

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

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**Mass Intentions September 20-28, 2008**

**Saturday**

**5:00 PM Teresa Noone**

**Sunday**

**8:00 AM Gertrude Wagstaff**

**9:30 AM Maria Grace Rosa**

**11:15 AM Donald Franco**

**Monday**

**9:00 AM Ben Luca**

**Tuesday**

**9:00 AM Dorothy Antonelli**

**Wednesday**

**9:00 AM Lucille Dumont Andrews**

**Thursday**

**9:00 AM Jean Scarano**

**Saturday**

**5:00PM Jeannette Lavoie**

**Sunday**

**8:00AM Gertrude Wagstaff**

**9:30 AM Robert Feeney Sr.**

**11:15 AM Winifred & Alexander Groves**

**WEDDING BANNES**

*I Kerri French and Mark Piantedosi*

*I Carolyn R. Veilleux & Michael Christopher Crowley*

**CHURCH SUPPORT**

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

September 14, 2008 Offertory Collection	\$6,547.20
Catholic University Collection	\$1,660.00

**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).

**MEN'S CLOTHING DRIVE THIS WEEKEND**

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 THIS WEEKEND**

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

**THIS SUNDAY!**

**FAMILY FUN DAY**

**"FUN FOR ALL AGES"**

This 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.

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### OCTOBER FEST

St. Thomas Women's Club is celebrating a Fall October Fest on Monday, October 6, 2008 at 6:30pm.

**Reservation are a must!**

Please call June at 978-657-7119 by Wednesday October 1<sup>st</sup>.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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. It is \$35 to reserve a table. To RESERVE A TABLE OR THE DONATE A RAFFLE CALL Maureen at 978-658-8206 or Elaine 978-658-9060.

### 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

### 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.

### OUTSIDE THE PARISH

#### MYSTERY QUILT FUNDRAISER

Saturday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 10am to 6pm at the St. William School Hall in Tewksbury to make a quilt on a step by step basis. You will earn each instruction by completing a simple puzzle. The quilt pattern will then reveal itself as the steps are completed. A donation of \$50, includes the quilt pattern, people to do all your ironing and unsewing, prizes and refreshments. Donations will be supporting the work of Catholic Quest. For info Eileen @ 978-858-3634 or Nancy @ 978-851-8401 or [info@catholicquest.org](mailto:info@catholicquest.org). To download a flyer/registration form, go to [www.catholicquest.org](http://www.catholicquest.org)

#### POPE JOHN OPEN HOUSE

#### HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT REGISTRATION

Open House will be held at Pope John XXIII High School, Everett, on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> 11am to 1pm. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and families are invited to a tour of the school, they will visit classrooms, talk with our faculty, and meet current students. They may also register for the High School Placement Test which will take place on November 13<sup>th</sup> for more information 617-389-0240 x 16.

#### HEALING SERVICE

October 13, 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. & refreshments. Please park in schoolyard & use the church entrance nearest the parking lot on 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 21, 2008**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Sept 21</b> <b>FAMILY FUN</b> <b>DAY</b> <b>1pm Baptism</b> <b>7pm</b> <b>Prayer Group</b>	<b>Sept 22</b> <b>Gr 1 4to 5pm</b> <b>4 5:30 to 6:30pm</b> <b>10 6:45to 8pm</b>	<b>Sept 23</b> <b>Gr 2 4to5pm</b> <b>5 5:30 to 6:30pm</b> <b>8 6:45 to 8pm</b>	<b>Sept 24</b> <b>Gr 3 4to5pm</b> <b>6 5:30 to 6 pm</b> <b>Children's Choir</b> <b>6pm</b> <b>Adult Choir 7pm</b>	<b>Sept 25</b>	<b>Sept 26</b> <b>6-7:30pm</b> <b>Eucharistic</b> <b>Adoration</b>	<b>Sept 27</b>
<b>Sept 28</b> <b>Baptismal</b> <b>Instruction</b>  <b>7pm Prayer Group</b>	<b>Sept 29</b> <b>Gr 1 4to 5pm</b> <b>4 5:30 to 6:30pm</b> <b>9 6:45to 8pm</b>	<b>Sept 30</b> <b>Gr 2 4to5pm</b> <b>5 5:30 to 6:30pm</b> <b>7 6:45 to 8pm</b>	<b>Oct 1</b> <b>Gr 3 4to5pm</b> <b>6 5:30 to 6pm</b> <b>Children's Choir</b> <b>6pm</b> <b>Adult Choir 7pm</b>	<b>Oct 2</b>	<b>Oct 3</b> <b>6-7:30pm</b> <b>Eucharistic</b> <b>Adoration</b>	<b>Oct 4</b> <b>Dominican</b> <b>Sisters Pie &amp;</b> <b>Bread Sale</b>
<b>Oct 5</b> <b>9:30 Children's</b> <b>Liturgy</b> <b>Gr 2 Mass</b> <b>1pm Baptism</b> <b>Blessing of the</b> <b>Pets</b> <b>7pm</b> <b>Prayer Group</b>	<b>Oct 6</b> <b>Gr 1 4to 5pm</b> <b>4 5:30 to 6:30pm</b> <b>9 6:45to 8pm</b>  <b>OCTOBER FEST</b> <b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Oct 7</b> <b>Gr 2 4to5pm</b> <b>5 5:30 to 6:30pm</b> <b>7 6:45 to 8pm</b>	<b>Oct 8</b> <b>Gr 3 4to5pm</b> <b>6 5:30 to 6pm</b> <b>Children's Choir</b> <b>6pm</b> <b>Adult Choir 7pm</b>	<b>Oct 9</b>	<b>Oct 10</b> <b>6-7:30pm</b> <b>Eucharistic</b> <b>Adoration</b>	<b>Oct 11</b> <b>Columbus Day</b> <b>Weekend</b>
<b>Oct 12</b> <b>7pm</b> <b>Prayer Group</b>	<b>Oct 13</b> <b>No CCD</b> <b>Columbus Day</b>	<b>Oct 14</b> <b>Gr 2 4to5pm</b> <b>5 5:30 to 6:30pm</b> <b>8 6:45 to 8pm</b>	<b>Oct 15</b> <b>Gr 3 4to5pm</b> <b>6 5:30pm to 6pm</b> <b>Children's Choir</b> <b>6pm</b> <b>Adult Choir 7pm</b>	<b>Oct 16</b>	<b>Oct 17</b> <b>6-7:30pm</b> <b>Eucharistic</b> <b>Adoration</b>	<b>Oct 18</b> <b>SENIOR</b> <b>LUNCHEON</b>  <b>FOOD</b> <b>CLOTHING</b> <b>COLLECTION</b>
<b>Oct 19</b> <b>Chidrens</b> <b>Liturgy</b> <b>Gr 10 @11:15</b> <b>1pm Baptism</b> <b>7pm</b> <b>Prayer Group</b>	<b>Oct 20</b> <b>Gr 1 4to 5pm</b> <b>4 5:30 to 6:30pm</b> <b>9 6:45to 8pm</b>	<b>Oct 21</b> <b>Gr 2 4to5pm</b> <b>5 5:30 to 6:30pm</b> <b>7 6:45 to 8pm</b>	<b>Oct 22</b> <b>Gr 3 4to5pm</b> <b>6 5:30pm to 6pm</b> <b>Children's Choir</b> <b>6pm</b> <b>Adult Choir 7pm</b>	<b>Oct 23</b>	<b>Oct 24</b> <b>6-7:30pm</b> <b>Eucharistic</b> <b>Adoration</b>	<b>Oct 25</b> <b>Sons of Italy</b> <b>Craft Fair</b> <b>9 to 4pm</b>

Meditations of the Heart

By Carolyn M. Kenney

I recently came across information on a saint familiar to us all - Saint Thomas of Villanova. He was born in 1488 in Castile, Spain and was raised in the village of Villanova. After attending the University of Alcala, he joined the Augustinian friars and was ordained in 1518. He was blessed to celebrate his first mass on Christmas Day. He served as Prior and Provincial, after which he was nominated as Archbishop of Granada. He was a humble friar as proven when he received money to furnish his house, but instead he donated it to a hospital.

Daily people would go to him for food and a little money. He said, "If there are people who refuse to work, that is for the governor and the police to deal with. My duty is to assist and relieve those who come to my door." He asked those who were wealthy to imitate his example, which would enable them to grow richer in mercy and charity than in earthly possessions. Mass was celebrated in his presence as he lay dying. After Communion, he passed away saying, "Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit." He was beatified on October 7, 1618, the Feast of the Holy Rosary. He was later declared a saint on November 1, 1658 – All Saints Day. (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."*