



PRAY AND PERSIST: NEVER LOSE HEART

Imagine a parable with one purpose: to teach people that "they ought always to pray and not lose heart." Such was the parable Jesus told about the stern judge who was bothered by a nagging widow who felt she had been taken advantage of. The feisty little widow kept coming and coming before the judge insisting that she be given justice. Finally, becoming weary of her persistence, the judge granted her what she wanted. Is God like that stubborn judge who wants us to petition Him until He relents and grants us what we desire? Hardly! God loves us and wants the best for us. Still, it is important to pray persistently ... not to persuade God to see it our way; but to help us to "get it right," to see it God's way; to understand what God is already doing in the situation. "God," said Jesus, will "vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and night" (Luke 18:7). But it does take prayer, persistence, and never losing heart.



WORLD YOUTH DAY NEXT SUNDAY

ENCOURAGE THE VISION OF YOUTH

How often as we grow older, we lament the lost energy, vibrancy and enthusiasm of younger days. And just as often we complain when those same qualities manifest themselves in the teenagers around us. What blessings we miss when we judge instead of encourage. When next you are faced with a challenging young adult, bless God for the opportunity of seeing, just for a moment, with their eyes. Remember their vision will not be the same as yours. Just as a beautiful vista changes according to where you stand on the path, so our vision of the world changes while we walk life's road. Do not deny the truth and beauty seen by another of God's children simply because he or she is at another bend in the road. The wisdom of age comes from the testing and inquiry of youth. Every mind and soul is equally capable of being inspired and blessed by God, if we their elder brothers and sisters do not stand in their way. As we commemorate World Youth Day, let us pray to be encouragers, not obstacles.

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. Training will begin shortly.**



We offer our sincere appreciation to:

- ◆ **Brian Lamarre** for donating his time and equipment in cleaning up the parish property.
- ◆ **Toupin Rigging Co.** for donating their time and equipment in moving a safe from a closed parish in Marlboro to our Parish Office. The parish records from St. Jean Baptiste and St. Louis have now been moved to the Parish Office.
- ◆ **Rob Caridio, Corey Lamarre, Ed Lamontagne, Janet McGann and Pauline Montmarquet** for the countless hours of painting in the Parish Center Hall.

WELCOME BACK

We welcome Sr. Jeanne Frechette, SASV and the Children's Choir as they return to lead us in song at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

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.

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.

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION.

This annual drive takes place this 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!

MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

Due to our Grand Annual Collection taking place this weekend, the Mission Collection originally scheduled for this weekend has been moved to NEXT weekend.

PARISH SUPPORT

AMOUNT NEEDED WEEKLY	\$8,357.00
Income received from 10/8 to 10/14, 2007	
Offertory Collection	\$5,214.00
Monthly Parish Support	\$2,702.00
Other Income	\$1,551.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$9,467.00

The second collection this weekend is the Grand Annual Collection and Pledge Drive.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From Fr. Bob

Starting the weekend of November 3-4, we will begin a series of minor changes in the liturgy that will help us celebrate well and have a consistency between the two parishes that the priests serve. Although helping the priests with less confusion between parishes, the major purpose of these changes is the "full participation of the laity." Vatican II defines the liturgy as (1) the ACTUAL reenactment of the sacrifice of Christ and (2) the celebration of the GIFT of his Body and Blood on Holy Thursday, the night before He died. The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy states:

*10. Nevertheless the liturgy is **the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed**; at the same time it is the **font from which all her power flows**. For the aim and object of apostolic works is that **all who are made sons of God by faith and baptism should come together to praise God in the midst of His Church, to take part in the sacrifice, and to eat the Lord's supper**.*

*. . . Pastors of souls must therefore realize that, when the liturgy is celebrated, something **more is required than the mere observation** of the laws governing valid and licit celebration; it is their duty also **to ensure that the faithful take part fully aware of what they are doing, actively engaged in the rite, and enriched by its effects**.*

WELCOME AND GREETING. Most of us know that often a comment passed about the Catholic Church is that we are not as "welcoming" as the Protestant churches. Given our size and history of ritual and liturgy, one could understand the comment. That doesn't mean it is true, but if we want to encourage people to worship with us (including Catholics that have left) we need to be a welcoming church. We need to develop an attitude of coming to church – **for others** – not just for ourselves. We have to care about the people around us, be glad they are with us and be willing to pray for them – as we know they are praying for us. To encourage this sense of "community" and "welcome" we will institute a "congregational greeting" at the beginning of the liturgy. Many churches do this. The lector will introduce the Liturgy and celebrant and then ask you to stand and greet those around you. [A wonderful expression of this sense of community would be to learn a person's name and then repeat it at the Sign of Peace!]

BOWS AND GENUFLECTIONS. You will notice a few less bows and genuflections to the tabernacle. The tabernacles at both churches are on the side and not part of the sanctuary; therefore, it is not necessary to genuflect to the tabernacle. In fact, at liturgy, it is the altar that is the focal point! This is the place of sacrifice and celebration. Christ is the altar, the sacrifice and the priest that offers his Body and Blood for us – at the Eucharist – as He did on Holy Thursday with His Apostles and on Good Friday on the cross. All bows before the altar are a sign of reverence for the altar.

SACRED SPACE. The narthex (front hall) is the proper place for greetings and extended conversation. Once one enters the church proper, one should recognize that it is sacred space and conversation should be minimal. Greeting one another at the pews is appropriate of course (see welcoming above) but the church is not a hall. People come

a bit early to pray and we need to respect them and reverence this sacred space. Ushers have been asked to monitor the volume of talking.

You will see some changes among the various Liturgical Ministers, especially at the Offertory and Communion. We hope that these changes will help the congregation as a whole to celebrate well. You can help with your full participation in giving the responses loud and clear with a sense of affirmation and expressing a public commitment to your faith and by singing with 'gusto' proclaiming your joy and thanksgiving for all that God has given you during the week. The process is on-going but this will be beneficial. May God bless us all in our worship.

Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Parish Club

600 Club Drawing for October 14, 2007

<u>NO.</u>	<u>AMT.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
353	\$1000	Dolores Hamel
63	200	Gertrude Lampron
585	100	Roland Thibeault
26	100	Sherry Rondeau
38	100	Roland Lacourse
21	100	Robert Sigman
547	100	Roland Martin
248	50	Marcel Thibeault
76	50	Sue & Bob Fauvel
296	50	Doris Frechette
303	\$100 Door Prize	Not Present
50/50 Drawing	\$157.00	Priscille Sigman

NEXT PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND DRAWING

November 11, 2007

DOOR PRIZE \$150.00

Must be present to win door prize.

PLEASE HELP OUR SACRISTANS

Our Sacristans donate their precious time to prepare the church for Mass and to make sure that everything is back in place after Mass. It would be greatly appreciated if you would place the books back in the racks after Mass as well as take the bulletins home with you. This would save precious time and also allow the Sacristans to leave shortly after Mass.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications, Inc., our bulletin publisher, will have a sales representative available the week of November 5, 2007 for those interested in placing a new ad in our bulletin. This is your opportunity to secure space for the new publication year. To place your ad, please contact the sales person at the Parish Office at 978-957-0322 during that week. We would like to thank our present advertisers for renewing their ads. Keep in mind that our advertising sponsors make our bulletin possible.

PARISH PICNIC PICTURES

Visit <http://www.stmar.org/images/WebParishPicnic/index.html> and view pictures of our Annual Parish Picnic.

Also visit our parish site at www.stmar.org.

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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 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

Weekday Masses

Monday 7:30 a.m. Carol Ann Tellier
Tuesday 7:30 a.m. Jeanne Tousignant
Wednesday 7:30 a.m. Beatrice Champagne (100th Birthday)
Thursday 7:30 a.m. Alfred N. Cormier
Friday 7:30 a.m. Ste. Therese for Favor Obtained
Saturday 7:30 a.m. Doris Roy

Next Weekend – October 27 & 28

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Madeleine Chateauneuf (15th Ann.)
7:00 p.m. William Cummings (25th Ann.)

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Catherine Gamache
9:00 a.m. Carol Ann Tellier
11:00 a.m. Samantha Grimard



On November 1, 2007 we celebrate, as a Holy Day of Obligation, the Feast of All Saints. Masses will be celebrated at 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Church. A Mass will also be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. in the St. Louis School Center with the students of St. Louis School.

During the month of November we remember those who have gone to their eternal rest. On November 2nd we remember the souls of all the faithful departed. We will remember those of our parish who have died since last November 1st at our Annual Mass of Remembrance which will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 10, 2007.



This year's Turkey Raffle will be held on SUNDAY, November 18th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. Due to limited seating this is an adult only event. If you wish to donate a new item or make a monetary contribution, please send it to the Parish Office.

We have changed the time and day due to six conflicting raffles on Saturday the 17th. We are hopeful for a great turnout.