



The Apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied. "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to the mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

Faith comes to us from God through Baptism, but we have the obligation to nourish this gift. We do this by praying, receiving the Sacraments and doing acts of charity. If we neglect our faith, it will surely fade. If we engage in the practices of faith, however, it will grow and blossom and be a benefit to us and to all who are around us. Using the parable of the mustard seed, Jesus tells us of the immense power of faith. Let his Word strengthen our faith.

Some gifts are



THIS SUNDAY IS RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

WE HAVE NO RIGHT TO PLAY GOD

"Human life is sacred because from its beginning it involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end; no one can under any circumstance claim for himself the right directly to destroy an innocent human being."

Catechism of the Catholic Church



Columbus Day is observed on Monday, October 8, 2007. Morning Mass will be celebrated at its usual time of 7:30 a.m. The Parish Office and St. Louis School will be closed.

MAKE US EXPLORERS, TOO

Give us each Lord, an explorer's heart, willing to conquer our fears and face the unknown. Let the compass of Your Spirit guide us to new paths, seeking for the "new world", built with Your love, governed by Your laws.



CHILDREN LITURGY OF WORD

We now have two parents who have volunteered to help out with this important ministry. We are still in need of 2 or 3 people 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. This is a great service and we hope some more people will volunteer. Please speak to Fr. Bob or call the Parish Office to volunteer.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 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.



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.

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 next Saturday, October 13, 2007.

DONATE A CHAIR

Have a chance to win \$100.00

We are in need of 100 chairs for our Religious Ed Program and need your help. If you would like to donate a chair the cost is \$10.00. All who donate a chair will have their name placed into a raffle with a chance to win one of the following: 1st prize \$100.00 - 2nd prize \$50.00 - 3rd prize \$50.00. Each donor will have their name on a chair which will be used by our Rel. Ed. Students. If you are interested in donating a chair you may pick up an envelope at the back of the church, at the Parish Office, or mail a check to Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Rel Ed (on memo line please put "donation of chair") 1340 Lakeview Ave., Dracut, MA 01826.

Thank you for your generosity.



600 CLUB DRAWING NEXT SUNDAY

Ste. Marguerite d'Youville 600 Club Drawing for October will take place next Sunday, October 14, 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. Door prize for this drawing is \$100.00. You must be present to win door prize.

PARISH SUPPORT

Offertory Collection \$5,623.00

The second collection next weekend will be the monthly Parish Support Collection.

MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

Due to our Grand Annual Collection taking place on the weekend of October 20 & 21, the Mission Collection originally scheduled for that date has been moved to the following weekend.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM FR. BOB:

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION. During the coming week the Grand Annual Drive letters will be sent out. Please be generous in your donation this year. Our financial situation needs a boost and your sacrificial offering is needed. God bless you for your generosity!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS MEETING. We had an excellent meeting last week for the liturgical ministers. We started with prayer together and then shared ideas on each of the ministries. The suggestions offered will enhance our liturgy even more so that it is prayer-filled and builds up a community of praise and support. We will consolidate the ideas and send out a booklet of guidelines within the coming few weeks.

FINANCE COMMITTEE. This is a very important committee that advises the pastor and staff in making financial decisions for the parish. During the summer we have lost a few members and we need to expand the committee with people who have some financial talent and can advise us. If you are interested in being a member of this committee, please contact Fr. Bob so that he might meet with you.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH. October is designated as "Respect for Life" month and we want to encourage each member of the parish to reflect conscientiously on one's approach and action in this area. "Life" encompasses all of life, from the moment of conception to natural death, with all the sensitive issues that surface during that span. We are grounded in the Love of God for every person that God creates. It is that foundation that compels us to respect the life of each person as we wish to be respected.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGINS. Our program begins and I want to thank all the catechists who are offering their time and talent to the programs. The Religious Education Staff has been working so hard to put all the pieces together. I encourage parents to make sure that their children are present and on time for class; also, parents are reminded to attend liturgy weekly with your children. Remember, children don't go to church; they are brought to church – hopefully BY and WITH YOU! I pray that God will bless our program during this coming year.

THE PARISH CENTER HALL. We are nearing completion of the Parish Center Hall. I want to thank both Rob Carideo and Pauline Montmarquet who have spent many hours in scraping and painting the hall so that we can have basic use of the space. The new St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Room is expanded, clean, bright and a welcoming place for those in need. I want to encourage parents and parishioners to "Donate a Chair." It is a fun project that will help us in a big way to utilize the hall space even more (by having places for people to sit! A good idea!)

ST. LOUIS SCHOOL NEWS

◆ **St. Louis School Christmas Fair**

This year the 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

◆ **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.

◆ **Autumn Festival and Craft Fair**

Saturday, October 27, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 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.

BENEFIT CONCERT

The Lowell Association for the Blind is sponsoring a benefit concert by the Franco American Male Chorus and the Salem Choral Society at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 4, 2007 at St. Joseph the Worker Shrine on Lee St. in downtown Lowell. The performance will feature Broadway tunes and Sing A Longs. Tickets are \$10.00 with children under 12 free. Refreshments will be served following the concert. For more information or for tickets, please call 978-454-5704.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

Area Catholic high schools will have Admissions Representatives available from 6:30 to 8:00pm on Tuesday, October 9th at Central Catholic's gymnasium, to provide prospective students with an understanding of what's available for Catholic secondary school choices. Families with students exploring their high school options are invited to attend. Central Catholic is located at 300 Hampshire Street in Lawrence. For directions or more information, contact Central Catholic at 978-682-0260 or visit our web site: www.centralcatholic.net

Presentation of Mary Academy, an all female, Catholic college prep high school located in Methuen, MA is hosting an open house on Sunday, October 14, 2007 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Prospective students/parents are invited to tour the school and meet current students and faculty members. For more information please call 978-682-9391 ext. 108.

Admissions Open House - Sunday, October 21st

Central Catholic High School will hold its annual Open House on Sunday, October 21st from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit the school, learn about our curriculum, tour the facilities, enjoy some demonstrations and refreshments, and meet with students, faculty, coaches and moderators of the various activities. If someone in your family will be making decisions about which high school they want to attend in the next few years, be sure to put this date on your calendar. For directions or more information, call Central Catholic at 978-682-0260 or visit our web site: www.centralcatholic.net

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MASS INTENTIONS

We are presently taking Mass Intentions for 2008.

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 – October 6 & 7

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Leo Gilman (10th Ann.)
7:00 p.m. Donald Richards

Sunday

7:30 a.m. M/M Alphonse L. Thibeault
9:00 a.m. Jeffrey & Maria Masse
11:00 a.m. Joseph Raymond Chalifoux

Weekday Masses

Monday 7:30 a.m. Parish Intention
Tuesday 7:30 a.m. Leo Laferriere & Rita Mullin
Wednesday 7:30 a.m. Mary McKeon
Thursday 7:30 a.m. Alfred N. Cormier
Friday 7:30 a.m. Blessed Mother for Favor Obtained
Saturday 7:30 a.m. Shirley Marchand

Next Weekend – October 13 & 14

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Donald Richard
7:00 p.m. John, Dorothy & Raymond Souza

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Theresa & Maurice Boissonneault
9:00 a.m. Harold Stevens (10th Ann.)
11:00 a.m. Dorothy Borodawka

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

If you did not pick up your workbook at the ministry meeting they are now available in the sacristy.

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 October 18, 2007.

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.