank all the participants who gave of their time. There were upwards of a hundred participants. I also want to thank the pastoral planning team for all their efforts. They have spent many hours. I appreciate every moment they have spent and will continue to spend as we develop a pastoral plan for the Catholic community of Wilmington and South Tewksbury.

If you would like to join the Why Catholic program, you can. It is not too late. Please call the rectory and leave your name with Pat Archfield.

This Sunday the confirmation students are sponsoring a Souper Bowl of Caring. The food and money they collect will be donated to the Wilmington and Tewksbury food pantries. Like most food pantries, demand is exceeding the ability to meet that demand. Thanks for your support.

Finally, like many American men, I have been diagnosed with prostate cancer. It will be treated by a combination therapy. I have started hormone therapy to slow the growth of the cancer cells. At the end of February I will have the first of two procedures. The first one will snip off some of the prostate while the second one will insert the radioactive seeds. I do not anticipate missing any weekends or weekdays except for the time I have doctors' appointments or a procedure or recovering from a procedure.

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

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, April 15 at St. Dorothy Church and Saturday, April 21 at St. Thomas Church. Please pray our teens are open and receptive to God's Word.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

BAPTISM INSTRUCTION

St. Dorothy and St. Thomas Baptism Instruction will be held the last Sunday of the Month in St. Thomas Church at 1:30PM. Baptism Dates are the first and third Sunday of every month at 1:30PM. at both Churches.

**PLEASE NOTE NO INSTRUCTION CLASS
FEBRUARY 26th**

THERE WILL BE NO BAPTISMS DURING LENT

THE BAPTISMS DURING THE EASTER SEASON

April 8th (Easter) 10:30AM MASS at St. Dorothy Church
12 NOON MASS at St. Thomas Church

April 15th 1:30PM St. Thomas Church only

May 6th 10:30AM MASS at St. Dorothy Church
12 NOON at St. Thomas Church

May 20th 1:30PM Both Churches

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2nd Annual Spring Carnival

We Need Your Support!

The St. Thomas Angels Children's Ministry will again be sponsoring a Spring Carnival on March 17th from 10am-3pm in Villanova Hall. There will be various vendors, and games and entertainment for kids. All proceeds from this event will go towards replacing the dividers in the church basement, which are in very bad shape.

To help make this event a success we are asking for donations from parishioners and local businesses for our raffle table and for a table called "Grandma's Attic of Hidden Treasures". Raffle items could be gift baskets, gift certificates to local restaurants, repair centers, gas cards, etc. For Grandma's Attic we are looking for the following items: Jewelry, knitted/crocheted items, wood crafts (stools, bird houses, plaques etc), gently used household items, homemade baked goods/candy.

We ask that you please refrain from donating items such as electronics, books, videos, cd's and dvd's.

More information to come regarding drop off dates and times. If you have any questions please contact:

Wendy Proodian: waproodian@comcast.net, 978-657-8646.

THINKING OF BECOMING ALTAR SERVER

Coming soon Altar Server Training! If you are in fourth grade or above think and pray about being an Altar Server at the Table of God. More information will be coming!

WEDDING MUSIC

On Sunday, February 26th at 1:30 P.M. at St. Thomas of Villanova Church there will be a mandatory meeting for all brides and grooms who will be married in 2012. There will be a concert of all wedding music choices performed by the music staff of St. Thomas. At this meeting you will choose your musical selections for your wedding.

If you need to contact Lora Tamagini the Director of Music, at St. Thomas of Villanova her email is Losuta@aol.com.

SOUP & STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Soup & Stations will take place at St. Dorothy Church every Friday during Lent

We would love your favorite soup recipe

Please contact Ellie Martin 978-658-5276

Soup starts at 6pm and Stations starts at 7pm

Please come and join us and enjoy the Spirit of Community and the taste of good soup

ST. DOROTHY PARISH CHURCH SUPPORT

January 28 & 29, 2012

Weekly Offertory Collection - \$2,737.97

Church in Latin America Collection - \$1,294.00

Thank you for your continued support!

ST. DOROTHY PARISH SHARING & CARING

4:00PM Mass	\$28.73
7:30AM Mass	\$14.00
10:30AM Mass	\$ 2.37
Other donation	\$ 8.01

GRAND ANNUAL

The total as of January 30, 2012

St. Dorothy	\$ 7,740.00
St. Thomas	\$38,291.00

FOOD COLLECTION FEBRUARY 18 & 19

The Charities Committee are collecting food for the Wilmington Food Pantry the weekend of February 18 & 19.

THANK YOU FROM HEART BEAT

Thank you for the many wonderful baby items and the cash donated during your recent baby shower for families assisted by Heartbeat! The parents are very grateful for the help they receive for their children and for your extreme generosity and caring! Thanks to all who planned, coordinated or helped with the shower!

Pregnant or new moms needing assistance should call 781-229-7887. God bless All of You! We wish you a Blessed New Year!

FEBRUARY 5, 2012



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January 2012

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Allow me this opportunity to share with you important information concerning an alarming and serious matter that negatively impacts the Church in the United States directly, and that strikes at the fundamental right to religious liberty for all citizens of any faith. The federal government, which claims to be “of, by, and for the people,” has just dealt a heavy blow to almost a quarter of those people—the Catholic population—and to the millions more who are served by the Catholic faithful.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced last week that almost all employers, *including Catholic employers*, will be forced to offer their employees’ health coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception. Almost all health insurers will be forced to include those “services” in the health policies they write. And almost all individuals will be forced to buy that coverage as a part of their policies. The Church has had to struggle against regulations like those now proposed by HHS in several states. This HHS ruling would expand and intensify a situation which is already very harmful.

In its ruling, the Administration has cast aside the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, denying to Catholics our Nation’s first and most fundamental freedom, that of religious liberty. And as a result, unless the rule is overturned, we Catholics will be compelled and must be prepared either to violate our consciences, or to drop health coverage for our employees (and suffer the penalties for doing so). The administration’s sole concession was to give our institutions one year to comply.

We cannot simply accept this unjust law now proposed at the federal level. People of faith cannot be made second class citizens. We are already joined by our brothers and sisters of all faiths and many others of good will in this important effort to regain our religious freedom. Our parents and grandparents did not come to these shores to help build America’s cities and towns, its infrastructure and institutions, its enterprise and culture, only to have their posterity stripped of their God given rights. In generations past, the Church has always been able to count on the faithful to stand up and protect her sacred rights and duties. I trust she can count on this generation of Catholics to do the same. Our children and grandchildren deserve nothing less.

In order that we make every effort to respond to this proposed restriction on religious liberty I would ask of you two things. First, as a community of faith we must commit ourselves to prayer and fasting that wisdom and justice may prevail, and religious liberty may be restored. Without God, we can do nothing; with God, nothing is impossible. Second, I recommend that you visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website, www.usccb.org/conscience, to learn more about this assault on religious liberty, and how to contact Congress in support of legislation that would reverse the Administration’s decision.

With the assurance of my prayers for you and all your loved ones, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sean P. O'Malley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Archbishop of Boston

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

MEDITATION OF THE HEART

By Carolyn M. Kenney

For three years, Jesus lived in the home of Saint Peter in the village of Capernaum. From there, He walked from village to village teaching and healing everyone He met. As we read in today's gospel, Jesus cured Peter's mother-in-law. Later that evening, "the whole town was gathered at the door" of their home. Everyone knew Jesus; they wanted - and like us, they needed - to hear His words of love and encouragement. They brought their sick to Him for healing. Jesus, in turn, touched them, healed them and filled each with His love. As Jesus stated in Mark's gospel of today, "For this purpose have I come." Today, Jesus asks us to do the same. He asks us to reach out to others and to share our faith with everyone we meet.

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

January 25, 2012

"Dear children! With joy, also today I call you to open your hearts and to listen to my call, Anew, I desire to draw you closer to my Immaculate Heart, where you will find refuge and peace. Open yourselves to prayer, until it becomes a joy for you. Through prayer, the Most High will give you an abundance of grace and you will become my extended hands in this restless world which longs for peace. Little children, with your lives witness faith and pray that faith may grow day by day in your hearts. I am with you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

NEED A RIDE

For important errands (medical, dental, pharmacy, banking, Sunday Mass), we have a volunteer team of drivers. For more information please call Noel at 978-658-4909.

WHY CATHOLIC?

Why Catholic? What is Prayer? How does your prayer lead to greater self-awareness, as well as greater awareness and relationship with God and others? How aware are you of your need for God and for one another? Reflect on these questions and come join a faith-share group to help you look deeply at your relationship with God and how you nurture that relationship in prayer. Discuss and bounce your thoughts off your fellow parishioners. There are many groups and time available to meet your busy schedule.

MORNING OF PRAYER

FOR PARISH PASTORAL VISITORS AND MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK

On Saturday, March 3, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Dracut, Ma. 10am -12noon. Everyone is welcome. If you are interested in going please call Pat Archfield at Parish Offices, 978-658-4665. There is no charge for this wonderful day of sharing and reflection on our ministry.

REFLECTION: "Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. "Mark 1:35

We live in a world filled with activity. There's nothing wrong with that. Activity and everyday endeavors can be healthy dimensions of life because this is where we are and where God is. It is out of this very nitty-gritty and whirlwind life that our spiritual growth can happen. Hurry and busyness, however, get to be unhealthy when we allow our activities to steal all our time away so that we never look inside to that wonderful world of the soul. Busyness may appear to be very legitimate when, in reality, it is our excuse for not praying because we don't feel like praying, don't know how to pray or wonder if anything happens when we pray.

We need to want to pray enough to set aside a time and place each day to be alone with God, our Beloved Companion. As in any relationship, if we just breeze by our friends every day with only a nod or a hug and kiss of hello and good-bye, the relationship can easily slip into artificiality and lack depth because we have not shared anything of our inner self.

Spiritual writer Jose Hobday once said that every person ought to spend as much time in prayer as in eating. Now that's a challenge! Yet, it rings true: We take the time to feed the hungers of our body, but so often neglect the hungers of our soul.

Prayer is not a competition, not an experience of winning or of accumulating good feelings, and great insights. Prayer is about "showing up" with an open mind and heart, being willing and ready to grow and change.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This weekend we welcome the third grade students and their families to the 9:00 Mass at St. Thomas' Church to participate in the Mass and the Eucharist which they have been learning about in their classes.

Parents of second grade students are reminded of the Parent Meeting in preparation for their child's First Communion on Sunday, February 12th, after the 12:00 Mass at St. Thomas' Church.

GRADE LEVEL MASSES

9:00am at St. Thomas of Villanova Church

February 5	Grade 3	Mass and Eucharist
March 4	Grade 6	Trust in God
March 11	Grade 4	Ten Commandments

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Classes have begun for adults who wish to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring. We meet on Tuesday evenings at St. Dorothy Church Hall at 7:00. Adults from both parishes are welcome. For information call the religious education office at 978-658-9713

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 5 1:30pm Baptism Gr 10 6:30-8pm Confirmation prep St. Dorothy	Feb 6 Young Faith Grade 7& 8 7:-8:30pm St. Thomas CCD Grade 1 4-5 Grade 4 5:30-6:30 Gr 10 7-8:30pm Confirmation prep St. Thomas	Feb 7 St. Dorothy CCD Grade 6 4-5pm St. Thomas CCD Grade 2 4-5 Gr 5 5:30-6:30pm Grade 8 6:45-8pm	Feb 8 St. Dorothy CCD Grade 3&4 4-5 St. Thomas CCD Grade 3 4-5pm Grade 6 5:30-6:30pm	Feb 9 St. Dorothy CCD Gr 5 4-5pm 7 to 8:30pm Scripture Study St. Dorothy 7pm Sodality meeting	Feb 10	Feb 11 St. Dorothy CCD Grade 1&2 10:30-11:30 Grade 1&3 9:15-10:15am Created for Love Program for Gr. 7 & 8 10:30am to 3pm WORLD MARRIAGE
Feb 12 Children's Liturgy Sodality Coffee Hour after the 10:30 Mass Gr 9 7-8:30pm St. Dorothy	Feb 13 Young Faith Grade 7& 8 7:-8:30pm St. Thomas CCD Grade 1 4-5 Grade 4 5:30-6:30 Gr 9 7-8:30pm Confirmation prep St. Thomas	Feb 14 St. Dorothy CCD Grade 6 4-5pm NO CCD CLASS at St. Thomas	Feb 15 St. Dorothy CCD Grade 3&4 4-5 St. Dorothy Young Faith Grade 7& 8 7:-8:30pm NO CCD CLASS St. Thomas	Feb 16 St. Dorothy CCD Gr 5 4-5pm 7 to 8:30pm Scripture Study St. Dorothy	Feb 17	Feb 18 NO CCD CLASS FOOD COLLECTION
Feb 19 1:30pm Baptism	Feb 20 NO CCD CLASS	Feb 21 NO CCD CLASS	Feb 22 NO CCD CLASS ASH WEDNESDAY 9am Mass St. Dorothy 4:00pm Service St. Thomas 7pm Mass St. Thomas s	Feb 23 NO CCD CLASS	Feb 24 6pm Soup 7pm Station St. Dorothy	Feb 25 St. Dorothy CCD Grade 1&2 10:30-11:30 Grade 1&3 9:15-10:15am
Feb 26 Children's Liturgy 1:30pm Wedding Workshop Gr 9 7-8:30pm St. Dorothy	Feb 27 Young Faith Grade 7& 8 7:-8:30pm St. Thomas CCD Grade 1 4-5 Grade 4 5:30-6:30 Gr 9 7-8:30pm Confirmation prep St. Thomas	Feb 28 St. Dorothy CCD Grade 6 4-5pm St. Thomas CCD Grade 2 4-5 Gr 5 5:30-6:30pm Grade 8 6:45-8pm	Feb 29 St. Dorothy CCD Grade 3&4 4-5 Young Faith Gr 7& 8 7:-8:30pm St. Thomas CCD Grade 3 4-5pm Grade 6 5:30-6:30pm Leave the Lights on Confession 6:30pm to 8pm St. Dorothy	March 1 St. Dorothy CCD Gr 5 4-5pm	March 2 6pm Soup 7pm Station St. Dorothy	March 3 St. Dorothy CCD Grade 1&2 10:30-11:30 Grade 1&3 9:15-10:15am Confirmation Retreat Food For the Poor
March 4 Gr 10 6:30 -8pm Sponsor & candidate Gathering St. Dorothy	March 5 St. Thomas CCD Grade 1 4-5 Grade 4 5:30-6:30 Gr 10 7-8:30pm Sponsor & candidate Gathering St. Thomas	March 6 St. Dorothy CCD Grade 6 4-5pm St. Thomas CCD Grade 2 4-5 Gr 5 5:30-6:30pm Grade 7 6:45-8pm	March 7 St. Dorothy CCD Grade 3&4 4-5 St. Thomas CCD Grade 3 4-5pm Grade 6 5:30-6:30pm Leave the Lights on Confession 6:30pm to 8pm St. Dorothy	March 8 St. Dorothy CCD Gr 5 4-5pm	March 9 6pm Soup 7pm Station St. Dorothy	March 10 St. Dorothy CCD Grade 1&2 10:30-11:30 Grade 1&3 9:15-10:15am Confirmation Retreat

ALTAR MINISTERS Altar Servers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers if you have a special request please e-mail me or call Parish Offices with your request, parchfield@verizon.net .

ST. DOROTHY CHOIR St Dorothy Choir rehearses from **9:20** to 10:05AM. on Sunday mornings. All are welcome!

PRAYER GROUP The Prayer Group will meet at 7pm in St. Thomas Chapel this Sun, February 26.

SCRIPTURE STUDY A discussion of the Scripture readings for the forthcoming weekend is held every Thurs evening 7 to 8:30PM in St. Dorothy lower church.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP Pray Hour The Group invites you to join them on Thurs, Feb 16 at 7pm upstairs in St. Dorothy's.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE St. Dorothy: Saturday 3:15 to 3:45pm St. Thomas: Saturday.4:45to 5:15pm

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