

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions September 29- Oct 7, 2007

Saturday

5:00 PM Jeannette Lavoie

Sunday

8:00 AM Jose Marques

9:30 AM Brian Godin

11:15 AM Winifred & Alexander Groves

Monday

9:00 AM Mrs. Anna & Anthony Visconti

Tuesday

9:00 AM Maeve Goulding

Wednesday

9:00 AM Cornelius O'Brien

Thursday

9:00 AM Maeve Goulding

Saturday

5:00 PM Jeanne & Robert Auld

Sunday

8:00 AM In honor of The Goulding Family

9:30 AM Stephen Grant

11:15 AM Arthur Boudreau & John C. Florence

DOMINICAN SISTERS BAKE SALE

There will be a bake sale on the weekend Oct 6 & 7 there will be bread, brownies, apple & Blueberry pies. The proceeds from the sale will be used to buy medical supplies for their mission to support the lepers.

CHURCH SUPPORT

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

BLESSING OF THE PETS

Celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals, everyone is invited to bring their pets This Sunday, September 30 at 1:00pm for a special blessing. We will meet on the lawn in front of the Marian Shrine.

WEDDING BANNES

I Amanda Nee and Paul Tramontozi

III Laurabeth Holmes and Nicolas Cino

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

This past Sunday afternoon we had Family Fun Day. The turnout was great. It was the biggest crowd yet! There were be hamburgers and hot dogs, games, etc. At the conclusion of the day we will celebrated Mass. It was a fun time. I want to thank all those who helped organize the day. I want to thank the Knights of Columbus for donating the hamburgers and hotdogs; the Sons of Italy for their donation; Piantedosi Bakery in Malden for the donation of all the rolls.

On Sunday, September 30 at 1:00 PM we will have a blessing of pets in front of the Mary statue in the side yard of the church. Bring your pet for a blessing.

On Saturday October 6, a group of parishioners will leave for Biloxi, Mississippi. They will be gone for a week. It has been a little over a year since we were there. It will be interesting to see how much progress has been made in the clean up effort.

On Saturday October 20th the Women's Club will be holding their Fall Senior Luncheon. Mark your calendars.

After I write this note, I have to go to a meeting concerning the Arise Together in Christ program. It is a spiritual renewal program that the archdiocese is sponsoring as part of the bicentennial celebration. Cardinal Sean is strongly encouraging all parishes to participate. That is church talk for you have too!! I will find out more about the program and let you now more about it. The program is a nationwide program from Renew International.

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

Thank You

St. Thomas Women's Club;

I'd like to take a moment to thank you for your donation to the Center of Jesus the Lord totaling \$550.00.

You will be remembered in a special way at all Eucharistic Celebrations here at the Center.

The generosity you have shown to the Center reminds me of the early Christian Community, "The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common." (Acts 4:32)

I pray that God gives back to you one hundred fold what you have contributed to help build up His kingdom in the ministries here at The Center of Jesus the Lord and may all contributions be used wisely and prudently according to God's Holy design.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. John M Capuci

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SENIOR ANOINTING MASS & LUNCHEON

St. Thomas Women's Club will sponsor the Fall Senior Anointing Mass and Luncheon on Sat., Oct. 20, in Villanova Hall. Mass is 11:30am followed by the Luncheon. To make a reservation please call Joan at 978-657-3905 before October 16th. No reservations will be taken after that date. If you need a ride, please let us know when you register.

ST. THOMAS CRAFT FAIR

The Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, November 17th, at 10am to 3pm in Villanova Hall.

ST. THOMAS WOMEN'S CLUB

The Women's Club will be taking reservations for an evening at the Stoneham Theatre for the Christmas play "Miracle on 34th Street" on Friday Nov. 30, 2007 at 8pm. Tickets are \$25 for Seniors 62 and over, \$28 for under \$16 for students. To place a paid reservation call Joan at 978-657-3905.

SCRIPTURAL SCRIPTURE STUDY

Come and join our Spiritual Scripture Study Club Saturday mornings in Villanova Hall at 9am. Spiritual Scripture Study teaches members how to examine Sacred Scripture from both the literal and spiritual sense. Membership is \$5. per month paid every six months. For more information, call Darren at 978-657-0753.

NEW CORI'S FORMS FOR 2007-2008

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, ECT.

PARISH OUTREACHING MEETING

The Parish Outreach committee will meet Wednesday, Oct 3, at 7pm in Villanova Hall.

Meditation of the Heart

By Carolyn Kenney

This past summer many of us have been watching the Red Sox. Will they be able to repeat their amazing performance of 2004? Will they once again reach the World Series? We all try to do the best we can whether it is at work, school or in our home environments. At times the situations we encounter are too much and we are overcome with stress and anxiety. At these times, we must turn to God with faith and through prayer ask for His help.

Each day, God calls us to "accomplish great things" in whatever situation we find ourselves - whether it is small or large. Mother Teresa worked diligently day after day, not only on the streets of Calcutta, but throughout the world performing the tasks God asked of her. She gave us these beautiful words of advice, "Give yourself fully to Jesus. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in His love than in your weakness."

90th ANNIVERSARY OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Oct 13 is the 90th Anniversary of when the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal and performed the "miracle of the sun" so that everyone would believe in Her message. Oct 13, 1917 was a day filled with rain pouring down. Thousands of people both believers and unbelievers traveled from all over to witness the miracle. They walked through huge puddles and drove their carriages through mud. The people were soaking wet. At the appointed time the sun started spinning in the sky as though it was falling out of the sky. People were praying and they were scared. When the sun returned to the sky the ground was dry, the people were all dry and clean. Healings were also reported. Our Blessed Mother's Message then and still is today to pray the Rosary, fast, and go to confession.

We wish to cordially invite each and every one of you to attend our Rosary group meeting and pray the Rosary on Sun, Oct 14, at 7pm in the Chapel. Prayer will consist of the Rosary and some music and will end no later than 8:30pm. You do not need to bring anything (except for family and friends). Help us to honor Our Blessed Mother and thank Her Son Jesus for the blessings we have and present our needs to Her. Just think of the happiness your presence at the Rosary on this anniversary will bring Heaven.

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE Sept. 25, 2007

"Dear Children! Also today I call all of you for your hearts to blaze with more ardent love for the Crucified, and do not forget that, out of love for you, He gave His life so that you may be saved. Little children, meditate and pray that your heart may be open to God's love. Thank you for having responded to my call."

SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| Sept 30 Grade 10 @11:15 Mass 1pm Baptismal Instruction 1pm Blessing of the Pets 7pm Prayer Group | Oct 1 CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm 9 6:45-8pm | Oct 2 CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 7 6:45-8pm | Oct 3 CCD grades 3 4-5pm 6 5:30-6:30 | Oct 4 | Oct 5 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration | Oct 6 STAMP TRIP MISSISSIPPI PIE SALE |
| Oct 7 9:30am Children's Liturgy 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group | Oct 8 Columbus Day | Oct 9 CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 8 6:45-8pm | Oct 10 CCD grades 3 4-5pm 6 5:30-6:30 | Oct 11 | Oct 12 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration | Oct 13 STAMP Returns Home |
| Oct 14 7pm Prayer Group | Oct 15 SAFETY WEEK Grade 1-8 ONLY STUDENTS THAT HAVE had PERMISSION SLIP signed should attend CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm All grade 9 students 6:45-8pm | Oct 16 SAFETY WEEK Grade 1-8 ONLY STUDENTS THAT HAVE had PERMISSIONSLIP signed should attend CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 7 6:45-8pm 8 6:45-8pm | Oct 17 SAFETY WEEK Grade 1-8 ONLY STUDENTS THAT HAVE had PERMISSION SLIP signed should attend CCD grades 3 4-5pm 6 5:30-6:30 | Oct 18 | Oct 19 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration | Oct 20 Senior Mass & Luncheon |
| Oct 21 9:30am Children's Liturgy 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group | Oct 22 CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm 10 6:45-8pm | Oct 23 CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 8 6:45-8pm | Oct 24 CCD grades 3 4-5pm 6 5:30-6:30 | Oct 25 | Oct 26 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration | Oct 27 Parish Outreach |
| OCT 28 Parish Outreach Gr 2 Parent meeting in Church @ 12:45pm 7pm Prayer Group | OCT 29 CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm 9 6:45-8pm | OCT 30 CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 7 6:45-8pm | OCT 31 Halloween 7pm Mass | Nov 1 All saints 9am Mass | Nov 2 | Nov 3 |