

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions July 19-27, 2008

Saturday

5:00 PM Steven West

Sunday

8:00 AM Paul Sanclemente

9:30 AM F.J. Earley

11:15 AM Sean Manning

Monday

9:00 AM Edward Cooney

Tuesday

9:00 AM Patricia Bucas

Wednesday

9:00 AM Joseph King & Mark Matarese

Thursday

9:00 AM John Baldwin

Saturday

5:00PM Pauline Boyko

Sunday

8:00AM Paul Sanclemente

9:30 AM For the People of the Parish

11:15 AM Steven West

WEDDING BANNES

Donna Budd and Dennis A. Connolly

ST. THOMAS CHARITIES FOOD COLLECTION

All donations can be dropped off this weekend Food for the Wilmington Food Pantry.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTION

As you begin to buy school supplies for your own kids, please pick up a few extra and bring them to church. We are collecting school supplies that will be distributed to needy families through Catholic Charities in Lowell. There will be boxes at the entrances to the church from now through the middle of August. They are most in need of backpacks, notebooks, paper, pens, pencils, markers, glue, pencil boxes, rulers, scissors, etc. Thank you for your continued generosity to this project.

CHURCH SUPPORT

Offertory for July 6, 2008

\$4,962.21

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

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

The Charities Committee will be collecting food for the Wilmington Food Pantry this weekend. Food can be left in Villanova Hall. Please see the notice about the food collection elsewhere in the bulletin and please support this effort. Hunger does not take a vacation.

2008 Catholic Appeal - Handing on the Light of Christ Thank you to all supporters of the 2008 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$26,675.00 from 190 households, reaching 90.4 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

THANK YOU

Dear Parishioners:

I would like to thank you for your most generous response to our ministry Cross International Catholic Outreach when I was there on the weekend of April 12-13, 2008. Your parish donated \$5837.00 that will have a direct impact in the lives of the poorest of the poor. May the Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support!

Sincerely,
Rev. Thomas Poisson

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAMILY FUN DAY

Once again St. Thomas will have a Family Fun Day with games, food and fun for all ages.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 21st

More information will follow. 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.

RECTORY SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The Rectory summer hours are
10am to 2pm
Tuesday Wednesday Thursday

CCD OFFICE CLOSED FOR MONTH OF JULY

The Religious Ed. Office is closed for the Month of July. As of Monday, August 4 the summer hours will be

10am to 3pm Monday Tuesday Wednesday

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Grade 1	3 teachers
Grade 3	2 teachers
Grade 5	2 teachers
Grade 6	4 teachers
Grade 8	2 teachers

Office Help is always needed for all grades!

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

CCD Classes will Begin the week of September 22

The schedule will stay the same as last year

Monday	Grade 1	4 to 5pm
	4	5:30 to 6:30pm
	9 or 10	6:45 to 8pm
Tuesday	Grade 2	4 to 5pm
	5	5:30 to 6:30pm
	7 or 8	6:45 to 8pm
Wednesday	Grade 3	4 to 5pm
	6	6 to 5:30pm

NEW CORI'S FORMS FOR 2008-2009

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 ETC.

NEW ALTAR MINSTER SCHEDULES

All Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers the new schedule is ready to be picked up in the sacristy.

Just a reminder if you are attending Mass and see that we are in need of additional servers please feel free to come up.

ST. MICHAEL'S HOSTS BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Representatives from eleven parishes of Vicariate III of the Merrimack Region are planning a local celebration of the Bicentennial of the Archdiocese of Boston. Everyone is invited to a Mass and family gathering on Sunday, September 7, at St. Michaels Parish in North Andover. The celebration begins with a noon Mass to be concelebrated by priests of the vicariate. A family picnic celebration will immediately follow with activities for all ages.

The Bicentennial Mass and picnic will offer an opportunity to look back with a sense of profound gratitude and to look forward with hope; an opportunity to join together and recommit to witness to Christ's Gospel, to pass on the faith, and to build on a civilization of love.

Further details will be provided as the date nears. In the meantime, mark your calendars and reserve Sunday, September 7, 2008, 12-4pm, for what promises to be a joyful renewal of our "Journey Together in Christ."

NOTRE DAME SPIRITUAL CENTER IN ALFRED, ME

Have you experienced the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation? Do you wish to move on with your life, but do not know how? The weekend of Sept 5-7, 2008 is designed for those beyond the initial stages of grieving who desire to begin again. The program helps deal with the natural grief process and offers an opportunity t, through God , for turning the pain and loss into an experience of positive growth. For more inf. 978-342-0818

The deadline for receipt of applications is Sept 1.

JULY 20, 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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
August 3 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	August 4 CCD OFFICE REOPEN	August 5	August 6	August 7	August 8 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	August 9
August 10 7pm Prayer Group	August 11	August 12	August 13	August 14 7pm Vigil Mass Assumption of the Virgin Mary	August 15 9am Mass Assumption	August 16
August 17 Coffee Hour 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	August 18	August 19	August 20	August 21	August 22 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	August 23 FOOD COLLECTION
August 24 FOOD COLLECTION 7pm Prayer Group	August 25	August 26	August 27	August 28	August 29 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	August 30
August 31 1pm Baptismal Instruction 7pm Prayer Group	Sept 1 LABOR DAY	Sept 2	Sept 3	Sept 4	Sept 5 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Sept 6

Meditations of the Heart

by Carolyn M. Kenney

Pope Benedict XVI has declared June 2008 – June 2009 the Year of Saint Paul, in celebration of the 2000th anniversary of his birth. Speaking of Saint Paul, the Pope said, “The Apostle of the Gentiles, who dedicated himself to the spreading of the good news to all peoples, spent himself for the unity and harmony of all Christians.” Saint Paul underwent a tremendous conversion after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Saint Paul had persecuted the early church, but after his conversion he traveled extensively proclaiming the Gospel. Saint Paul said, “I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.”

A dear family friend was a Paulist priest. He too traveled extensively throughout the United States, proclaiming the Gospel. We always enjoyed a visit from him during his travels. As a young boy, he desired to enter the priesthood. His kindness and gentle nature endeared him to many, bringing them closer to God. If Jesus is calling you, or someone you know, to the priesthood or religious life, listen to Him. Do not shut Him out. The life of Saint Paul took on a 360 degree turn. What can Jesus do with your life?
www.meditationsoftheheart.com

OUR LADY’S MONTHLY MESSAGE

JUNE 25, 2008

“Dear children! Also today, with great joy in my heart, I call you to follow me and to listen to my messages. Be joyful carriers of peace and love in this peaceless world. I am with you and I bless you all with my Son Jesus, the King of Peace. Thank you for responding to my call.”