

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions March 29-April 6, 2008

Saturday

5:00 PM Irene & Joe Lyons

Sunday

8:00 AM Frank J. Ratto

9:30 AM Molly & Joseph Bellabona

11:15 AM Edwin J. Moon

Monday

9:00 AM Jane Murphy

Tuesday

9:00 AM Easter Remembrances

Wednesday

9:00 AM Mary Helen Nicolò

Thursday

9:00 AM Jessica Brennan Penttinen

Saturday

8:00 PM Mary O'Rourke

Sunday

8:00 AM Gertrude Wagstaff

9:30 AM Antonio & Isabella Mamone

11:15AM Fred Wiesner

WEDDING BANNES

Julie Tentindo and George Nganga

SENIOR ANNOINTING MASS AND LUNCHEON

Senior Anointing Mass and Luncheon on Sat., April 19 Mass will be at 11:30am followed by the luncheon. To make a reservation, please call Joan at 978-657-3905 before April 15. No reservations will be taken after that date. If you need a ride, please let us know when you register.

ST. THOMAS WOMEN'S CLUB

The Women's club will hold a game night on Mon, April 14, at 7:30pm in Villanova Hall. Refreshments will be served. All Women in the Parish are invited to join us. Any questions call Joan at 657-3905.

ST. THOMAS WOMEN'S CLUB

The Women's Club will sponsor a play at the Stoneham Theatre The Porch, on Friday, May 30th at 8pm. The tickets are \$30 for Seniors 62 & over and \$35 for Adults. Please call Joan, at 978-657-3905 to make a reservation. Adapted from Neary's Beyond Belief, the play is set on the North Shore. This homespun comedy follows the Labor Day preparations of three best friends as they bicker about Lawrence Welk, share recipes and swap stories.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Now that Holy Week and Easter have past, I want to thank our music director, accompanists, cantors and choir for enhancing all our services. I also want to thank all those who assisted at the various services as well as those who decorated the Church. I appreciate all their efforts.

On Saturday, March 29, 2008, our tenth grade students received the sacrament of confirmation. Bishop Emilio Allue presided. I want to thank our confirmation teachers, the staff and helpers in our religious education program for preparing our students for the sacrament.

Religious Education registration is underway. A registration letter and form was sent to all families who currently have a child in the program. Please return the registration form as soon as possible. As I have said since the day I arrived at St. Thomas, no child will be deprived of a religious education because of a family's inability to pay the registration fee. If you cannot pay the fee, speak to Marilyn Mandosa or Dottie Barker or myself. If you cannot pay the religious education fee during the registration period but could pay it later, then get the registration form in and just note you will pay the fee later. What is helpful to us is getting the forms in on time. Please spread the word to those who are not with us today. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and your help in spreading the word about registration.

The Annual Catholic Appeal started a few weeks ago. I would urge you to support this important Archdiocesan campaign. Our parish has raised \$14,306.00 from 80 households, reaching 48.5.8 percent of our parish goal of \$29,500.00. Please know that every gift matters. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the church or in the benches or for more information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700. Thank you.

Well I guess that is it for now. Until next time, take care.
Fr. Earley

FOOD & MEN /WOMEN CLOTHING COLLECTION

Once again we ask for your generosity to support less fortunate people. The Charities Committee will be collecting for the Wilmington Food Pantry. Also Donations of men & women clothing, there is a special request for adult socks and small sizes of soaps and shampoos. Please drop off food and clothing in Villanova Hall April 19 & 20, 2008

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED TO THE PARISH LENTEN GOSPEL GIVING YOUR GENEROSITY IS MUCH APPRECIATED.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

EASTER REMEMBRANCES

Antonio Gravalles	Deceased Members of the	Clarence Doucette
Mary Radomski	Reilly, Poirier, Lydon	Nellie Surette
Malcom & Aline Budd	& Russell Families	Mary Durdee
Maryann Budd	Pa (Frank)McConologue	Rose Richards
Arthur & Dorothy Kelley	Grandma (Dorothy) Ebert	James Meuse
Dorothy Rooney	David & Annie Brown	Frank & Betty Busby
George & Mary Farrar	Henry & Rose Gracehoring	Margaret Busby
Jack Smith	Henry Brown	Daniel Busby
Beatrice Bannigan	Alice & Al Brown	Paul Gilchrist
Hugh Bannigan	Tom & Mary McConologue	Anthony & Anna Siracusa
Julia Smith	Josph D. Kilfoyle	Margaret Cunningham
Hollis Smith	William Glasheen	Nellie & John DeMarco
Alice Brogan	Billy Glasheen	Jeannie & Louis DiBlasio
Nicholas Vecchiarelli	Clifford E. Veronica R. Sullivan	Margaret & John Busby
Anne Vecchiarelli	Paul & Eileen Horgan	Margaret & Bill Cunningham
Lucy Caggiano	Danny Eastman	Kay & Howard Downing
Sal Caggiano	Thayne Conley	Arthur J. Boudreau
Marshall Caggiano	Ethel M. Quinn	Georgeine & John B. Boudreau
Eugene Vecchiarello	William L. Florence T. Moynihan	Florence Boudreau Goldsmith
Jean Vitale	Arthur B, Florence W. Quinn	Charlotte Boudreau Connoly
Jack McKenna	Bernard S. & Annie J. Quinn	Catherine Boudreau Colucci
Pauline Vecchiarello	Walter & Irene McInnis	Madeline & Mel Southmayd
Leo Vecchiarello	William Dwyer	Maggie & James White
Josephine Vecchiarello	Walter & Kitty Lord	George E. Dadbois
Tina Rulli	Joseph & Mary Amodeo	Mabal White Melanson
Millie Shaw	Generoso & Ines M. Amodeo	Mary White Evans
Carol Beltrami	Esther & Karen M. Hinsman	Lillian White Marion
Peter Rossetti Sr.	Gerald J. Hinsman	Rose White Brogna
Suzanne Rossetti	Robert C. Murphy	Angelina & Giuseppe Grandinetti
The Wrenn Family	Silene M. Pires	Anthony Grandinetti
The Steen Family	Amanda Kelley	Frank Fragale
Don & Patti Howell	Vincent & Gilda Bono	Ricky Carrabis
Jack Marsden	Amy Riley	Norman Allison
Rita Parker	Mrs. Barry	Severino Scola
Mary Lou O'Neal	Donald & Marie Lemieux	Fannie Allison
The Fitzpatrick Family	Phyllis & Joseph Ferioli	Lee LaGrassa
John & Diane Kelley	Natalia & Luigi Fiato	Donna Guarracino
Jan & Bob Hilderbrand	Silene M. Harold Sr.	Anthony Pirelli
Pat & Dick Duggan	Harold Jr & Louis Irving	Deceased Members of
Phil Ryan	M/M Joseph Melanson	Charlie Murray Family
Tom Casey	Thomas Melanson	Deceased Priests of
Jim & Patti Anne Hachey	M/M Lawrence Hayford	St. Thomas Parish
Rocco & Rita DePasquale	Raymond Guay	Evelyn Repucci
Joseph P. Ring	M/M Edward Comisky	Angela Tamburello
Margaret Ring	Bill & Florence Wassel	Alice Donovan
Andrew P. Ring	Charles Gilbert	John Snell
Sarah Morrison	Marilyn Gilbert	Jena Ontario
Jakequaline Ring	Joan Gilbert	Deceased members of the
Joseph L. Ring	Irvington Maquire	Collins family
Percy Doucette	Ruth Maquire	Snell family
Isabel Doucette	John Brander	Porter family
Charlotte Doucette	Ernest DiGregorio	Worthington family
Dorothy Antonelli	Thomas Hildreth	
Pierre Antontonelli	Wilfred Meuse	Mass will be said for all Easter
Edward Doucette	Paul Doucette	Remberances on the Mondays of the
Sean Manning	Frances Doucette	Easter Season.

MARCH 30, 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March 30 7pm Prayer Group	March 31 CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm	April 1	April 2	April 3	April 4 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	April 5
April 6 11:15 Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	April 7	April 8	April 9	April 10	April 11 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	April 12
April 13 7pm Prayer Group	April 14	April 15 "Jesus Day" 4-6pm	April 16	April 17	April 18 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	April 19 ANOINTING MASS & LUNCHEON FOOD CLOTHING COLLECTION
April 20 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	April 21	April 22	April 23	April 24	April 25 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	April 26 Marriage Prep 9am- 4pm

ST. THOMAS MINISTRY FAIR

Every two weeks a different ministry will be highlighted. The first it 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. Many times Fr. Earley has told us that this is not his parish—it is our parish," said Mark Sullivan, Vice Chairperson of the St. Thomas Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). "What it is and what it becomes is our mission, assisted by pastoral guidance."

On Our Web Site

Every month we are updating the Pastor's Corner on our web site to highlight the programs featured in the Rolling Ministry Fair. If you haven't visited the site recently, go to sthomasvillanova.com to see what you've been missing. And don't worry about being a newcomer to the site. We've archived all the Pastor's Corner and Latest News entries since December 2006. To the right of the Pastor's Corner you'll see a link for Archives. So enjoy!

Meditations of the Heart by Carolyn Kenney

In today's gospel, we read of Jesus appearance to the Apostles after His death and of Thomas' original disbelief in that appearance. So often, we are like Thomas. There are moments in our lives when tragedy strikes and our faith waivers. A loved-one dies and we wonder how God could do this to us. It is at moments such as this that God asks us to put our trust in Him. The faith of Our Blessed Mother never wavered, even as she held the lifeless body of Jesus in her arms. At the end of today's gospel, Jesus said to Thomas, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." You and I have not seen Jesus, yet we believe in Him. We believe in His love for us. His love for us is something that cannot be put into words, yet it is real and beautiful. Sit quietly before the crucifix and you will come to know this love.

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

March 25, 2008

"Dear Children! In this time of grace, I call you to work on your personal conversion. You are still far from meeting with God in your heart. Therefore, spend all the more time in prayer and Adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, for Him to change you and to put Into your heart a living faith and a desire for eternal life. Everything is passing, little children, only God is not passing. I am with you and I encourage you with love. Thank you for having responded to my call."