

**MASS INTENTIONS January 5-13, 2008**

**Saturday**

**5:00 PM John McGuinness**

**Sunday**

**8:00 AM Angelina Christoforo**

**9:30 AM David & Doris Gennaro**

**11:15 AM Donald Franco**

**Monday**

**9:00 AM Jean O'Neil**

**Tuesday**

**9:00 AM Phil Tierney**

**Wednesday**

**9:00 AM Elizabeth Wandell**

**Thursday**

**9:00 AM All our Faithful Departed**

**Saturday**

**5:00 PM Larry McGrath**

**Sunday**

**8:00 AM John Frackelton**

**9:30 AM Maria Esperito Santo & Jose Melo**

**11:15 AM Susan Thompson Packer**

**ST. THOMAS CHARITIES COMMITTEE**  
**FOOD & CLOTHING COLLECTION**

**MENS, WOMENS AND CHILDREN CLOTHES**

**FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE WILMINGTON  
FOOD PANTRY**

**ALL DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN  
VILLANOVA HALL THE WEEKEND OF  
JANUARY 12 & 13 AFTER ALL MASSES.**

**BIRTHRIGHT**

This is the last weekend to bring in your gift for Birthright the basket is by the confessionals for you to put the unwrapped Layette items for new born babies for unwed Mothers in the Lowell area.

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR**

The Archdiocese of Boston has begun its celebration of its bicentennial. As a reminder of the event and celebration we will be hanging the bicentennial banner in the church. Since it is a both a look back at history and a looking forward to the future, I thought that it would be good if St. Thomas put out a display of its history. If you have any pictures of prior events and celebrations here at St. Thomas, I would ask that you send them to me. If you would like them back, let me know and I will copy the picture and return it to you. I would like to create an archive.

There is a real danger that the history of a parish could be lost. In the days of old when there were plenty of priests, the history of the parish would be passed down. When I came to St. Thomas, Fr. Browne had already moved out. There was no one here to tell me the history of the place. I have no knowledge of who was active in the past or what families played a key role. I hope we can capture some of our history.

This Sunday morning our children's liturgy group will present the Epiphany pageant at the 9:30 AM Mass. I want to thank all the children who participated in the pageant as well as the adults who prepared them.

The Parish Council will meet on January 13, 2008 at 7:00 PM in Villanova Hall.

Finally I want to thank everyone who made the Christmas season so enjoyable. Thanks to all who decorated the Church? Thanks to the choirs and musician who provided us with a great concert as well as music for liturgy. Thanks to all who supported the Giving Tree and the collection for Birthright.

Well 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.

**BAPTISM**

In December We welcomed *Keira Mai Catanzano* into our Parish Family.

OUR LADY’S MONTHLY MESSAGE

December 25, 2007

*“Dear Children! With great joy I bring you the King of Peace for Him to bless you with His blessing. Adore Him and give time to the Creator for whom your heart yearns. Do not forget that you are passersby on this earth and that things can give you small joys, while through my Son, eternal life is given you. That is why I am with you, to lead you towards what your heart yearns for. . Thank you for having responded to my call.”*

ANNUAL APPARITION TO JAKOV

on December 25<sup>th</sup> 2007

At the last daily apparition to Jakov Colo on September 12<sup>th</sup>, 1998, Our Lady told him that henceforth he would have one apparition a year, every December 25<sup>th</sup>, on Christmas Day. This is also how it was this year. The apparition began at 2:29 pm and lasted 6 minutes. Our Lady gave the following message:

*“Dear Children! Today, in a special way I call you to become open to God and for each of your hearts today to become a place of Jesus birth. Little Children, through all this time that God permits me to be with you, I desire to lead you to the joy of your life. Little children, the only true joy of your life is God. Therefore, dear children, do not seek joy in things of this earth but open your hearts and accept God. Little Children, everything passes, only God remains in your heart. Thank you for having responded to my call.”*

Meditation of the Heart

by Carolyn Kenney

The weekend before Christmas, I went to the home of friends in Sherborn. Every year, no matter the weather, they put on a “Living Nativity” on their property for people from all over to come and watch. Over thirty people played the roles of Mary, Joseph, the baby Jesus, shepherds, angels and magi. For thirty years this couple has hosted this beautiful “Living Nativity” on their property. There are two performances each night for two nights followed by refreshments in the home of this loving couple. There is no charge and everyone is welcome! Certainly their faith is alive and readily apparent for all to see. As 2008 begins, may our generosity and faith also become manifest for all to witness.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE ENVELOPES

All Our Faithful Departed

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Jack Smith                         | Hollis Smith          |
| Julia Smith                        | Alice Brogan          |
| Beatrice Bannigan                  | Hugh Bannigan         |
| Betty & George Rapoza              | Albert & Helen Mayo   |
| Eleanor & Francis Rapoza           | Helen & Ben Hardy     |
| James & Charlotte Duggan           | Elvira & Harold Hardy |
| James M. McGonagle II              | Paul Scotty McDougall |
| Joseph G. Dattero                  | Harold & Agnes Wirth  |
| Precopio Family                    | Mary & Arlene Wirth   |
| Elizabeth Blauvelt                 | John Dusel            |
| Jomes & Phoebe Mazzarella          | Joseph J. Hartka      |
| John & Marie Baldwin               | Jack Baldwin          |
| Robin McGrath                      | Darlene Fleming       |
| Ruby Arbuckle                      | Jessica Frederickson  |
| Jerry & Ines M. Amodeo             | Joseph & Mary Amodeo  |
| Esther & Karen Marie Hinsman       | Mario Amodeo          |
| Sal, Alba Rober & Michael Bucci    | Lolita J. Coombes     |
| Mario & Margaret A. Mucci          | Dennis Rich           |
| John A. & Louis L. Fiato           | Silene M. Pires       |
| Gerald J. Hinsman                  | Robert C. Murphy      |
| Vincent & Gilda Bono               | Luigi & Natalia Fiato |
| Clifford E. & Veronica R. Sullivan | Stephen Patrick       |
| Col. W.L. & Anna T. Moynihan       | Thayne Conley         |
| Arthur & Florence Quinn            | William Dwyer         |
| Bernard S. & Annie J. Quinn        | Ethel M. Quinn        |
| Eileen & Paul Horgan               | Arthur B. Quinn Jr.   |
| Clifford E. Sullivan III           | Daniel Eastman        |

EPIPHANY PAGENT

This weekend at the 9:30 Mass the following Children will perform in the Epiphany Pageant;

- Narrator: Kelly Dankese  
Herod: Frankie West  
Herod’s Conscience: Vickie McDermott  
Chief Priest: Keran Mangan  
Wiseman 1: Christina Fruciano  
Wiseman 2: Mackenzie Casey  
Wiseman 3: Nicole Barry
- Shepherds: Richie Sanchez, Matthew Morganelli
- Angels: Sophia Fruciano, Stacy Robichaud, Caroline Morganelli, Anna Pietropaolo & Jennifer Mills
- Animals: Shawn Casey, Michael Sanchez
- Mary: Morgan Casey  
Joseph: Brian Dankese



**JANUARY 6, 2008**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Jan 6</b> Epiphany Pageant  1pm Baptism  7pm Prayer Group	<b>Jan 7</b> CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm 9 6:45-8pm	<b>Jan 8</b> CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 7 6:45-8pm	<b>Jan 9</b> CCD grades 3 4-5pm 6 5:30-6:30	<b>Jan 10</b>	<b>Jan 11</b> 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	<b>Jan 12</b> FOOD & CLOTHING COLLECTION
<b>Jan 13</b> FOOD & CLOTHING COLLECTION  7pm Prayer Group  7pm PPC Meeting	<b>Jan 14</b> CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm 10 6:45-8pm	<b>Jan 15</b> CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 8 6:45-8pm	<b>Jan 16</b> CCD grades 3 4-5pm 6 5:30-6:30	<b>Jan 17</b>	<b>Jan 18</b> 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	<b>Jan 19</b>
<b>Jan 20</b> 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	<b>Jan 21</b> No Classes MLK Day	<b>Jan 22</b> CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 7 6:45-8pm	<b>Jan 23</b> CCD grades 3 4-5pm 6 5:30-6:30	<b>Jan 24</b>	<b>Jan 25</b> 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	<b>Jan 26</b>
<b>Jan 27</b> 1pm Baptismal Instruction  7pm Prayer Group	<b>Jan 28</b> CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm 10 6:45-8pm	<b>Jan 30</b> CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 8 6:45-8pm	<b>Jan 31</b> CCD grades 3 4-5pm 6 5:30-6:30	<b>Feb 1</b>	<b>Feb 2</b> 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	<b>Feb 3</b> Grade 10 Confirmation Retreat
<b>Feb 3</b> Baptism  7pm Prayer Group	<b>Feb 4</b> CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm 9 6:45-8pm  7:30pm Women's Club	<b>Feb 5</b> CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 7 6:45-8pm	<b>Feb 6</b> Ash Wednesday  CCD grades 3 4-5pm 6 5:30-6:30	<b>Feb 7</b>	<b>Feb 8</b> 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	<b>Feb 9</b>
<b>Feb 10</b> 11:15am Grade 10 Mass  7pm Prayer Group	<b>Feb 11</b> CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm 10 6:45-8pm	<b>Feb 12</b> CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 8 6:45-8pm	<b>Feb 13</b> CCD grades 3 4-5pm 6 5:30-6:30	<b>Feb 14</b> Happy Valentine's Day	<b>Feb 15</b> 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	<b>Feb 16</b>
<b>Feb 17</b> 7pm Prayer Group	<b>Feb 18</b> NO CCD	<b>Feb 19</b> SCHOOL	<b>Feb 20</b> VACATION	<b>Feb 21</b>	<b>Feb 22</b> 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	<b>Feb 23</b> FOOD COLLECTION