



FROM MOUTHING TO MINISTRY

We can find it terribly easy in our faith to "go through the motions." By the time Jesus arrived on the scene in first-century Palestine, the same thing had happened to the Pharisees and Sadducees. Rather than creatively engaging in ministry, they were caught up in the ancient theological equivalent of "how many angels can dance on the head of a pin?" In their case, the question, designed to divert Jesus from effective teaching and ministry, was, "In a case of multiple marriages, to whom are we actually married when we meet up with all these former spouses in heaven?" Too often, we, too, find ourselves dealing with arcane questions that divert us from ministry. The questions may spring from our backgrounds: we find ourselves as Traditionalists or Christian Secularists or the Walking Wounded. And by staying in those groups, we never move on from mouthing ministry to actually doing ministry. But we can, if we begin to burn up for Christ, patch up with Christ, and sign up with Christ. Then, the peripheral questions no longer matter as much. Instead, we can get on with ministry, not mouthing.



VETERAN'S DAY – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2007

So many brave souls have served our country and our Lord on battlefields not of their choosing, protecting those of us who remained at home. Take a moment today to pray for our veterans, and all the men and women currently serving the cause of freedom in our Armed Forces. Parish Office will be open Monday, November 12, 2007.



THANKSGIVING EVE LITURGY

We ask you to make a special effort to invite family, friends and neighbors to this special prayer moment to be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21, 2007. We can tend to become complacent when it comes to actually thanking God for all his gifts. PLUS, at this liturgy, we ask people to share their gifts with those who are in need by bringing items for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. Everyone will receive a blessed loaf of bread to share with relatives and friends at Thanksgiving dinner. A special invitation to your family to have everyone come and pray together in thanksgiving would be a special moment for us all.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Training for all new Altar Servers will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 17, 2007. It is important that all new servers attend this session so that they may be included in the schedule for December.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

As noted a few months ago, we want to bring the children - ages 4 to Fourth Grade – downstairs during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Liturgy on the first and third Sundays of the month to offer them a special and age-appropriate Liturgy of the Word. We presently have two volunteers and are still in need of a few volunteers to make this work properly.. Two each week would alternate. This is a wonderful and fulfilling ministry. If you are interested, please call the office and leave your name and we will have someone return your call.



Are you interested in knowing more about the St. Vincent de Paul Conference here in our parish and perhaps have a desire to serve the needy. Active members must belong to the Catholic Church; accept the Rules, Statutes and Basic Requirements of the Society. Participation implies a reasonable degree of involvement in SVDP meetings, charitable activities and religious observances. **We are extending our hand to you to serve.** Please pray on it, we are. If interested, please contact Bill Sullivan at 978-957-0322 to set up an interview.



**ADVENT DAYS OF PRAYER
December 3,4,5, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.**

To begin the bicentennial celebration of the Archdiocese of Boston, our parish, joining with many parishes in the Archdiocese, will be having Advent Days of Prayer. Come join with us in prayer as we begin this important event in the life of the Church of Boston as it moves forward in renewal.

PARISH SUPPORT

For unknown reasons, many sets of offertory envelopes were not delivered on time by the Postal Service. If you did not receive your envelopes for November and December, please place your donation in an envelope and include your envelope number or your name and address so that we may record your donation properly.

AMOUNT NEEDED WEEKLY	\$8,357.00
Income received from 10/29 to 11/4, 2007	
Offertory Collection	\$5,903.00
All Saint's Day	\$1,209.00
Other Income	\$5,014.00
TOTAL PARISH INCOME	\$12,126.00
WEEKLY GAIN or (DEFICIT)	\$3,769.00
Grand Annual (to date)	\$30,031.00
Grand Annual Goal	\$100,000.00

The second collection THIS weekend is the monthly Parish Support collection.

NEXT weekend the second collection will be the annual Campaign for Human Development.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From Fr. Bob

I want to thank all the liturgical ministers for their patience and help this past week as we instituted a few changes in our Sunday rituals. Overall, most of the ministers were pleased and I know we will be used to the changes over the coming week. Again, I want to thank all of those who attended the meeting and have offered suggestions and comments on the changes. This was an excellent collaborative effort and they deserve a lot of credit for their comments and candor. I hope that we will continue to "welcome" one another at the beginning of the liturgy. It would be great if people learned the first names of the people who sit around you on a regular basis.

Thanks so much to the **Bereavement Group** that fed all of us after the Mass of Remembrance this weekend. As always, the Mass is a very special moment for all the families that have buried a loved one in the parish this past year and many people come together to make it welcoming and prayerful. I am very grateful to all.

GRAND ANNUAL - I appeal to everyone to make a significant sacrificial contribution to the Grand Annual Drive. Our total so far is about \$30K which is much lower than we anticipated, including lower than last year. The ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT went out this past week. I hope it helps to encourage you to give a gift if you haven't already done so. We have some wonderful plans to spruce up the church but will not be able to accomplish any of them without a significant increase in contributions. Sadly, we are relying on the 80% of people who don't go to church and connect only for a reason. We need to encourage them to support the parish so that it will be there when they need it. We need to raise \$75K minimally so that we can both do some improvements and also have enough operating resources for the coming year. I am very grateful for all you can give.

YOUTH MINISTRY - You should be very pleased with the strong effort that Roma Fauvel is making to develop a vibrant youth ministry program in the parish. She is very patient in attracting the young members of the parish to get involved. Getting some parish support would be very helpful.



600 CLUB DRAWING THIS SUNDAY

Ste. Marguerite d'Youville 600 Club Drawing for November will take place this Sunday, November 11, 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.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY RAFFLE

The drawing is scheduled for this Sunday, November 11, 2007 at the Pancake Breakfast. Tickets are available in the Parish Hall at the breakfast.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Reminder: Jr. High Program begins with a PARENTS ONLY evening on Wed. Nov. 14, 2007. Please meet in Church Hall for 7:00 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Mark your calendars: NOV. 18, 2007

Get a head start on your Christmas shopping list. Christmas Store to be held in Parish Center Hall (downstairs) from 7:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Students & parishioners encouraged to shop as all items priced to accommodate EVERY budget. PLENTY of items for EVERYONE on YOUR list!!- Raffle Chances for "5lb. Hershey Bar" \$1.00 each.



TURKEY RAFFLE

This year's Turkey Raffle will be held next SUNDAY, November 18th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. We have changed the time and day due to six conflicting raffles on Saturday the 17th.

We are still in need of donations and prizes. If you would like to donate an item or make a donation, please bring it to the Parish Office no later than Monday, November 12th. Thank you for your generous and continued support of the largest Parish Club fundraiser of the year. See you at the raffle and please bring a friend. This event is for adults only. No children under 16. (This was incorrectly listed as 12 last week.)



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Every year St. Louis School has a Christmas Fair. As previously mentioned, the Fair will take place next Saturday, November 17, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. However, **The House of Treasures** (that was always in the convent) is being moved to the **Saint Louis School Center (formerly St. Louis Church)**. There will be only one entrance open, that is, the door facing the garages. You can come at 8:00 a.m. before you go to the cafeteria and any time until 5:00 p.m.

Therefore, the House of Treasures is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the Christmas Fair is open from 9 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

A grateful principal, Sister Irene



GIVING TREE

On Thanksgiving weekend, you will find a Christmas tree decorated with gift tags at the front of the church.

You are asked to pick a tag (or two) buy the gift listed on the tag(s), wrap it and attach the tag to the gift. Place the gift under the tree as soon as possible but no later than Sunday, December 9, 2007. This will provide gifts to the children of our parish and school who would otherwise not receive any. Please help to make this a Merry Christmas for these families.

OPEN HOUSE / TRIM-A-TREE PARTY

Fr. Bob, Fr. Chris and Fr. Lyons are holding an Open House and Trim-a-Tree Party at their residence, 115 Wheeler Road in Dracut, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 16, 2007. They hope that you will allow them to share the hospitality that they receive from you and drop by for a bit. Bringing an ornament to decorate the tree is optional. We are much more hoping to share a few moments with you.

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This Weekend – November 10 & 11

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Alfred N. Cormier
7:00 p.m. Joseph & Anna Proulx

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Arthur Ricard (Birthday)
9:00 a.m. M/M Alphonse L. Thibeault
11:00 a.m. Donald Richards

Weekday Masses

Monday 7:30 a.m. Kerry Ann McGann (23rd Ann.)
Tuesday 7:30 a.m. Rolande Dame
Wednesday 7:30 a.m. Edward J. Matte (21st Ann.)
Thursday 7:30 a.m. Madeleine Lafontaine (3rd Ann.)
Friday 7:30 a.m. Henri Ouellette (3rd Ann.)
Saturday 7:30 a.m. Shirley Marchand

Next Weekend – November 10 & 11

Saturday

4:00 p.m. John, Irene & Eva Duquette
7:00 p.m. Michael J. Taylor

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Grace Stott (8th Ann.)
9:00 a.m. Samantha Grimard
11:00 a.m. Raymond Belanger (1st Ann.)

BULLETIN DEADLINE-The deadline for the Thanksgiving weekend bulletin is Friday, November 16 at 12:00 noon.



**Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Parish
Children's Christmas Party
Sunday, December 2, 2007
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**



Children, infants through age 7, are invited to this annual festivity. There will be games, prizes, goodies and a visit from Santa as well as pictures with Santa. If you plan on bringing your child(ren), please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Office (or place in Offertory Collection) no later than Sunday, November 25. **Children must be registered and present to receive a gift. No phone registrations will be accepted.**

Parent's Name _____

Phone _____

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Childs Name _____ Age _____ Boy Girl

Childs Name _____ Age _____ Boy Girl

Childs Name _____ Age _____ Boy Girl

Please register your children as early as possible to facilitate the planning of this function.

Thank You