



GIVING THANKS IS UNNATURAL

Do you have good eyesight? Do you thank God each day for that gift? How about your heart? Is it beating 24 hours a day with no problem? Do you thank God each day for that gift? We don't normally think of our job as a gift from God until we lose it. Are you thankful for your opportunity to work? How about your spouse? Did you thank God this morning for the gift of their love for one more day? The list of blessings we take for granted could go on and on. Our focus in many of our prayers is on the one area that isn't working right, the one relationship that needs healing. We read in our Gospel today that only one leper returned to Jesus to give thanks, but we are all like the leper in our daily recognition of God's ever present goodness and grace.



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 this Saturday, October 13, 2007.

Some gifts are



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.

CELL PHONES

Some people are still receiving calls on your cell phones during Mass. This is very distracting to everyone. Please be courteous and turn off your cell phones when you enter the church.

IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY

It has been brought to our attention that children leaving the church for the restroom are doing so unattended. In the interest of safety, no child under 12 should be going to the bathroom unattended by an adult. Adults are asked to provide the proper supervision for their children. We encourage parents to "prepare" their children for Mass – before they come. Thanks for your understanding

SPEAKING OF SAFETY. We want to remind women not to leave your purses, etc. in the pew when coming up to communion. Sad as the situation is, the reality is that several churches have experienced women losing them during this most sacred part of the liturgy by thieves waiting at the back of the church for this opportunity.

ALTAR SERVER MEETING
(Includes new Altar Servers)

There will be a meeting for ALL servers to present the upcoming changes in the liturgy. It is important for servers to attend on Saturday, November 3 at 11:00 a.m. at Ste. Marguerite Church. All new servers should attend this meeting as well. We welcome any boy or girl in Grade 4 and up to join this important altar ministry. We encourage parents to mention the service to your children.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR LGH

Pastoral Care at Lowell General Hospital is in need of Eucharistic Ministers who are already doing this ministry in their parish. The Eucharist is such a vital part of our spiritual lives and when someone is ill it means even more. If you feel called to bring the Lord to the sick at LGH, please call Sr. Eileen Auger, CSC at 978-937-6418.



MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

Due to our Grand Annual Collection taking place next weekend, the Mission Collection originally scheduled for that date has been moved to the following weekend.

WE ARE ALL CALLED TO MISSIONS

"Mission Sunday offers each of us an opportunity to put more emphasis on our common missionary vocation, which leads Christ's disciples to become apostles of His Gospel of reconciliation and peace. The mission of salvation is universal; for every person and for the whole person. It is a task which involves the entire People of God, all the faithful. Mission must therefore be the passion of every Christian; a passion for the salvation of the world and ardent commitment to work for the coming of the Father's kingdom."

Pope John Paul

PARISH SUPPORT

Offertory Collection \$6,161.00

The second collection this weekend is the monthly Parish Support Collection.

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION.

By the time you read this, you should have received the Grand Annual Drive letters. This annual drive will take place next weekend. 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!

DONATE A CHAIR

We wish to offer our sincere appreciation to all who have responded to our request for chair donations for our Religious Education Program. We have received donations for a total of 119 chairs. Raffle will take place on Friday, October 19, 2007.

PARISH CLUB MEETING

The monthly meeting of Ste. Marguerite's Parish Club will take place on Monday, October 15, 2007 in the Parish Hall. Dinner is served at 6:15 p.m. followed by meeting at 7:00 p.m.

HAM & BEAN SUPPER

The Parish Club would like to say "Thank You to everyone who participated in last week's Bean Supper. We thank those who volunteered their time and talents, especially Dan Dery the chairperson, the students from the Confirmation class, the other Parish Club members who helped and cooked the delicious hams, and all the others who helped and those of you who attended. You all made this a success. The 50/50 raffle winner was Pauline Chaput who received \$215.00 with number 0571761.

Lucien Dalpe, President of the Parish Club



600 CLUB DRAWING THIS SUNDAY

Ste. Marguerite d'Youville 600 Club Drawing for October will take place this Sunday, October 14, 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.



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.

ST. LOUIS SCHOOL NEWS

Archdiocesan Standardized Testing for grades 2 to 8 will take place all of this week at the school. Parents are reminded that students should get to bed early and also eat a good breakfast before going to school. This practice would be good throughout the school year as it would give the students the extra edge to succeed academically.

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

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 OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION

Notre Dame High School, 207 Hampshire Street, Lawrence will hold its annual Open House at 2:00 p.m. this Sunday, October 14, 2007. For more information call 878-689-8222 ext.16

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.

Central Catholic High School will hold its annual Open House on Sunday, October 21, 2007 from 1:00 pm 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

PAPER RECYCLING

Support your parish Religious Education Program by recycling your newspapers, catalogs and flyers (NO PHONE BOOKS or CARDBOARD). Place these in the large green and yellow paper recycling bin located in the parking lot behind the church.

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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 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

Weekday Masses

Monday 7:30 a.m. Henry, Lillian & Edward Chartier
Tuesday 7:30 a.m. Celestine V. Rancourt
Wednesday 7:30 a.m. Parish Intentions
Thursday 7:30 a.m. Frances Drouin
Friday 7:30 a.m. Irene Savary
Saturday 7:30 a.m. Parish Intention

Next Weekend – October 20 & 21

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Alphonse Larose (9th Ann.)
7:00 p.m. Nora Donnelly

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Deacon Richard Rocha
9:00 a.m. Samantha Grimard
11:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the
Landry and Guy Families

LECTOR WORKBOOKS

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

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.