

**ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

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**Mass Intentions June 28-July 6, 2008**

**Saturday**

**5:00 PM The People of the Parish**

**Sunday**

**8:00 AM James M. McGonagle II**

**9:30 AM Gretrude Wagstaff**

**11:15 AM Eli & Emilie LeBlanc**

**Monday**

**9:00 AM Margaret Farrell**

**Tuesday**

**9:00 AM Mary Centrella**

**Wednesday**

**9:00 AM Barbara O'Keefe**

**Thursday**

**9:00 AM Nicolas Lawyer**

**Saturday**

**5:00 PM The People of the Parish**

**Sunday**

**8:00AM Gertrude E. Wagstaff**

**9:30 AM The People of the Parish**

**11:15 AM Gerald F. Downey**

**WEDDING BANNES**

**Jennifer Blauvent and Joseph Santosuosso**

**BAPTISM**

**Camden Christopher Gray**

**Michael Ware**

**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.

**July 13 and August 17**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**ST. THOMAS PARISH FAMILY FUN DAY WILL BE SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2008**

**A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR**

In the announcements at Mass you heard that the rectory office will be closed this week. The reason for this is that all the staff are off except for me. I will be around except for Thursday and Friday which are my days off. I will be in and out doing things like Mass at the nursing home and the elderly housing complex, etc. I would suggest that you call before coming to the rectory. Gas is too expensive to waste.

The Charities Committee will have the pie booth at the Fourth of July celebration. They will be asking for pie donations. Please look elsewhere in the bulletin for further details. The proceeds from that fundraiser is used to help people in Wilmington.

2008 Catholic Appeal - Handing on the Light of Christ Thank you to all supporters of the 2008 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$26,425.00 from 187 households, reaching 89.6 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](http://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

**WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY AND SAFE 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY WEEKEND !!!!!!!!!**



**JUNE 29, 2008**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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 7pm Prayer Group	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
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

Meditation of the Heart by Carolyn Kenney

In today's gospel from Saint Matthew, Jesus asks the Apostles, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They answered, "Some say John the Baptist...Elijah...Jeremiah or one of the prophets." Then He asked them a more poignant question: "...who do you say that I am?" To this question Peter, who was filled with faith and love answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

It isn't easy being a disciple of Jesus in today's world, but it wasn't easy for Peter either. However, Peter had something we must all strive to emulate. Peter had faith; he was open to this wondrous gift which God the Father desired to bless him with. Each day and in every situation we encounter, Jesus is asking us this same question, "Who do you say that I am?" It is up to each of us, individually, to give our answer to Jesus.

(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 carries 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."*