

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

A NOTE OF THANKS

The Board of Directors of The Wilmington Community Fund would like to thank you for your generous gifts of food 26 bags donated to the Wilmington Food Pantry. Your generosity allows us to help many Wilmington families in need of support and local assistance such as: food, heat, utilities and medical.

Our motto "People helping People" is a simple way of stating what the Wilmington Community Fund is all about and your donation has helped in that endeavor. The Wilmington Community Fund services a pantry supplying food products on a bi-monthly basis, helping those in need of assistance. It is not uncommon to find people needing emergency food assistance who never could have imagined they'd be in that situation. Sometimes, it's a work Lay-off, a strike, an illness, or other situations that can bring a family to the door of a community food pantry. Someone may become disabled and homebound, unable to fend for themselves; or a minimum wage job may force a parent to choose between paying the rent or feeding their family. These are examples of the types of situations as to why individuals may find themselves in need for assistance.

The Wilmington Community Fund also helps fund other organizations, which provide a direct benefit to Wilmington families, individuals, the elderly and children. These organizations include those who assist others with physical challenges, medical assistance, various relief societies, and many of the youth groups. Financial funding was also given to the Wilmington Fire Department, which enabled them to purchase a Jaws of Life. Funding was also provided to the Wilmington Library enabling them to purchase state of the art technology, therefore providing better services for their patrons. We have also given away carbon monoxide detectors to the many Wilmington families in need.

We continue to count on individuals like you to support the Wilmington Community Fund. It's gratifying to know we live in a community that cares for its neighbors so much.

ST. THOMAS CHARITIES COMMITTEE

4th of July Pie Project

St. Thomas Charities Committee is planning the 4th of July Pie Project. Volunteers will be needed for this annual fundraising event. If you can help please call the rectory leave your name and number and one of the committee members will get back to you .

WOMENS CLUB HAPPENINGS

WOMENS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP MEETING

The Meeting will be Tues., May 29th at 7:00pm in Villanova Hall. We will also discuss the 2007-2008 calendar.

DINNER OUT

Thursday, May 24th, we invite the women of the Parish to join us for dinner at 6:30pm (entertainment-comedy act-starts at 6:45pm) at the Black Olive in Tewksbury. Each will select their choice of meal from menu; each responsible for their own check. Please call Joan @ 657-3905 by May 17th so that we can give a count to the manager.

CLOSING MASS AND DINNER

Closing Mass will be Monday, June 11, 6:30pm in the Chapel followed by dinner in Villanova Hall the Club will treat. We will do take out from Capellini's in Tewksbury Chicken & Broccoli, Lasagna, Salad. We ask that you bring an appetizer or dessert. Please call Joan 657-3905 so that we have a count.

CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC FAMILIES OF BETHLEHEM

Next weekend, May 26 & 27, our brother and sisters representing the Christian Catholic Families of Bethlehem will be we will be selling Crucifixes, religious art work and rosaries-all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted. Christian Families in the holy land who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. Sale of these goods will help them and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion. Website:bethlehemhandicrafts.fusioncentral.com

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities Spring Gala on Wed., June 20, from 6:30-9:30 pm 94 Clark Rd Lowell. This year they will honor Janet Lambert-Moore of Lowell & Samuel Poulten of Chelmsford. For ticket (\$100.00) or make a donation please make check payable to Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities and send to 70 Lawrence St. Lowell, Ma 01852-2697. or call Laurie at 978452-1421 for more information.

ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA PARISH, WILMINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Mass Intentions May 19-27, 2007

Saturday

5:00PM Joseph Marshall

Sunday

8:00AM People of the Parish

9:30 AM Joseph Flood

11:15 AM Erminia Medeiros

Monday

9:00 AM Kenneth Campell

Tuesday

**9:00 AM Palmina, Joseph, MaryJane
Stephen Langone**

Wednesday

9:00AM Dennis Holbrook

Thursday

9:00AM Mary Gilliland

Saturday

5:00 PM Paul Palizzolo Jr.

Sunday

8:00 AM Ana Viveiros

9:30 AM People of the Parish

11:15 AM Georgina & John B. Boudreau

**WOMENS CLUB
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

St. Thomas Women's Club will again offer a \$500 Scholarship to a graduating High School Senior who plans to go on to further education. The senior must be a registered parishioner at St. Thomas Parish. The applications are available at the Rectory and must be returned by May 27.

WEDDING BANNES

II Mary Jean Sullivan & Justin Keefe

OLAN MILLS PHOTO PARISH DIRECTORY

Any one who was unable to have their family picture taken with Olan Mills and is interested in having a free photo picture taken please call the Rectory so we can schedule that for you as soon as possible.

2007 CATHOLIC APPEAL
Giving in Faith, Giving with Love

If you would like to donate to The Catholic Appeal you can drop your pledge card in any collection and we will forward it to Boston or you can mail it directly. In the past, the Catholic Appeal would go on and on into October. This year they are trying to shorten the period. They would like the pledge cards in early even if you cannot make a payment until later in the year. As the Cardinal stated in the video shown at Mass a couple of weekends ago, every pledge or donation matters.

Cardinal Sean sends his thanks to the households from St. Thomas that have participated during Catholic Appeal Weekend. These contributions fund the good works of our Archdiocese and will improve the lives of many in our faith community. If you have not yet made your gift consider making a pledge this weekend. 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 or call 617-779-3700. Thank you.

HOUSE HOLD ITEMS FOR MISSION OF DEEDS

St. Thomas Charities Committee is having a collection for the Mission of Deeds this weekend May 19 & 20. The Items most in need are pots and pans Kitchen utensils and twin size bedding, but all house hold Items can be dropped off in Villanova Hall after all the Masses this weekend.

**THEY ARE ALSO COLLECTING FOOD FOR THE
WILMINGTON FOOD PANTRY**

Please note they will not be collecting clothes this weekend.

CHURCH SUPPORT

The second collection this weekend is the Parish Monthly Collection

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

The Religious Ed. Office is located in the basement of the Church. The CCD office phone number is 978-658-6040. Office hours are Mon., Tues, Wed. from 10am to 4pm.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
May 20 Mission of Deeds Kitchen Items collection 7pm Prayer Group	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24 Women's Club DINNER OUT 6:30pm Black Olive Tewksbury	May 25 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	May 26	
May 27 Scholarship Applications returned to rectory 7pm Prayer Group	May 28 Memorial Day	May 29 Women's Club Scholarship Meeting 7pm in Villanova Hall	May 30	May 31	June 1 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	June 2	
June 3 1pm Baptism 7pm Prayer Group	June 4	June 5	June 6	June 7	June 8 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	June 9	
June 10 After the 9:30 Mass PANCAKE BREAKFAST 7pm Prayer Group	June 11 6:30pm Closing Mass Chapel	June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15 6-8:30pm Eucharistic Adoration	June 16 4 th of July Raffle Sale	

Meditation of the Heart
by Carolyn Kenney

In today's gospel we read these beautiful words of Jesus, "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word..." In these words, Jesus is speaking about you and I. We are "those who will believe..."

Over 2000 years ago, Jesus knew that one day we would be His followers and witnesses of the Gospel. We have come to believe in Him through the words and teachings of the Apostles and their successors. Jesus now asks us to be an example to others. He asks us to share our faith with everyone we meet in order that others may also come to believe in Him. Through our example, our faith and our love, let us strive to make our world a better place.

OUR LADY'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

APRIL 25, 2007

"Dear children! Also today I again call you to conversion. Open your hearts. This is a time of grace while I am with you, make good use of it. Say: 'This is the time for my soul.' I am with you and love you with immeasurable love. Thank you for having responded to my call."