



BACKTALK FROM THE MIRROR

Much has been said over the centuries about "the cost of discipleship." It's not easy being a follower of Jesus Christ. It doesn't come "cheap." Sometimes the hardest task Jesus calls us to is looking in the mirror of our souls. We may not always like what we hear back from the mirror of our faith. Often, we need to be forced to look at ourselves, to take stock of where we are, and who we are. Questioning our commitment may cost tears of pain, humiliation and remorse. But when we willingly pay this "price", we are strengthened in our witness and we learn again that Christ is with us no matter what we have to face.



SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

This Sacrament will be offered every Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. Liturgy. We ask that you come to the front pew and wait for the priest to finish greeting the people and return to the sacristy for the Sacred Oils.



BAPTISMS

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome into our Christian community and congratulate the parents of:

Connor Joseph Anello
Alyson Bella-Rose Bedard
Dillon Gustaf Bjorkman
Michael Francis Dango

Colin Patrick Foley
Raymond Joseph Hebert II
Michael Francis Morgan, Jr.



The quarterly meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Lowell District Council, will take place on Sunday, September 23rd at St. Theresa of Lisieux Church on Boston Road in Billerica. Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. followed by meeting in the Parish Hall. Members are asked to RSVP Bill Sullivan at the Parish Office (978-957-0322) no later than September 10.

The 2nd Annual St. Vincent de Paul Dinner Dance Fund Raiser will be held October 20th 2007 at Lenzi's Function Hall in Dracut. Cocktails from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. followed by dinner and dancing.. We will have prizes and raffles. Tickets are \$35.00 and are available by leaving a message for Bill Sullivan at the Parish Office (978-957-0322).



We will begin taking Mass Intentions for 2008 at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 27, 2007. There are also Masses open for the remainder of this year. Please call or drop by the Parish Office to schedule Masses for your loved ones.

Thank You

THANKS FOR THE GET WELL WISHES. Fr. Bob would like to thank all those who sent him cards of get well wishes while he was recuperating. You were all kind to do so. God bless all of you for your prayers.

Thank you to the **Salem Brothers** for their generous donation of time and energy in trimming the bushes on the parish property.

Our sincere appreciation also to **Ernest Houle and Joel Cote** of Locomotion DJ for donating their time and equipment in setting up the sound system in the Parish Hall and outside the church so that we could accommodate the many people who participated in the funeral Mass for Samantha Grimard.



This year the Parish Picnic will be held on September 16, 2007 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. (rain or shine) at the Acacia Club, 247 Sladen St. in Dracut. There will be a DJ, dancing, 50/50 raffle and fun for the kids. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend and are also available at the Parish Office. The cost is \$6.00 per person if purchased in advance or \$7.00 if purchased at the door. Children under 3 admitted free. Please bring family, friends and neighbors (**also your lawn chairs**). If possible, please purchase your tickets in advance so that we will have an idea on how much food to prepare.

PARISH PICNIC MEETING

Anyone wishing to volunteer for the Parish Picnic is asked to attend a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 10, 2007 in room 101 of the Parish Center. It is very important that we have enough volunteers for this parish event. It would make it so much easier on everybody if there were many people sharing the work.



600 CLUB DRAWING THIS SUNDAY

Ste. Marguerite d'Youville 600 Club Drawing for September will take place this Sunday, September 9, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. Please join us in Ste. Marguerite Church Hall for a pancake breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. You must be present to win door prize.



Offertory Collection \$5,270.00

This weekend the second collection is the Annual Catholic University of America collection. Next weekend the second collection will be the monthly Parish Support collection.

Congratulations

*We offer our congratulations
and our prayers to the
Principal, Staff, and Students
of
Saint Louis School
as it celebrates its centennial.*



*May all who enter its doors continue to
be filled with revelations of God's love.*

This weekend we welcome His Eminence Seán Cardinal O'Malley, OFM, Cap, Archbishop of Boston, as he celebrates the Saint Louis School Centennial Mass at the SLS Center.

SAINT LOUIS SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to all, especially to graduates and former students of St. Louis School since its debut on September 3, 1907. In all the research made, we find Cecile Brodeur, class of 1926 as the oldest living graduate. As a resident of d'Youville Manor, Cecile will not be able to attend our Centennial activities but she assured us that her niece would represent her. If you know any earlier than 1926 living graduate, please let us know.

The statistics below will attest to the life of St. Louis School

Year	Students	Sisters
1907	460	9
1917	830	20
1927	1370	27
1937	1115	34
1947	827	31
1957	796	29
1967	535	25
1977	322	23
1987	280	15
1997	324	14
2007	467	6
Highest Enrollment:	In 1931	1456 pupils
Highest No. of Sisters:	In 1943	39 Sisters

In **Visions: Past, Present & Future**, our school newsletter, Sister Lucille Mercier, Historian, class of '35, has been helping us revisit St. Louis School events throughout its history. If you are not receiving this newsletter, please call the school at 978-458-7594.

Today's Centennial Celebration is proving to be most successful as the response to our invitation has met with enthusiasm, excitement and a high rate of participation.

Thank you for remembering your Alma Mater. May you continue to be proud of your roots and grateful for the success you have lived.

We are in the process of compiling all the articles from our school newsletter entitled **A TOUCH OF HISTORY**. The booklet will be mailed to all who request it.

The Centennial Souvenir Booklet will be found at the Banquet. One per family, for posterity, will make the supply sufficient. The Golden Jubilee inspired our Centennial booklet. Two pages of the 50th Anniversary are reproduced in the Centennial booklet that you may compare what was long ago with what St. Louis School is today

Pleasing everyone for placement at Lenzi's was not an easy task. You will find your name card with the table assigned. 95% of the 430 guests reserved tables. If you made no reservation, we have tried to place you with former classmates or in the decade of your graduation. There are no extra places. Changes can be made if all parties are so willing. Thank you for your interest and support.
Congratulations.

VIRTUS TRAINING PROGRAM

All staff and volunteers of the parish are required to attend a child Abuse Protection Program session. These sessions educate adults in ways to prevent child abuse and how to provide a safe environment for children. If you have not attended one of these sessions you may do so at St. Francis Parish on Saturday, September 15, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You must register prior to the session by calling 978-452-6611.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for those who would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith, leading towards Baptism and/or full reception into the Catholic Church. If you know of someone who would be interested in our next program beginning shortly, please give them the following form and ask them to return it to the Parish Office as soon as possible.

I have never been baptized and would like to inquire about being baptized in the Catholic Church.

I have been baptized in a Christian tradition other than Roman Catholic and would like to inquire about being received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

I am a baptized Catholic but have never received my First Confession, First Communion or Confirmation.

Please check off applicable statement and return form to Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Parish Office.

Name: _____

Address _____

Telephone: _____

MASS INTENTIONS

This Weekend – September 8 & 9

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Lucien Trudel
7:00 p.m. Donald Richards

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Bertha Mercier (1st Ann.)
9:00 a.m. Gertrude Bastien
9:00 a.m. St. Louis School Centennial Mass
with Cardinal O'Malley at SLS Center
11:00 a.m. Paul Raymond Chalifoux

Weekday Masses

Monday 7:30 a.m. Alice Bradley
Tuesday 7:30 a.m. Alfred N. Cormier
Wednesday 7:30 a.m. Samantha Grimard
Thursday 7:30 a.m. Celestine V. Rancourt
Friday 7:30 a.m. Priscilla Koziol (3rd Ann.)
Saturday 7:30 a.m. Shirley Marchand

Next Weekend – September 15 & 16

Saturday

4:00 p.m. John H. McGann
7:00 p.m. The Polites Family

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Mrs. Marcelle Painchaud
9:00 a.m. Cecile Moisan (3rd Ann.)
11:00 a.m. August & Anna Martel

INFANT/TODDLER PRESCHOOL PARENTS GROUP

Stay at home moms and dads, come join us for 1½ hours one day per week with your young ones and join in for story times and activities for the three age groups.

This will take place on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Please fill out the form below if you are interested in becoming part of this program. Sessions will begin in October.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

CHILD(REN'S) NAME(S):

_____ AGE _____

_____ AGE _____

_____ AGE _____

Please place completed form in the collection basket or bring/send to the Parish Office.