



HIS PLACE ON THE LIST

Sometimes the sayings of Jesus seem far removed from reality. Consider Luke 12:32-40: "Do not fear, little flock. Sell everything - give to the poor where your treasure is, there is your heart." Sell everything?!! And then how do we feed

ourselves, who will give us shelter? But this sticky question shows us the true power of this lesson: It's the attitude, not the act Jesus is truly looking for. Every day we struggle to set priorities. What goes first on the list? God? Missions? Our parish? No, sadly, it's usually paying bills, running errands, social activities. That's the problem. If we could only manage to put God at the top of the list, we'd have the attitude right. There would be no reason to sell off all our other priorities if God already has His rightful place. Take a good, hard look at your list today. Could it stand a little revision?



THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Wednesday, August 15, 2007

Holy Day of Obligation

Masses celebrated at 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

WHAT THE ASSUMPTION CAN TEACH US

In *Marialis Cultus*, Pope Paul VI tells us that the Assumption of Mary "is given to us as a pledge and guarantee that God's plan in Christ for the salvation of the whole man has already achieved realization in a creature: in her. She shows forth the victory of hope over anguish, of fellowship over solitude, of peace over anxiety, of joy and beauty over boredom and disgust, of eternal visions over earthly ones, of life over death."

OUR LADY OF BEAURAING

As we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady in Beauraing, Belgium, the Pro-Maria Committee will sponsor a local pilgrimage and special celebration at St. Mary Magdalen Parish Center in Tyngsboro at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2007.

Special statues of Our Lady of Beauraing will be available for purchase. These statues are available only through the Pro-Maria Committee here in the United States. For more information please contact Irene at 978-649-1813 in the evening only.

MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

An ACTS retreat for men, organized by St. William's Parish in Tewksbury, will be held from September 6-9, 2007 at The Franciscan Center. The retreat begins on Thursday evening and ends with a Mass on Sunday. Talks and activities during the retreat focus on Adoration, Community, Theology and Service, from which the ACTS acronym is derived. Applications are at the doors of the church or for more information, contact Deacon Gerry Hardy at 978-458-4050.

HEALING SERVICE

Fr. Albert McPherson will conduct a Healing Service with anointing and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 19, 2007 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Lawrence. All are invited to come and feel the healing touch of God's hands. For more information please call 978-685-1111.

ST. MARY PEWS FOR SALE

Next Saturday, August 18, from 10-12, we will be selling the pews from St. Mary's Church. They are in the basement at St. Louis Rectory and the terms will be straight-forward: \$150 per pew, cash and carry! The pews are solid oak and have been broken down so they are more easily moved. They are in excellent condition and can be cut to any size necessary. Spread the word!

MEALS FOR THE RECTORY

After a few months of three priests living in a rectory, I am considering having a few nights in which someone would be hired to provide supper. Generally, these are the details, but it is flexible. Provide a meal for three people on Mon, Tues. and Fri. nights. It could be prepared at the rectory, or even brought in late afternoon. (In Newburyport, a person prepared supper for her family – plus 3 extra places – and brought the meal to the rectory.) I would even be happy if three people wanted to share the time, once a week. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in this position, please call Fr. Bob at either the Ste. Marguerite or St. Francis office.

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend the second collection is the monthly Parish Support Collection.

Next week's second collection will be the Annual Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This collection supports missions here in the United States. Last year, Home Missions gave more than three million dollars to dioceses along the Gulf Coast devastated by hurricanes. Please give generously to assist fellow Catholics here in America.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The Bereavement Luncheon is a very rewarding ministry. You are helping a parishioner by cooking, baking or working at the luncheon.

The families of the deceased appreciate the convenience, hospitality and delicious food. Some of the relatives are now cooking for us. This shows that this ministry is appreciated and successful. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated. For more information please call the Parish Office at 978-957-0322.

PRAYER LINE

We are seeking new members to pray with us. Young or old, your prayers will be joined to help all those seeking prayers every day. We have had many prayers of thanksgiving and for that we are grateful. However, we cannot do this without your help. If you can donate a few minutes a day praying for those in need. Please call the Parish Office at 978-957-0322. If you are unable to join us, please keep the Prayer Line in your daily prayers so that we may be able to continue this ministry. All calls received are confidential



Please help those in our parish who are in need by making your donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society by using the Poor Boxes at the church entrances.



Pancake Breakfast

600 CLUB DRAWING THIS SUNDAY

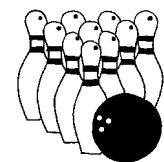
Ste. Marguerite d'Youville 600 Club Drawing for August will take place this Sunday, August 12, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. Please join us in the Parish Hall for a pancake breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Door prize for this drawing is \$100.00. You must be present to win door prize.

STE. MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE 600 CLUB

August brings us to the end of the fiscal year for the 600 Club. If you are presently a member of the 600 Club, it is now time to renew your membership for the 2007-2008 season. If you are not contacted by your captain, please give them a call to renew your membership. Cost is still \$5.00 per month or \$50.00 for the entire year (a saving of \$10.00 if paid yearly). Anyone wishing to become a member, or if you would like additional numbers, please contact a captain listed below. We are looking for new captains. Captains must sell at least ten numbers and receive 10% of the value of the prize won by one of their ticket holders. If you are interested in becoming a captain please contact Lucien Dalpe at 978-957-1710.

Present captains:

- Claire Beaudette 978-957-2251
Paul Bergeron 978-453-2020
Denise Belleville 978-458-1908
Al. Bourgeois, Jr. 978-957-3680
Al. Bourgeois, Sr. 978-957-0735
Michael Brunelle 978-957-5210
Leo Cloutier 978-453-3366
Lucien Dalpe 978-957-1710
Sue Dery 978-454-7223
Ann Marie Dion 978-453-4000
Sharon Maxim-Eno 978-459-3383
Diane Ervin 978-957-1432
Roma Fauvel 978-957-6486
Sue Fauvel 978-957-3332
Sandra Perry 978-957-3568
Marie Philippon 978-957-4759
James Sigman 1-978-360-2294
Maureen Toupin 978-957-1733



YOUTH MINISTRY

Enjoy a night of fun, family, friends and faith. Come out for a great night of Cosmic Bowling®, featuring Contemporary Christian Music at Brunswick Lanes on Tuesday evenings between 9:00 and 11:00 p.m. We've turned out the lights and turned up the fun with glow in the dark balls and pins along with bouncing laser lights. Coupons to Brunswick Lanes are available at the rear of the church. The parish receives \$2.00 for each coupon used. Coupons are valid through the month of August.



ST. LOUIS SCHOOL NEWS

Fall session "PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN" will be held on Sept. 6 at 7 P.M. at SJA, St. Jeanne-d-Arc School.

Parents, if you plan on participating in any event (field day, class trip etc.) with your child(ren) you must have taken this course at least once. If you have already taken this course, you must provide a copy of the completion certificate. All teachers and aides who have not taken this course should do so at this time as you cannot be employed or volunteer if you have not completed a "Protecting God's Children" session.

The EAA (Ecumenical Athletic Association) has open positions on the Board of Directors for the coming 40th season: Soccer Coordinator, XC Coordinator, Volleyball Coordinator, Track and Field Coordinator. The EAA must fill these open positions on the board in order to continue to produce a quality program. Please call Cheryl Saba at St. Jeanne-d-Arc School on Dracut St. in Lowell..

LAST REMINDER: When you read this, you will have a week to send in your payment for the Centennial Banquet. If you have not received an invitation and would love to join us, call the school at 978-458-7594. Come CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION



BACK TO SCHOOL

St. Louis School reopens on Tuesday, August 28, 2007. Grades 1-8 will report at 8:00 a.m. and will meet in the School Center (former church). Dismissal will take place at 11:00 a.m. NO busses will be available.

On Wednesday and Thursday, August 29 & 30 grades 1-8 will report at 7:40 a.m. with dismissal at 11:00 a.m.

Parent with child meeting for Kindergarten (K2) will take place at 8:00 a.m. at the School Center on August 30th.

Parent with child meeting for Pre-K (K1) will take place at 8:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria on the same day.

Opening day for K1 and K2 will be September 4, 2007. Please note that September 4 & 5 will be half days for K1 & K2.

The opening School Liturgy (Mass) will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 7, 2007.

Calendar for 2007-2008 school year is available on the school web page at www.saintlouisschool.org



You can play BINGO in a SMOKE-FREE environment every Tuesday in the Parish Hall beginning at 6:45 p.m. Doors open at 3:00 p.m. and delicious homemade food is available between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

