

Mass Intentions June 14-22, 2008

Saturday

5:00 PM William, Frank & Mary Simmons

Sunday

8:00 AM Manuel Chaves

9:30 AM Joseph G. Dattero

11:15 AM Alice Pratt

Monday

9:00 AM Dorothy "Bobbi" Lord

Tuesday

9:00 AM Daniel O'Leary

Wednesday

9:00 AM Anthony Langone

Thursday

9:00 AM Charles Olson

Saturday

5:00 PM Samuel Staffier

Sunday

8:00AM Mary Galayda

9:30 AM Jessamina Delespro

11:15 AM Joseph Vieira Sr.

SUMMER HOURS

The Parish Secretary will be in the Rectory Office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10am to 2pm.

The Religious Ed. Office hours are Mon., Tues, Wed. from 10am to 3pm. They will close on Monday, June 30th and will re- open August 4th.

**WE WISH ALL THE FATHERS OF THE PARISH!
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

PRAYER FOR FATHERS

Dear God,

You have given fathers the task of raising their children to holiness. You chose Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as fathers of your holy nation of Israel. Despite their failings, weaknesses and poor choices, you made of them a great and long-lasting nation. And when the time came for your Son to enter this world, you chose a holy man named Joseph as his father.

As our Heavenly Father,

You have seen us, your children, make both wise and poor choices.

Give us grace to be faithful to you, despite our failings, and help us be fathers to our children as you have been to us. Amen.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

The parish staff will be taking some time off over the summer months. Some staff members will use up their vacation time by taking Fridays and Mondays off. Other staff members will be taking off a week at a time. If you need something from the rectory, please call to see if the person you want to see is in or away before wasting your gas. With the price of gas, I hate to see anyone waste it on a futile trip.

The Charities Committee will have the pie booth at the Fourth of July celebration. They will be asking for donations later this month. Please watch the bulletin for further details

The Women's Club donated \$2,000.00 toward the cost a new funeral pall and other vestments. I want to thank them for their generous donation to the parish.

2008 Catholic Appeal - Handing on the Light of Christ Thank you to all supporters of the 2008 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$26,060.00 from 179 households, reaching 88.3 percent of our parish goal of \$29,500.00. If you have not yet pledged, please consider a gift today and help us meet our goal. Remember, our parish will receive 25 percent of all funds we raise above our goal. Please remember to make your pledge now even if you plan on fulfilling that pledge towards the end of the year. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the church to be mailed in, or for more information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700. Every gift matters. Thank you!

Arise Together in Christ is the name of the spiritual renewal program that will begin in the fall. The format for the program is small faith sharing groups that meet in homes for six weeks. The group will be lead by a trained leader. Each participant will be given a booklet that will contain the prayers, the scripture for reflection, questions to guide the discussions, etc. The beauty of the program is that you do not have to be a theologian to participate nor is it a program where there are right and wrong answers. You are sharing your thoughts on the faith. We will have a sign up Sunday in September. Between now and then, you will be hearing much more about the program.

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

SAVE THE DATE

FAMILY FUN DAY WILL BE SUNDAY SEPT. 21st

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH

MY BROTHER'S TABLE

The Outreach ministry will be cooking and serving a meal on Saturday June 28th "A picnic in the Park" anyone who is interested in going or donating hamburgers or hot dogs please call Pat at 878-250-1710.

WINE WOMEN AND SONG

Restoring your faith and refilling your cup for the Summer. All women are invited to join us in the Chapel on Thursday June 26 at 7pm.

COFFEE HOUR

There will only be Coffee Hour once per month this summer due to summer vacation schedules we will resume the regular schedule in the Fall.

June 22, July 13 and August 17

ST. THOMAS CHARITIES FOOD COLLECTION **JUNE 14 & 15**

This Weekend The Charities Committee will be collecting Food for the Wilmington Food Pantry.

FATHER'S DAY SPORTS BASKET

To win the "Father's Day Sports Basket", Raffle tickets will be available after all Masses this weekend.

All donations raised will support the efforts of the Charities Committee. The drawing will take place on June 15th.

PIECE OF PIE SALE IS COMING

Again this year, the St. Thomas Charities Committee will sell pieces of pie on the common during the Fourth of July Celebration. Dates of the Pie Sale are: Thursday, July 3, Friday, July 4, and Saturday, July 5.

Funds raised from this pie sale will be used for charitable expenses here in Wilmington. Without your help we cannot succeed.

Please make a pledge & post a reminder to yourself!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to work on this project, please phone Michelle White 658-7218.

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR CARDINAL SEAN'S NEW WEEKLY EMAIL

We encourage all parishioners to subscribe to a new "Weekly Email from Cardinal Sean." The email includes special messages from the Cardinal, content from Cardinal Sean's Blog, official press releases from the Archdiocese, and links to current stories from The Pilot, new programs from Catholic TV, resources for Mass & Prayer, a calendar of upcoming events around the Archdiocese and other helpful information to deepen Catholic faith life. The Cardinal hopes that every Catholic in the Archdiocese with an email account will sign up for this weekly email. For more information or to sign up, please see www.BOSTON200.org. Thank you.

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OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Mother-Daughter Workshop

A Mother-Daughter Workshop, for mothers and daughters between the ages of 9-14 years old, will be at St. William Parish, Tewksbury on Sun, June 22 from 2-4 pm. From a Catholic perspective, we explore God's special fit of human fertility and the beauty and wonder of God's plan for growing up and becoming a woman. Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$25/family. For more info, contact Nancy Carew at ncarew@verizon.net or 978-851-8401 or www.catholicquest.org/mother_daughter.pdf

CATHOLIC FAMILY CONFERENCE

Please join men, women and families from around the Archdiocese of Boston to celebrate the opening of the Jubilee Year dedicated to St. Paul on Sun., June 29 from 1-8pm at St. Mary's in Waltham.

This will include workshops for adults, separate teen and children's programs featuring introducing them to Eucharistic Adoration, veneration of a St. Paul relic, a family cookout, and Mass with Cardinal Sean. Donation: \$10 for individuals, \$20 for families. Pre register by June 15 and receive a free Rosary for each family member. For schedule and registration, visit www.schoolofnazareth.org or call 617-435-5018.

JUNE 15, 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June 15 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	June 21
June 22 Coffee Hour 7pm Prayer Group	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26 7pm Wine women & Song	June 27 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	June 28 MY BROTHERS TABLE
June 29 1pm Baptism Instruction 7pm Prayer Group	June 30	July 1	July 2	July 3 PIE SALE	July 4 PIE SALE HAPPY 4TH OF JULY	July 5 PIE SALE
July 6 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	July 7	July 8	July 9	July 10	July 11 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	July 12
July 13 Coffee Hour 7pm Prayer Group	July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	July 19 FOOD COLLECTION
July 20 FOOD COLLECTION	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24	July 25 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	July 26
July 27 1pm Baptismal Instruction 7pm Prayer Group	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31	August 1 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	August 2

Meditation of the Heart

by Carolyn Kenney

At the Last Supper, the first person to leave was Judas. The other eleven Apostles stayed throughout the supper listening to Jesus as He continued to teach them. They sat with Jesus as He took bread saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." He then took a cup saying, "...this is my blood..."

Jesus and the remaining eleven Apostles sat together as one community sharing the "bread" and the "cup." Minutes later, He would walk with them to the Garden of Gethsemane where He invited them to pray with Him, yet they fell asleep. Today He invites us to share His body and blood as we receive communion. He invites us to remain with Him throughout mass. He invites us to "remain here and keep watch." Can we devote one hour out of our week with Jesus, the Son of God?

(www.meditationsoftheheart.com)