

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions August 25 - September 2, 2007

Saturday

5:00 PM Dorothy Rooney

Sunday

8:00 AM Charles Cosgrove

9:30 AM Elizabeth Emily Earley-Wright

11:15 AM Walter Fullerton

Monday

9:00 AM Yvonne Deveau

Tuesday

9:00 AM Florence Bates

Wednesday

9:00 AM Rose Baril

Thursday

9:00 AM Jennie Puccio

Saturday

5:00PM Anne Vecchiarelli

Sunday

8:00AM Maria Chaves and Jacinto Rego

9:30 AM Priscilla Shdeed

11:15 AM Madelyn & Mel Southmayd

SUMMER HOURS

CCD Office: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10am to 3pm

Rectory: Tuesday Wednesday Thursday 10 to 2pm

CHURCH SUPPORT

The second collection this weekend is the Parish Monthly.

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

On Our Web Site

Time to Re-energize!

For many of us, even those not headed back to the classroom, September is an invigorating time. Vacations are over. The crisp air gives us energy we couldn't seem to muster up in 90-degree weather. And we take out our Day Timers or Blackberries to do some serious organizing....

To read the rest of this story, go to stthomasvillanova.com and read The Pastor's Corner.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Next Weekend is Labor Day weekend. Every Labor Day weekend I go to a meeting of the Intercommunity Legal Conference. This is a group of priests, religious women and men who are civil attorneys. This year the meeting is being held at the Holy Spirit Retreat Center in Encino, California. The speaker this year is Fr. Allan Deck, S.J., who presently serves as the Executive Director for the Loyola Institute of Spirituality in Orange California. I had signed up to go. My sister used some of her many business miles to get me a first class ticket from Boston to Los Angeles. I look forward to this event each year.

As often happens in life, plans change. I am not going this year. The reason for my not going is simple. Fr. Gene Tully, Pastor of St Theresa's in Billerica and my best friend is scheduled to be operated for malignant melanoma on the day before I was to leave. He wanted me to go because he knows how much I enjoy that group. I told him no way. I am going to take him in for the surgery and then take him home and care for him. The surgeon told him that after the surgery he may want to hide as his head will swell for at least three days after surgery. Gradually the swelling will go down. The time for recuperation is three months.

Fr. Tully had been seeing a dermatologist on a regular basis. When he would ask about the spot on his face, the dermatologist was very dismissive of it. It was no problem. His family and friends urged him to get another opinion. Fortunately the next dermatologist said the first doctor may be right but I would like to do a biopsy. He did and the rest is history. My point in sharing that part of the story is to encourage anyone who still has questions about a medical condition after seeing a doctor, get a second opinion. In Fr. Tully's case, it would have been better to have gotten it sooner than later.

Since a plastic surgeon is going to do the surgery, I made Fr. Tully promise that he would not come out looking better than me!! (That's a joke.)

Since I was scheduled to be away for the conference, I am going to take that time away to take care of him. After Labor Day, I will continue to take care for him for another week or so. During that time I will be in and out of the parish. I hope you will be understanding of my in and out schedule.

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

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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.

PROTECTING GODS CHILDREN

St Thomas Parish dates for protecting God's Children class are:
Sunday, August 26 after the 11:15 Mass
Wednesday, August 29, 6:00 pm

Please call the rectory to register for the class.

SCRIPTUAL SCRIPTURE STUDY

St. Thomas is starting a Spiritual Scripture Study Club. First meeting will be on Saturday September 8th in Villanova Hall at 9am. Spiritual Scripture Study teaches members how to examine Sacred Scripture from both the literal and spiritual sense. Come and join our Spiritual Scripture Study Club and learn about the living Word of God in all its richness. Membership is \$5. per month paid every six months. For more information, call Darren at 978-657-0753.

ST. THOMAS MEMORIAL GARDEN

If you would like to contribute to the Memorial Garden to help with its beautification with either flowers or money please contact Pat Archfield.

FAMILY FUN DAY **"FUN FOR ALL AGES"**

St. Thomas will have a Family Fun Day with games, food and fun for all ages on Sun., September 23 from 2 to 4pm followed by an outside Mass on the lawn.

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.

OLAN MILLS PHOTO PARISH DIRECTORY

Any one who was unable to have their family picture taken with Olan Mills and is interested in having a free photo picture taken please call the Rectory.

BLESSING OF THE PETS

In honor of St. Frances of Assi we will have a blessing of all pets on Sunday, September 30th at 1pm out on the lawn by the Marian Shrine.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Grade 5	2 teachers
Grade 6	4 teachers
Grade 7	4 teachers
Grade 8	2 teachers

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

NEW CCD CLASS SCHEDULE

CCD will begin the week of September 10th Below is the new list of days and times of classes.

Monday

Grade 1	4:00-5:00pm
Grade 4	5:30-6:30pm
Grade 9/10	6:45-8:00pm

Grade 9 meets the first and third Monday / Grade 10 meets the second and fourth Monday of the month

Tuesday

Grade 2	4:00-5:00pm
Grade 5	5:30-6:30pm
Grade 7/8	6:45-8:00pm

Grade 7 meets the first and third Tuesday / Grade 8 meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Wednesday

Grade 3	4:00-5:00pm
Grade 6	5:30-6:30pm

AUGUST 26, 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 26 FOOD COLLECTION 1pm Baptismal Instruction 7pm Prayer Group	Aug 27	Aug 28	Aug 29	Aug 30	Aug 31 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Sept 1
Sept 2 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	Sept 3 Labor Day	Sept 4	Sept 5	Sept 6	Sept 7 Girl Scout 3:30 -5pm 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Sept 8
Sept 9 7pm Prayer Group	Sept 10 CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm 10 6:45-8pm 6:30pm Women's Club Opening Mass	Sept 11 CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 8 6:45-8pm	Sept 12 CCD grades 3 4-5pm 6 5:30-6:30	Sept 13	Sept 14	Sept 15

ST. THOMAS 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.

ST.THOMAS WOMEN'S CLUB will open the season with Mass on Monday, Sept 10 at 6:30pm in the Chapel. Game Night and Pizza will follow in Villanova Hall. All Women of the Parish are invited to join us.

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE July 25, 2007

"Dear children! Today, on the day of the Patron of your Parish, I call you to imitate the lives of the Saints. May they be, for you, an example and encouragement to a life of holiness. May prayer for you be like the air you breathe in and not a burden. Little children, God will reveal His love to you and you will experience the joy that you are my beloved. God will bless you and give you an abundance of grace. Thank you for having responded to my call "

Meditation of the Heart By Carolyn Kenney

Are you a saint? On Monday and Tuesday of this week, we celebrate the feast days of two great saints in the Catholic church - Saint Monica and her son, Saint Augustine. For seventeen years Saint Monica prayed for the conversion of her son who was leading a sinful life, far away from the church and its teachings. Shortly before her death, her prayers were answered and Saint Augustine was converted. He served as a Bishop for thirty-five years and was also declared a Doctor of the Church.

Due to her faith, the prayers of Saint Monica were answered. We all pray to God for family, relatives, friends and other special needs. When we pray, we must follow the example of Saint Monica and pray with faith. Ask Saint Monica and Saint Augustine to guide you in your prayer life. It's never too late for you or someone you love to become a saint.