

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions May 31-June 8, 2008

Saturday

5:00 PM Ana Viveiros

Sunday

8:00 AM Edward Morris

9:30 AM Donna Nihan

**11:15 AM Liz and Joe Fagan Sr.
Mass of Thanksgiving**

Monday

9:00 AM Robert Barry

Tuesday

9:00 AM John Flaherty

Wednesday

9:00 AM Robert Donahue

Thursday

9:00 AM Dominc Spinale

Saturday

**5:00 PM Deceased members of the Charles Murray
Family**

Sunday

8:00AM Helen Boulton

9:30 AM Carol Thorton

11:15 AM Deacon Frank Mandosa

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Religious Ed. Office is located in the basement of the Church. The CCD office phone number is 978-658-6040. Office hours are Mon., Tues, Wed. from 10am to 3pm

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

WEDDING BANNES

Tram Quynh Do and Truong Quang Ngo

The Parish Outreach Thanks everyone who helped with the Pancake Breakfast last weekend!

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

On Saturday, May 31, 2008, Joe Fagan was ordained a permanent deacon by Cardinal Sean O'Malley at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. This Sunday, June 1 at the 11:15 AM Sunday Mass, Joe will join us for a Mass of Thanksgiving on the occasion of his ordination. There will be a reception for Joe after the Mass in Villanova Hall. All are welcome to the reception after the 11:15 Mass. Joe was assigned to St. Thomas. Deacon Cliff King will remain with us. I am grateful to have them both.

As you may have noticed the parking lot has a number of potholes. The finance committee has approved a repair job. We will fill the holes and all the cracks, seal the lot and reline it. We are trying to preserve what we have. Fr. Brown obtained a bid to repave the entire lot ten years ago. At that time, the bid was over \$70,000.00. Imagine what it would be today. We just cannot afford to repave the lot. The repair work will cost \$9,650.00.

2008 Catholic Appeal - Handing on the Light of Christ
Thank you to all supporters of the 2008 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$25,760.00 from 174 households, reaching 87.3 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

NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WOMEN'S CLUB CLOSING MASS AND DINNER

Closing Mass will be Monday, June 9, 6:30pm in the Chapel. Following the Mass we will be going to Kyoto Japanese Steak House in Tewksbury for Dinner please call Joan at 978- 657-3905 if you have a question.

ST. THOMAS CHARITIES FOOD COLLECTION JUNE 14 & 15

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 during the weekend of June 14th & 15th 2008.

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.

ST. THOMAS MINISTRY FAIR

A different ministry 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.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT OVER THE SUMMER

Each fall as our activities get underway we try to recruit new altar servers from the fourth and fifth grades through C.C.D. I am looking for a person to assist in their training. If interested please call Deacon King at the Rectory 978-658-4665

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Family in Burlington is looking for caring people to assist them with a home therapy program for their son. The program is called Patterning. Patterning is a neurological program that consists of moving our child's limbs in a crawling pattern to help him with his mobility. It does not require any particular physical strength on the volunteers' behalf. If any one could donate an hour or more per week please call us for more information Maureen and Stephen Archibald 781-272-1447.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock." How solid is the rock that holds up your marriage and family? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are June 20-22, July 18-20, or September 19-21. For more information call Ray & Beth Ginepro at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwmeMA.org

LIFT CATHOLIC WORKSHIP FOR A NEW GENERATION

LIFT is for all ages from young adults to adults to teens to entire families, an exciting new monthly worship event which includes vibrant praise and worship music, dynamic, challenging speakers and Eucharistic Adoration. . On Tues. June 10 they will welcome guest speaker Kevin Winn. The evening runs from 7pm to 9pm at Fontbonne Academy, 930 Brook Rd, Milton. For more information www.lifthigher.com.

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RCN: Channel 85
always and everywhere at [www. CatholicTV.com](http://www.CatholicTV.com)

JUNE 1, 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June 1 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	June 2	June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	June 7
June 8 7pm Prayer Group	June 9 Women's Club Closing Mass 6:30pm	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	June 14 FOOD COLLECTION Raffle Sale 4 th of July Project
June 15 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	June 16	June 17	June 18	June 19	June 20 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	June 21
June 22 7pm Prayer Group	June 23	June 24	June 25	June 26	June 27 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	June 28
June 29 1pm Baptism Instruction	June 30	July 1	July 2	July 3 PIE SALE	July 4 PIE SALE	July 5 PIE SALE

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

May 25, 2008

"Dear Children! In this time of grace, when God has permitted me to be with you, little children, I call you anew to conversion. Work on the salvation of the world in a special way while I am with you. God is merciful and gives special graces, therefore, seek them through prayer. I am with you and do not leave you alone. Thank you having responded to my call."

Meditation of the Heart

by Carolyn Kenney

May 31st is the feast day of the Visitation of the Blessed Mother. After being told by the angel Gabriel that she was to become the mother of Jesus, Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. As she neared her destination, Mary glanced to her right and beheld the beautiful terraced hills of the countryside. Upon seeing Mary, Elizabeth said, "...the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

The words of Elizabeth "blessed are you who believed..." are so beautiful. Mary believed with utmost faith and trust that she would become the Mother of God. We are asked to live our lives not only for ourselves, but for the greater good of all humankind. We are asked to believe in God's plan for our lives. Our lives and the decisions we make affect one another. Our Blessed Mother said "yes" to a beautiful and holy life, yet one also filled with tremendous sorrow as she watched Her Son die on the cross. Our lives are filled with days of beauty and wonder, yet we too have periods of sorrow. Pray to the Blessed Mother not only in times of joy, but in times of sadness and distress. Pray that she will guide you to a closer relationship with Her Son. (www.meditationsoftheheart.com)