

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions—November 24-December 2, 2007

Saturday

**5:00 PM Joseph, Georgine & Thomas Melanson
& Ray Gay**

Sunday

8:00 AM Diogenes Amaro

9:30 AM Stanley Zakauskas

11:15 AM John Vincent Kelley III & Diane Marie Kelley

Monday

9:00 AM All Souls Remembrance

Tuesday

9:00 AM Yvonne Deveau

Wednesday

9:00 AM Vinny Balboni

Thursday

9:00 AM Mass of Thanksgiving

Saturday

5:00 PM Deceased members of the Macone, Marino & Valente Family

Sunday

8:00 AM For the People of the Parish

9:30 AM Leo J. Earley

11:15 AM Grade 10 Mass

All Souls Remembrances

Maria Jose Chaves	Yose Callho Melo
Manuel Almada Chaves	Youo Ayala
Manuel & Matalia Morieta	All the Souls in Purgatory
Maria Soares Chaves	Manuel Resendes & Family
Jacinto Sousa Rego	Maria do Espirito Santo
Antonia Jesus Freitas & Family	Maria Jesus Freitas & Family

BAPTISM

The following children were welcomed into St. Thomas Parish Family on Sunday, November 18th, 2007.

*Taya Dawn Jones
Casey E. Kelley*

WEDDINGS

*Jennifer Kane & Chris O'Rourke
Kristin Courtinay & Michael Sellitto*

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving has come and gone. The Christmas rush is officially on. Actually the Christmas rush seemed to be on since Halloween. In any case Christmas will be here before you know it.

This year, as in previous years, we will have the Giving Tree and the collection for Birthright. We will also have our Christmas concert.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated for our second grade students soon.

Saturday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Although it falls on a Saturday this year, it remains a holyday of obligation. We will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday morning, December 8 at 9:00 AM. There will be no vigil Mass.

Fr. Walter Carreiro, who was a parochial vicar here several years ago, is being installed as pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Cambridge on Saturday, December 8 at 4:00 PM. St. Anthony's is a Portuguese parish. Prior to be named pastor of St. Anthony's, Fr. Carreiro was pastor of St. Michael's Hudson. It is good to have him closer. Hudson was a long drive.

The Outreach Committee will be selling wreathes this weekend for \$10.00. All proceeds support the work of the Outreach Committee.

I am going to wrap this up because we have to get the bulletin to the printer a couple of days a head of time because of Thanksgiving.

I hope you all had a happy Thanksgiving. Until next time, take care.

Fr. Earley

SPECIAL FINANCIAL & FOOD COLLECTION
DEC 1 & 2

The second collection next weekend will be taken up for the St. Thomas Charities Committee. They will also be collecting food for the Wilmington Food Pantry.

CHRIST THE KING

PARISH OUT REACH MINISTRY

The Parish Outreach Ministry will be selling wreaths after all Masses THIS weekend of November 24th and 25th. The Cost of the wreath with a beautiful bow is \$10.00.

GET YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKED

Parish Nurses will be taking Blood pressures after all Masses THIS weekend of November 24 & 25. Coffee or tea will be served after the 8am Mass. So buy your wreath, get your blood pressure taken and enjoy the day.

WINE WOMEN AND SONG

On Thursday, November 29th at 7pm, Wine, Women and Song will take place in the Chapel. Theme will be centered round "Guest who's coming for Christmas?" Come join us for hors d'oeuvres, song, discussion and prayer. If you join us, I'm sure you'll come back

BRINGING THE EUCHARIST TO WOODBRIAR

ANYONE INTERESTED IN BRINGING EUCHARIST TO THE PATIENTS AT WOODBRIAR. PLEASE CONTACT MARY DOMBROWSKI at 978-250-1710.

No experience is necessary will train. This takes about an hour out of your weekly schedule and is a very rewarding experience.

BIRTH RIGHT

Again this year St. Thomas Women's Club will collect new layette items unwrapped for Birthright of Lowell. Birthright helps unwed mothers of the Lowell area with layette items for their new babies. We will be collecting from the first Sunday of Advent, Dec 2nd to the Epiphany Sunday Jan., 6. There will be a laundry basket near the confessionals for the donations.

ST. THOMAS WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING

The Women's Club will hold their Christmas Meeting on Monday, Dec 10th at 7:30pm in Villanova Hall. All Women of the parish are invited to join us. We will be holding a Yankee Swap. Each person who wants to participate should bring a \$10 wrapped gift. Also would everyone please bring an appetizer or dessert. Birthright items may be dropped off at the meeting.

ST. THOMAS CHOIRS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Adult and Children Choirs Christmas concert will be on Friday, December 14, at 7pm

CORI'S FORMS FOR 2007-2008

All volunteers in the Parish **must** fill out a Cori every year. The Forms are in the Sacristy.

EACH VOLUNTEER MUST PROVIDE A GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION TO VERIFY HIS OR HER IDENTITY- MA LICENSE, US PASSPORT, ECT.

MERIMACK VALLEY CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The Lowell Food Pantry are looking for volunteers. They need people who can stuff bags, give out food, and help with intake. You must be 17 years of age, or older and pass a Cori check. Morning and afternoon hours are available. Please call Delis at (978) 454-9946 for further information.

SONS OF ITALY CRAFT FAIR

Wilmington Sons of Italy Craft Fair 10am - 4pm on Saturday, Dec 1st in Villanova Hall. For more information please call Mary 978-658-2896 .

"A THOUSAND CRANES "

Performance Dates Dec 8 and Dec 15 at 7pm

The United Methodist Church

The children Theatre Workshop of Wilmington invites you to join a free performance. This is the true story of Sadako Sasaki, a little girl from Japan who at age 11, was diagnosed with Leukemia as a result of radiation fallout from the Hiroshima Bombing 10 years before. The play is perfect for elementary school children and up. For more info on the story go to www.sadako.org. For more info on this performance contact Joanie Walsh781-608-1019.

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NOVEMBER 25, 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 25 9:30 Children's Choir 1pm Baptism instruction 7pm Prayer Group	Nov 26 CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm 10 6:45-8pm	Nov 27 CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 8 6:45-8pm	Nov 28 CCD grades 3 4-5pm 6 5:30-6:30	Nov 29	Nov 30 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Dec 1 10TO 4PM SONS OF ITALY CRAFT FAIR
Dec 2 Grade 10 11:15am Mass 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	Dec 3 CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm 9 6:45-8pm	Dec 4 CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 7 6:45-8pm	Dec 5 CCD grades 3 4-5pm 6 5:30-6:30	Dec 6	Dec 7 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Dec 8
Dec 9 9:30 Children's Choir 7pm Prayer Group	Dec 10 CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm 10 6:45-8pm	Dec 11 CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 8 6:45-8pm	Dec 12 CCD grades 3 4-5pm 6 5:30-6:30	Dec 13	Dec 14 St. Thomas Adult & Children Choir Christmas Concert 7pm	Dec 15 First Reconciliation 10:30,11:30 & 1pm
Dec 16 Gr 2 9:30 Mass All Giving Tree gifts returned 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	Dec 17 CCD grades 1 4-5pm 4 5:30-6:30pm 9 6:45-8pm	Dec 18 CCD grades 2 4-5pm 5 5:30-6:30 7 6:45-8pm	Dec 19 CCD grades 3 4-5pm 6 5:30-6:30	Dec 20	Dec 21 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Dec 22
Dec 23 7pm Prayer Group	Dec 24 Christmas Eve 4pm, 6pm midnight	Dec 25 Christmas Day 9:30am, 11:15am	Dec 26 No CCD Classes Christmas Vacation	Dec 27	Dec 28 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	Dec 29

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas is on a Tuesday this year. The mass schedule for Christmas Eve Monday, December 24th 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM and midnight and Christmas Day at 9:30 AM and 11:15 AM.

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE October 25, 2007

“Dear Children! God sent me among you out of love that I may lead you towards the way of salvation. Many of you opened your hearts and accepted my messages, but many have become lost on this way and have never come to know the God of love with the fullness of heart. Therefore, I call you to be love and light where there is darkness and sin. I am with you and bless you all. Thank you for having responded to my call.”