

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

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**Mass Intentions September 13-21, 2008**

**Saturday**

**5:00 PM George Novello**

**Sunday**

**8:00 AM Vittorio Iocco**

**9:30 AM Theresa Mary Vitale**

**11:15 AM Thomas Casey**

**Monday**

**9:00 AM Jennie Griffin**

**Tuesday**

**9:00 AM Michael A. Baltier**

**Wednesday**

**9:00 AM Mildred Arinello**

**Thursday**

**9:00 AM Salvatore Scalesse**

**Saturday**

**5:00 PM Teresa Noone**

**Sunday**

**8:00 AM Gertrude Wagstaff**

**9:30 AM Maria Grace Rosa**

**11:15 AM Donald Franco**

**CHURCH SUPPORT**

August 31, 2008 Offertory Collection      \$ 6,510.50

September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Offertory Collection      \$5122.00

The second collection is the Catholic University Collection.

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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

CCD is in need of one teacher for grade 6. Grade 6 meets on Wednesday from 5:30 to 6pm. If you can help please call the CCD Office at 978-658-6040.

The requirements for teaching in the Religious Education Program are that you are a confirmed practicing catholic and in good standing in the Church.

**CHARITY RAFFLE**

St. Thomas Villanova is sponsoring a charity raffle to raise money for Paul Lydon and his family. Paul has been diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease), and there are numerous physical and financial burdens facing his family (wife Alice, and 4 young children). The grand price for this raffle is \$10,000. Tickets are \$100 and there are only 300 tickets being sold, so your odds are good. The drawing will be held at the 5pm Mass on November 15<sup>th</sup>. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Al or Deb Marzi [marzihome@comcast.net](mailto:marzihome@comcast.net). Tickets will also be sold after Mass the weekend of Sept 13, 14.

**MEN'S CLOTHING DRIVE SEPT. 20 & 21**

The Annual Men's clothing drive to benefit St. Francis House. They are in need of the following items in sizes large through 6X:

- Winter jackets
- Men's casual shirts
- Men's pants
- Men's and women's jeans
- Hooded sweatshirts
- New and gently used footwear
- New men's underwear
- New men t-shirts
- New men's crew socks
- Backpacks and Book bags

**FOOD COLLECTION SEPT. 20 & 21**

The Charities Committee will also be collecting food for the Wilmington Food Pantry on Sept 20 & 21st. The Wilmington Food Pantry is especially in need of the following items:

**Soup, canned fruit, canned spaghetti, grape jelly, syrup, pancake mix, oatmeal, juice boxes and mayo**

All donations can be dropped off in Villanova Hall

**DOMINICAN BAKE SALE**

St. Thomas of Villanova Parish will have a bake sale on the weekend October 4 & 5, all proceeds will go to Sister Madaline & her missionary efforts.

## EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

### FAMILY FUN DAY “FUN FOR ALL AGES”

Save Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> for St. Thomas Family Fun Day, 1:30pm to 4pm followed by outdoor Mass. Cook-out, moon bounce, crafts, cotton candy, popcorn, games for all ages, prizes, entertainment by “Two Cousins”, sing-a-long to songs from 40’s up present. Also Karaoke fun. Come and enjoy a wonderful day with St. Thomas faith community.

If you would like to help out with the planning or volunteer for the day of please call Pat Archfield at 978-250-1710 or the rectory.

### BLESSING OF THE PETS

In honor of St. Frances of Assisi we will have a blessing of all pets on Sunday October 5th at 4pm out on the lawn by the Marian Shrine.

### SENIOR MASS AND LUNCHEON

St. Thomas Women’s Club will again sponsor the Fall Senior Mass and Luncheon on Sat., Oct 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008, in Villanova Hall. Mass is at 11:30am followed by a Luncheon. All Seniors are invited to join us. To make a reservation please call Joan at 978-657-3905 by Friday Oct 10<sup>th</sup>. If you need a ride please let us know when you register.

### NEW CORI’S FORMS FOR 2008-2009

All volunteers in the Parish need to fill out a new Cori every year. This includes all CCD Teachers and all ministries. The Forms are in the Sacristy. **PLEASE NOTE** EACH VOLUNTEER MUST PROVIDE A GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION TO VERIFY HIS OR HER IDENTITY- MA LICENSE, US PASSPORT ETC In addition to the CORI form. We ask you to please sign a **CODE OF CONDUCT STATEMENT AGREEMENT**, We will keep it on file. The forms are in the sacristy. Please read it over and sign it. You can leave it in the CORI basket on the counter in the sacristy.

### PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN WORKSHOP

**The workshop has been cancelled for this afternoon, However it will be rescheduled Please be sure to check the bulletin for the new date and times.**

### ST. THOMAS CRAFT FAIR

Once again The St. Thomas Women’s Club will have the Craft Fair On Saturday, November 22, 2008 from 10 am to 3pm. RESERVE A TABLE EARLY tables are \$30, before September 15, 2008 and \$35. after September 15. To RESERVE A TABLE OR THE DONATE A RAFFLE CALL Maureen at 978-658-8206 or Elaine 978-658-9060.

### WEDDING BANNES

*III Julie Gallo and Richard Garcia*

### BAPTISMS

The following children were welcomed into St. Thomas Parish Family on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008

*Cayley R. Israelson  
Zoey M. Helbert  
MacKenzie Jessica Scanlon  
Christopher Edward Smith  
Emilia Kathryn DePlacido*

### CHOIR REHEARSAL

Anyone who is interested in joining the Choir please see Lora our music Director after Mass. They meet for rehearsal on Wednesday evenings.

Adult Choir rehearsal Wednesday’s 7pm  
The Children’s Choir Wednesday’s 6pm

### OUTSIDE THE PARISH

ST. Louis Prayer Group is sponsoring a healing service on October 13, 2008. The service is at the St. Louis School Center 221 West Sixth Street Lowell ( The former St. Louis Church) Padre Paul McManus will be our celebrant . Mass starts at 7pm followed by the laying on of hands. We will have refreshments. Please park in schoolyard & use the church entrance nearest the paring lot on the rectory side. If you have any questions feel free to contact Joyce at 978-458-1942 or 978-758-1517.

### A DAY FOR MARRIED COUPLES

How to Keep Your Love Tank Full-The Five Love Languages Sunday, October 26 12pm to 7pm Registration at 11:30am Espousal Retreat Center Waltham For more info 781-209-3120.

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2008**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Sept 14</b> <b>ARISE SIGN UP</b>  Protecting Gods Children Class  7pm Prayer Group	<b>Sept 15</b>	<b>Sept 16</b>	<b>Sept 17</b>  Children's Choir 6pm Adult Choir 7pm	<b>Sept 18</b>	<b>Sept 19</b> 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	<b>Sept 20</b> CLOTHING FOOD COLLECTION
<b>Sept 21</b> FAMILY FUN DAY 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	<b>Sept 22</b> Gr 1 4to 5pm 4 5:30 to 6:30pm 10 6:45to 8pm	<b>Sept 23</b> Gr 2 4to5pm 5 5:30 to 6:30pm 8 6:45 to 8pm	<b>Sept 24</b> Gr 3 4to5pm 6 5:30 to 6 pm Children's Choir 6pm Adult Choir 7pm	<b>Sept 25</b>	<b>Sept 26</b> 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	<b>Sept 27</b>
<b>Sept 28</b> Baptismal Instruction  7pm Prayer Group	<b>Sept 29</b> Gr 1 4to 5pm 4 5:30 to 6:30pm 9 6:45to 8pm	<b>Sept 30</b> Gr 2 4to5pm 5 5:30 to 6:30pm 7 6:45 to 8pm	<b>Oct 1</b> Gr 3 4to5pm 6 5:30 to 6pm Children's Choir 6pm Adult Choir 7pm	<b>Oct 2</b>	<b>Oct 3</b> 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	<b>Oct 4</b> Dominican Sisters Pie & Bread Sale
<b>Oct 5</b> 9:30 Children's Liturgy Gr 2 Mass 1pm Baptism Blessing of the Pets 7pm Prayer Group	<b>Oct 6</b> Gr 1 4to 5pm 4 5:30 to 6:30pm 9 6:45to 8pm	<b>Oct 7</b> Gr 2 4to5pm 5 5:30 to 6:30pm 7 6:45 to 8pm	<b>Oct 8</b> Gr 3 4to5pm 6 5:30 to 6pm Children's Choir 6pm Adult Choir 7pm	<b>Oct 9</b>	<b>Oct 10</b> 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	<b>Oct 11</b> Columbus Day Weekend
<b>Oct 12</b> 7pm Prayer Group	<b>Oct 13</b> No CCD Columbus Day	<b>Oct 14</b> Gr 2 4to5pm 5 5:30 to 6:30pm 8 6:45 to 8pm	<b>Oct 15</b> Gr 3 4to5pm 6 5:30pm to 6pm Children's Choir 6pm Adult Choir 7pm	<b>Oct 16</b>	<b>Oct 17</b> 6-7:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	<b>Oct 18</b> SENIOR LUNCHEON  FOOD CLOTHING COLLECTION
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**Meditations of the Heart By Carolyn M. Kenney**

You are blessed with the gift of life which was bestowed upon you by God. In today's gospel, Saint John writes, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

This does not automatically mean that we are guaranteed a place in heaven, whatever type of lifestyle we lead. We must meet God halfway. We must show mercy, kindness and love to everyone we meet, from the members in our family to the stranger on the street. Jesus did not show any partiality regarding a person's race, creed or color as He walked throughout Galilee and taught His Father's message of love. We are all created in the image and likeness of God. Let us open our eyes to see His goodness reflected in one another. ([www.meditationsoftheheart.com](http://www.meditationsoftheheart.com))

**OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE August 25, 2008**

*"Dear children! Also today I call you to personal conversion. You be those who will convert and, with your life, will witness love, forgive and bring the joy of the Risen One into this world, where my son died and where people do not feel a need to seek Him and to discover Him in their lives. You adore Him, and may your hope be hope to those hearts who do not have Jesus. Thank you for having responded to my call."*