

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

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**Mass Intentions February 10-18, 2007**

**Saturday**

**5:00 PM Charlie Baldwin**

**Sunday**

**8:00 AM Maria & Honorato Liberato & Guilherme Viveiros**

**9:30 AM Lawrence Reinhart**

**11:15 AM Virginia Crane**

**Monday**

**9:00 AM Robert Doucette**

**Tuesday**

**9:00 AM Ghislain LucGingues**

**Wednesday**

**9:00 AM Alice Cianfrocca**

**Thursday**

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**Saturday**

**5:00 PM Richard P. Robinson**

**Sunday**

**8:00 AM George Pratt**

**9:30 AM Joseph Saporito**

**11:15 AM Edward White**

**ALTAR MINISTERS**

Anyone who is interested in becoming a Eucharist Minister or Lector, please call Deacon Cliff King at the rectory.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Eucharistic Ministers interested in bring communion to the nursing home please call Mary at 978-771-3513.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Lent begins Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.  
The Mass schedule will be 9am and 7pm  
& 4:00pm Service only

**STAMP DANCE**

Tickets are now being sold for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual STAMP Dance on Saturday, March 10 in Villanova Hall. Please join us for a fun filled night of great raffle prizes, food and dance. Tickets are \$25 each and are available at the rectory or by calling Mike Pizzotti at 978-657-8407. They may also be purchased from any STAMP member. Thank you for your support.

**A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR**

We will be celebrating World Marriage Day at the 5:00 PM Mass this Saturday. After Mass there will be a reception downstairs. Come join us. I want to thank Deacon Cliff King and his wife Loretta for spearheading this effort.

Religious Education registration has begun. A letter concerning registrations has been sent out to all the parents of children who are currently enrolled in the program. If you did not receive the letter or you are new to the program, please call the religious education office at 978-658-6040. If you are unable to afford the registration fee, please call the religious education office or speak to me. There are a lot of children in the program whose parents do not attend church regularly. Please pass the word on to them that registration for religious education has begun. I appreciate your assistance. This weekend Marilyn Mandosa will be in the religious education office after the 9:30 AM Mass to assist with any registration need you may have.

Beginning the weekend of March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, Catherine Joanne will be here for the parish retreat. She will introduce the retreat at all the Masses that weekend. On Sunday night she will have a concert. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights, there will be a talk on Theresa of Lisieux, Theresa of Avila, and Theresa of Calcutta. Come join each night of the parish Lenten Retreat.

We will be going to Biloxi, Mississippi the first week of October to continue the work of restoring homes damaged or destroyed by Katrina. The big fundraiser for this event is the STAMP dance. Come join us on Saturday, March 10, 2007 at 7:00 PM. Tickets are now available.

If you need a statement from the parish concerning your donations during 2006, please call Pat at the rectory.

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

**CHURCH SUPPORT**

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

Offertory Collection for February 4, 2007      \$5,240.00

Offertory Collection for January 28, 2007      \$5,640.00

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**ST. THOMAS WOMEN’S CLUB HAPPENINGS**

All Women of the Parish are invited to join us!

April 9<sup>th</sup>- TBA

April 21<sup>st</sup>- Senior Anointing Mass and Luncheon

May 14<sup>th</sup> TBA

June 11<sup>th</sup>- Closing Mass 6:30pm and Diner

**WOMEN’S CLUB MARDI GRAS PARTY**

Mon, Feb 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in Villanova Hall. A “pot luck supper” with a Mardi Gras flavor, after which we will play “PASS THE GIFT “ game. The gifts will be supplied by the Club. Wear a mask or costume if you wish. The colors for Mardi Gras are green, gold and purple. All are asked to bring a main dish, side dish dessert etc. Please call Joan at 978-657-3905 to let us know what you are bringing or if you are looking for a suggestion so that we will have a varied menu. During the Lenten season we will be taking up a collection to send to Fr. Paul’s priest friend in New Orleans to help his Parish recover from Katrina. All Women of the Parish are welcome to join us.

**BAPTISM**

On February 4<sup>th</sup>, Jake Henry Bourgeois was welcomed into St. Thomas Parish Family

**BAPTISM SCHEDULE**

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**THERE WILL BE NO BAPTISMS DURING LENT**

**THE BAPTISMS DURING THE EASTER SEASON  
EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 8 @ 11:15 AM**

**DURING SUNDAY MASS MAY 6 @ 11:15 AM**

**April 15 @ 1:00 PM May 20 @ 1:00 PM**

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**ON OUR WEB SITE THIS MONTH**

This month on the St. Thomas Web Site we highlight World Marriage Day.

*In 1954, Ed Melanson had just come home from the Service and was working as a union pile driver and carpenter. He was living in Saugus with his family, including his sister, Jeanne, who worked at Worthmore Feeds on Milk Street in Boston. It was through Jeanne that Ed met Ann Hayford, his future wife....*

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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION**

Anyone who has a child entering first grade in Sept., and the child was NOT BAPTIZED at St. Thomas we ask you to bring his/her baptismal certificate to the office for verification and we will register him/her at that time. The Religious Ed. Office is located in the basement of the Church. If you have questions, call the religious education office at 978-658-6040.

**For your convenience they will have registration after the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> in the basement of the Church.**

**Registration tuition payment**

**1 Child \$75.00**

**2 Children \$100**

**3 or more children \$125.00**

If you have a parochial school child entering into grade 10 and plan on having him /her confirmed, you must register him/her in the religious education program.

**GRADE 2 PARENT MEETING WILL BE HELD SUNDAY, FEB., 25 AT 1PM IN THE CHURCH**

**PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY**

We will be cooking and serving a meal at My Brother’s Table on Sat., Feb., 24. If you would like to join us or donate food items call Pat 978-250-1710.

**COLLECTING**

**BLANKETS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY**

The blankets don’t have to be new but clean. Boxes will be at all entrances of the Church.

**ST. THOMAS CHARITIES COLLECTION**

On February 24 & 25 there will be a Food Collection for the Wilmington Food Pantry. All donations can be dropped off in Villanova Hall after all Masses that weekend.

**SENIOR CENTER**

The Senior Center is in need of donations of wood (cut offs) scrap wood for wood projects and wooden toys. Please contact Terri Marciello Director at 978-657-7595

**FEBRUARY 11, 2007**

Feb 11 9:30AM MASS World day of the sick  CCD Registration  7pm Prayer group	Feb 12 Gr 1 4--5pm Gr 4 5:30-6:30pm Gr10 6:45-8:00pm WOMENS CLUB MADIGRAS	Feb 13 Gr 2 4-5pm Gr 5 5:30-6:30pm Gr 8 6:45-8:00	Feb 14 Valentines Day Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30pm	Feb 15	Feb 16 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Feb 17
Feb 18 1pm Baptism  7pm Prayer group	Feb 19 NO CLASSES	Feb 20 NO CLASSES	Feb 21 NO CLASSES ASH WEDNESDAY 9am, 7pm service at 4pm only	Feb 22	Feb 23 6:30PM STATIONS	Feb 24 FOOD COLLECTION  MY BROTHERS TABLE
Feb 25 FOOD COLLECTION  GR 10 11:15 Mass  Gr 2 Parent Meeting 1pm	Feb 26 Gr 1 4--5pm Gr 4 5:30-6:30pm Gr10 6:45-8:00pm	Feb 27 Gr 2 4-5pm Gr 5 5:30-6:30pm Gr 7 6:45-8:00	Feb 28 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30pm	March 1	March 2 6:30PM STATIONS	March 3 5pm Mass Catherine Joanna
March 4 7pm Prayer group  COOKIE SALE	March 5 Gr 1 4--5pm Gr 4 5:30-6:30pm	March 6 Gr 2 4-5pm Gr 5 5:30-6:30pm Gr 8 6:45-8:00	March 7 Gr 3 4-5pm Gr 6 5:30-6:30pm	March 8	March 9 6:30PM STATIONS	March 10 STAMP DANCE

Meditation of the Heart

by Carolyn Kenney

This morning when I awoke, I noticed the moon as it was setting beyond the woods in the backyard. It had snowed the night before and the combination of moon and snow made the scene one of ethereal beauty. Although it was early, I wanted to get up and sit in the quiet morning peace looking at this beautiful gift from God. God's beauty is all around us, if only we open our minds and hearts to see it.

Instead of taking time to enjoy life, why do we rush from one task to another? Do you often find it easier to stop at a fast food restaurant than to cook a meal? Our parents and grandparents knew how to live life - they were rich! They were not materially rich, but they were spiritually rich. Their faith meant something to them. Slow down. Look within yourself. Look outside yourself. The graces God wishes to bestow on us are infinite, if we only open ourselves to receive them.

**OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE OF JANUARY 25, 2007**

*“Dear Children! Put Sacred Scripture in a visible place in your family and read it. In this way, you will come to know prayer with the heart and your thoughts will be on God. Do not forget that you are passing like a flower in a field, which is visible from afar but disappears in a moment. Little children, leave a sign of goodness and love wherever you pass God will bless you with an abundance of His blessing. Thank you for having responded to my call.”*