



OUR TINY PUSHES

We often say, "It is the little things that count." Jesus also taught that truth. He said, "He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much." To be ready for the great and demanding challenges in life, it is required that we handle the common ordinary daily demands with care and consistency. "The world," said Helen Keller, "is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker." We are responsible then to faithfully carry out "our tiny pushes" as we seek to fulfill any task. Dr. Herbert Butterfield, an historian, put it this way: "Each of us should do the good that is straight under our noses." By doing the good at hand, we prepare ourselves for larger tasks and responsibilities in the future.



WOMEN'S ACTS RETREAT

An ACTS retreat for women, organized by St. William's Parish in Tewksbury, will be held from October 11-14, 2007 at The Franciscan Center in Andover. 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.

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.



CHILDREN LITURGY OF WORD.

We are really in need of a couple of parents to help with the 9:00 Liturgy of the Word, perhaps only once a month. Children from K to 4th grade will go downstairs and have a special homily and reading. We have asked before and no one is responding at all. This is a great service and we hope some people will volunteer. Please call office to volunteer or ask questions.



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

This program, which is mandatory for staff, employees and volunteers of the parish, will be presented at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 3, 2007 at St. Louis Convent. Coffee, cold drinks and snacks will be provided. Please be reminded that this training is mandatory for all staff, employees and volunteers in all ministries and occupations of the parish, school and organizations. If you have not already taken this training you must do so at this time in order to remain active. Please register at least three days in advance by calling the Parish Office at 978-957-0322.

Evening of Prayer and Reflection
For all Liturgical Ministers
 Altar Servers – Eucharistic Ministers – Lectors
 Music Ministers – Sacristans – Ushers/Collectors
Tuesday, September 25, 2007
7:00 to 8:30 p.m. In church

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED

For many weeks now, we have asked all of you to assist us by becoming part of our Liturgical Ministries. Out of the 800 people attending Mass on the weekend, only 2 people have volunteered. You have probably noticed that you always see the same faces serving at Mass. May God bless them for their service to their Church. Once again we are reminding you that we are in need of MANY new ministers to provide the required services each week. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Bob or Paul Duquette at the Parish Office (978-957-0322).

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Please check the bulletin board at the back of the church for information on this wonderful ministry. We are looking (1) for people who are seriously ill and might like to receive a special shawl and (2) people who knit who could make some of the shawls. Thanks for your help. There will be a blessing of the shawls at the 4:00 p.m. Liturgy on Saturday, October 13.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHER TRAINING

Our Religious Education Teacher Training will continue at St. Francis Hall on Wednesday September 26 from 6-8:30 p.m.; and Saturday September 29 from 9:30 to noon with the final session at Ste. Marguerite's Parish Center on Sunday, September 30 from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.

TEACHERS NEEDED

Our Religious Education Program is in still need of teachers for all grades, but especially for the 5th and 6th grades. If you are interested, please call Pauline Montmarquet at 978-957-3113.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

The parish is in need of 3 or 4 people with financial backgrounds to become part of our Parish Finance Council. If you are interested and would like to help the parish in these trying financial times, please contact Fr. Bob at the Parish Office (978-957-0322).



PARISH SUPPORT

Offertory Collection	\$5,177.00
Monthly Parish Support	\$2,484.00

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



A Ham and Bean Supper will be held in the Parish Hall from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 6, 2007. Sponsored by the Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Parish Club, the supper will include fresh ham, hot dogs, beans and much more. Donations are \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors and \$2.00 for children under 12.

PARISH PICNIC

The Parish Picnic was very successful. Those who attended found that we had plenty of good food, drinks etc., and everybody enjoyed the music for dancing. A special thank you to the students from the Youth Group, the Lion's Club for cooking, the many parishioners and Parish Club members for helping and all who attended. The success of this event would not be possible without all of you. Congratulations to Helen Carver (ticket number 0570605) for winning the 50/50 raffle of \$229.50

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Parish Club is looking for volunteers to join them in stuffing envelopes for the annual Children's Christmas Party Raffle at 7:00 p.m. this Wednesday, September 26, 2007 in the Parish Hall. There are approximately 2500 envelopes to label and stuff. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLE MEETING

The Annual Turkey Raffle Committee will hold a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 3, 2007 in room 101 of the Parish Center. We are looking for volunteers to help with collecting donations for the raffle. We are also looking for large donations from those who can help us make this a very special event. Our hope is to sell books of tickets with very unique prizes leading up to the raffle. We would need a number of prizes for this special raffle. We are also looking for volunteers to help out on the night of the event. Your ideas are important to us so please join us for this meeting. We need your support and look forward to meeting you.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

The annual St. Louis School Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the school cafeteria. If you would like to donate to one of our tables, the craft table, or would like to volunteer, please call Danielle Caron at 978-934-9914.

SHOWTIME

St. Francis Church in Dracut is presenting its annual show at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 28th and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 29, 2007 in the Dracut High School Auditorium. This year's presentation is "*Gone with the Breeze.com*". Tickets may be purchased by calling Pauline Nutter at 978-453-8238 or at the door on the day of the show.



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.

C.O.R.I. FORMS

By this time all staff and volunteers should have received their CORI forms. Please note that these forms need to be returned immediately so that they are received by the Archdiocese on the specified date. As noted on the letter that accompanied the form, all forms must be returned in person so that the information listed can be verified. The office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.



The 2nd Annual St. Vincent de Paul Dinner Dance Fund Raiser will be held October 20, 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).

Youth YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

A special **thank you** to the young people from our Youth Ministry who assisted at the Parish Picnic. Your participation was priceless as you put our Youth Ministry "on the map".

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

The Jr. High Fall Formal will take place on Friday, October 12, 2007 from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. All Jr. High students are invited. Cost is \$5.00 per person.

The Parish Youth Group will hold an **Autumn Festival and Craft Fair** on Saturday, October 27, 2007 in the Parish Hall. Crafters are needed and tables are available (\$25.00). For more information, please contact Roma Fauvel at 978-957-3113 ext. 603.

BOY SCOUTS

The Boy Scouts of America Greater Lowell District is looking to fill the position of Chartered Organization Representative for Ste. Marguerite D'Youville Parish. The individual acts as the head of the "Scouting Department" representing Boy Scout Troop 80, Cub Scout Packs 24 & 8. The primary responsibilities include; serve as a liaison between the Troop or Pack and your organization, represent your organization at the District Level and works closely with the organizations Committee Chairman. The Representative must be a member of the chartered organization (parish). Please contact Jeff Ross at (978) 513-5114 or jllak@verizon.net if you are interested in this position or have any questions



CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

The Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Tuesday evening in the chapel of the St. Louis School Center, 221 West 6th St. in Lowell. Please use the entrance nearest the school parking lot on the rectory side.

SEPTEMBER 23, 2007

MASS INTENTIONS

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.

This Weekend – September 22 & 23

Saturday

4:00 p.m. James Sarault (1st Ann.)
7:00 p.m. Leo Conlin (20th Ann.)

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Helen & David Stecchi
9:00 a.m. Joseph R. Chalifoux (1st Ann.)
11:00 a.m. Blanche Mercier

Weekday Masses

Monday 7:30 a.m. Parisah Intention
Tuesday 7:30 a.m. Samantha Grimard
Wednesday 7:30 a.m. Evelyn Grzesik (10th Ann.)
Thursday 7:30 a.m. Members and Benefactors of the
St. Vincent de Paul Society
Friday 7:30 a.m. Robert McGann (8th Ann.)
Saturday 7:30 a.m. Pauline Medina (Birthday)

Next Weekend – September 29 & 30

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Alphonse Thibeault
7:00 p.m. Ronald Noe Ethier (Birthday / Deceased)

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Shawn D. Nutter
9:00 a.m. Brother Roland Gaudette
11:00 a.m. Walter Rondeau (18th Ann.)

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.