

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions April 5-13-2008

Saturday
5:00 PM Mary O'Rourke & Dot Brooks

Sunday
8:00 AM Gertrude Wagstaff
9:30 AM Antonio & Isbella Mamone
11:15 AM Fred Wiesner

Monday
9:00 AM Easter Remembrances

Tuesday
9:00 AM Jeanne Higgins

Wednesday
9:00 AM Joan Gilbert

Thursday
9:00 AM Vera Rothwell

Saturday
5:00 PM John Flaherty

Sunday
8:00 AM Donald Corson
9:30 AM Stephen Hancox
11:15 AM Ralph D'Pitro

CHURCH SUPPORT

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

Offertory for March 16, 2008	\$7,913.50
Easter Clergy Benefit Trust	\$9,880.00
Holy Land Collection	\$ 712.00
Operation Rice Bowl	\$ 289.00

WEDDING BANNES

Julie Tentindo and George Nganga

Lisa Dellascio and Angelo Bastolla

Kris Gothlander and Anthony Gentle

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Religious Education registration is underway. A registration letter and form was sent to all families who currently have a child in the program. Please return the registration form as soon as possible. As I have said since the day I arrived at St. Thomas, no child will be deprived of a religious education because of a family's inability to pay the registration fee. If you cannot pay the fee, speak to Marilyn Mandosa or Dottie Barker or myself. If you cannot pay the religious education fee during the registration period but could pay it later, then get the registration form in and just note you will pay the fee later. What is helpful to us is getting the forms in on time. Please spread the word to those who are with us today. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and your help in spreading the word about registration.

The Annual Catholic Appeal started a few months ago. I would urge you to support this important Archdiocesan campaign. Our parish has raised \$14,306.00 from 80 households, reaching 48.5 percent of our parish goal of \$29,500.00. Please know that every gift matters. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the church or in the benches or for more information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700. Thank you.

The Women's Club will be sponsoring their Spring Luncheon for seniors on Saturday, April 19th. If you are interested in attending, please call Joan Corsaro. Her phone number is elsewhere in the bulletin.

On the weekend of April 19th & 20th, the Charities Committee will be collecting food and clothing. All items may be dropped off in Villanova Hall that weekend.

On April 15th our second grade students will participate in Jesus Day.

We received a thank you note from St. Francis House in Boston for the clothing that was donated to them.

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

MARRIAGE PREP

As you know there exists a 50% failure rate in married relationships. In an effort to lower that number, the Archdioceses has in place Marriage Preparation Classes which look at 5 areas of Marriage, Communication, Finance, Sexuality, Parenting and Spirituality.

St. Thomas Program is Saturday, April 26, from 9am to 4pm. We are always looking for Married Couples to facilitate and assist in the operation of the Program. If interested Call Deacon King at the Rectory 978-658-4665.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

SENIOR ANNOINTING MASS AND LUNCHEON

Senior Anointing Mass and Luncheon on Sat., April 19
Mass will be at 11:30am followed by the luncheon. To
make a reservation, please call Joan at 978-657-3905 before
April 15. No reservations will be taken after that date. If you
need a ride, please let us know when you register.

ST. THOMAS WOMEN'S CLUB

The Women's club will hold a game night on Mon, April 14,
at 7:30pm in Villanova Hall. Refreshments will be served.
All Women in the Parish are invited to join us. Any
questions call Joan at 657-3905.

ST. THOMAS WOMEN'S CLUB

The Women's Club will sponsor a play at the Stoneham
Theatre The Porch, on Friday, May 30th at 8pm. The tickets
are \$30 for Seniors 62 & over and \$35 for Adults. Please
call Joan, at 978-657-3905 to make a reservation. Adapted
from Neary's Beyond Belief, the play is set on the North
Shore. This homespun comedy follows the Labor Day
preparations of three best friends as they bicker about
Lawrence Welk, share recipes and swap stories.

FOOD & MEN/WOMEN CLOTHING COLLECTION

Once again we ask for your generosity to support less
fortunate people. The Charities Committee will be
collecting for the Wilmington Food Pantry.

The Food pantry is especially in need of cereal, instant
potatoes, jelly, canned fruit, beef stew, syrup, coffee & tea,
ketchup, mustard and mayo.

Also Donations of men & women clothing, there is a special
request for adult socks and small sizes of soaps and
shampoos.

Please drop off food and clothing in Villanova Hall April 19
& 20, 2008.

ST. THOMAS CHARITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

St. Thomas Charities Committee will meet in Villanova Hall
on Tuesday, April 15, at 7pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

The CCD Office is in the basement of the Church. It is now
open from 10am to 3pm. If you have questions, the religious
education office number is 978-658-6040.

LATE REGISTRATION a \$10 late fee per student after
Wed., March 19-April 29. As of April 30 we will not be
accepting any registrations for the 2008-2009 school year

Registration tuition payment is now;

1 Child \$85.00

2 Children \$120

3 or more children \$155.00

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

ST. THOMAS MINISTRY FAIR

Every two weeks a different ministry will be highlighted.
The first it will be highlighted in the bulletin and at Mass.
On the second week, a representative from the ministry will
speak at all Masses and will be available to talk with them
after each Mass. This is a great opportunity to get to know
more about each ministry at St. Thomas and where your
spiritual compass is pointing.

Women's Club Provides Respite and Reward

While it may seem impossible for many women to add yet
another responsibility to their overworked lives, members of
the St. Thomas Women's Club find both respite and reward
in their monthly meetings. "It's an opportunity to meet other
women who have like-minded values," said Joan Corsaro,
who has been a member of the group for more than 20 years.

The group's primary purpose is charitable. Some of their
activities include raising funds to provide a scholarship each
year for a graduating senior, collecting items for Birthright
of Lowell, and organizing a Mass and luncheon for seniors.
But the monthly meetings also provide opportunities to hear
speakers on a variety of subjects, such as the recent
discussion of a parishioner's trip to Jerusalem, and to plan
social outings, including a visit to the Stoneham Theatre for
an evening of live theatre.

So if you'd like a break from the daily grind, consider
joining the St. Thomas Women's Club. Contact Joan
Corsaro, 978-657-3905; Maureen Sheehan, 978-658-8206;
or Elaine Comeau, 658-9060.

APRIL 6, 2008

April 6 11:15 Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	April 7	April 8	April 9	April 10	April 11 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	April 12
April 13 7pm Prayer Group	April 14	April 15 "Jesus Day" 4-6pm St. Thomas Charities Committee Meeting 7pm	April 16	April 17	April 18 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	April 19 ANOINTING MASS & LUNCHEON FOOD CLOTHING COLLECTION
April 20 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	April 21 **SCHOOL	April 22 VACATION	April 23 WEEK**	April 24	April 25 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	April 26 Marriage Prep 9am- 4pm
April 27 1pm Baptism Instruction 7pm Prayer Group	April 28 First Communion Practice Group 1 4-5pm	April 29 First Communion Practice Group 2 4-5pm	April 30 7pm Mass Ascension of the Lord First Communion Practice Group 1 4-5pm	May 1 9am Mass Ascension of the Lord First Communion practice Group 2 4-5pm	May 2 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	May 3 First Communion 10:30 & 1pm
May 4 11:15 Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	May 5 First Communion Practice Group 3 4-5pm	May 6 First Communion Practice Group 4 4-5pm	May 7 First Communion Practice Group 3 4-5pm	May 8 First Communion Practice Group 4 4-5pm	May 9 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	May 10 First Communion 10:30 & 1pm
May 11 Mother's Day 7pm Prayer Group	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	May 17 Mission of Deeds Collection & Food Collection
May 18 Mission of Deeds Collection & Food Collection 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	May 24 Memorial Day Weekend
May 25 1pm Baptism Instruction	May 26 Memorial Day	May 27	May 28	May 29	May 30 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	May 31

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

March 25, 2008

"Dear Children! In this time of grace, I call you to work on your personal conversion. You are still far from meeting with God in your heart. Therefore, spend all the more time in prayer and Adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, for Him to change you and to put Into your heart a living faith and a desire for eternal life. Everything is passing, little children, only God is not passing. I am with you and I encourage you with love. Thank you for having responded to my call."