

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

**Mass Intentions June 7 – 15, 2008**

**Saturday 5:00 PM**

**Deceased members of the Charles Murray Family**

**Sunday**

**8:00 AM Helen Boulton**

**9:30 AM Carol Thornton**

**11:15 AM Deacon Frank Mandosa**

**Monday**

**9:00 AM Dorothy "Bobbi" Lord**

**Tuesday**

**9:00 AM Mary M Campbell**

**Wednesday**

**9:00 AM Angela & Sebastiano Patti**

**Thursday**

**9:00 AM Dorothy "Bobbi" Lord**

**Saturday**

**5:00 PM William, Frank & Mary Simmons**

**Sunday**

**8:00AM Manuel Chaves**

**9:30 AM Joseph G. Dattero**

**11:15 AM Alice Pratt**

**BAPTISM**

The following Children were welcomed into St. Thomas Parish Family on June 1, 2008.

*Braeddon Thomas Dymant Samuel Louis Ewald  
Gabriel Nathaniel Lydon Allison Antonetta Renault  
Jessica Philomena Santi*

**CONGRATULATIONS**

*We congratulate Kathryn Stone daughter of Richard and Toni Stone. Katie received the women's club scholarship, we wish her the best next year with college.*

**SUMMER HOURS**

The Parish Secretary will be in the Rectory Office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10am to 2pm.

The Religious Ed. Office hours are Mon., Tues, Wed. from 10am to 3pm.

**They will be closed on Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> and will re-open August 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR**

The parking lot repair has begun. We will fill the holes and the cracks, seal the lot and reline it. We are trying to preserve what we have. As I mentioned last time, 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.

I want to thank all those who assisted me with the Mass of Thanksgiving and reception for Deacon Joe Fagan. It was a great celebration. In case you were away last week, Cardinal Sean has assigned Deacon Joe Fagan to St. Thomas of Villanova Church. I am grateful for that.

2008 Catholic Appeal - Handing on the Light of Christ  
Thank you to all supporters of the 2008 Catholic Appeal. Our parish has raised \$25,910.00 from 176 households, reaching 87.8 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

**CHURCH SUPPORT**

May 25, 2008

Offertory Collection	\$ 5,463.33
Parish Monthly	\$ 3,177.00

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

## TENTH ORDINARY SUNDAY

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### 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**

### 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

Next Weekend The Charities Committee will be collecting Food for the Wilmington Food Pantry.

*A note of thanks from the Wilmington Community Fund They would like to thank the members of St. Thomas Parish for the large contribution of good generously donated to the Wilmington Food Pantry. Your gifts allowed them to help many Wilmington families in need of support.*

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 2008.

All donations raised will support the efforts of the Charities Committee. The drawing will take place on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.

### PLEASE SIGN UP FOR CARDINAL SEAN'S NEW WEEKLY EMAIL

We encourage all parishioners to subscribe to a new "Weekly Email from Cardinal Sean." The email includes special messages from the Cardinal, content from Cardinal Sean's Blog, official press releases from the Archdiocese, and links to current stories from The Pilot, new programs from Catholic TV, resources for Mass & Prayer, a calendar of upcoming events around the Archdiocese and other helpful information to deepen Catholic faith life. The Cardinal hopes that every Catholic in the Archdiocese with an email account will sign up for this weekly email. For more information or to sign up, please see [www.BOSTON200.org](http://www.BOSTON200.org). Thank you.

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

### OUTSIDE THE PARISH

#### Mother-Daughter Workshop

A Mother-Daughter Workshop, for mothers and daughters between the ages of 9-14 years old, will be at St. William Parish, Tewksbury on Sun, June 22 from 2-4 pm. From a Catholic perspective, we explore God's special fit of human fertility and the beauty and wonder of God's plan for growing up and becoming a woman. Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$25/family. For more info, contact Nancy Carew at [tncairew@verizon.net](mailto:tncairew@verizon.net) or 978-851-8401 or [www.catholicquest.org/mother\\_daughter.pdf](http://www.catholicquest.org/mother_daughter.pdf)

### CATHOLIC FAMILY CONFERENCE

Please join men, women and families from around the Archdiocese of Boston to celebrate the opening of the Jubilee Year dedicated to St. Paul on Sun., June 29 from 1-8pm at St. Mary's in Waltham.

This will include workshops for adults, separate teen and children's programs featuring introducing them to Eucharistic Adoration, veneration of a St. Paul relic, a family cookout, and Mass with Cardinal Sean. Donation: \$10 for individuals, \$20 for families. Pre register by June 15 and receive a free Rosary for each family member. For schedule and registration, visit [www.schoolofnazareth.org](http://www.schoolofnazareth.org) or call 617-435-5018

**JUNE 8, 2008**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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 <sup>th</sup> 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 Coffee Hour  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  7pm Prayer Group	June 30	July 1	July 2	July 3 PIE SALE	July 4 PIE SALE	July 5 PIE SALE
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

Meditation of the Heart  
by Carolyn Kenney

We all have our share of hardships in life. At such times, we too readily turn away from God and not towards Him. In Psalm 18:3, which we read in today's mass, it says, "I can rely on the Lord; I can always turn to him for shelter."

In times of stress and trial, what is your first response? Do you immediately panic and find no possible way out of the situation? Do you turn away from God? At these times, why do we turn away from God who is our sanctuary? It is here that we should immediately turn towards Him; we should turn towards our haven of peace. It is at these times when our faith should come to the forefront. Our faith should be so readily apparent that no one can deny its existence in our life. Turn to God, for He alone has the power to change your life, to fill you with peace and to shelter you from all of life's storms. ([www.meditationsoftheheart.com](http://www.meditationsoftheheart.com))

**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."*