



BE PREPARED

Nobody likes to suffer. In fact, we do almost anything to avoid suffering. And yet suffering comes to us all, doesn't it? In many kinds of suffering, we have no choice and can't avoid the problem; but when we do have a choice, nine out of ten of us choose to keep our mouths shut. Why ask for trouble? In the Biblical teaching of Christ's second coming, the lines between Christ and the forces of evil will be drawn, and if we don't have the courage to stand for good, we will be controlled by evil. If we prepare our hearts by standing up for Christ in the small issues we face each day, we will be better prepared to take a stand when our very life is at risk. Remember practice makes perfect, and in this case, practice makes us prepared.



"It is right that we should be grateful for the plenty amidst which we live; the productivity of our farms, the output of our factories, the skill of our artisans and the ingenuity of our inventors. But in the midst of our thanksgiving, let us not be unmindful of the plight of those in many parts of the world to whom hunger is no stranger and the plight of those millions more who live without the blessings of liberty and freedom. With some, we are able to share our material abundance. To all, we can offer the sustenance of hope that we shall not fail in our unceasing efforts to make this a peaceful and prosperous world for all mankind." J. F. Kennedy



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. A special invitation to your family to have everyone come and pray together in thanksgiving would be a special moment for us all.

Everyone will receive a blessed loaf of bread to share with relatives and friends at Thanksgiving dinner.

PLEASE NOTE: On Thanksgiving Day, morning Mass will be celebrated at its usual time of 7:30 a.m. In order to allow our employees to enjoy a long holiday weekend, the Parish Office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day as well as the following day, Friday, November 23, 2007. In case of an emergency do not hesitate to call the parish number 978-957-0322 and your call will be routed to the appropriate person.

A SPECIAL APPEAL

We received a report on the Catholic Appeal this past week indicating that we are less than \$1,000 away from our goal. As the year comes to an end and some of you may be thinking of adding to your charitable contribution before the tax year ends, I am appealing to you to help us make our goal this year. Over the past four years Ste. Marguerite Parish has been so close. This year I think we can make it. Our target is \$33,500. Pledged to date is \$32,841. There are envelopes at the back of the church for any donation you might want to make. Perhaps you were going to help the Archdiocese and its overall efforts and just forgot. I am asking that you help us to make the goal and fulfill our obligation. Thank you. Fr. bob

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.

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.

PARISH SUPPORT

AMOUNT NEEDED WEEKLY	\$8,357.00
Income received from 11/5 to 11/11, 2007	
Offertory Collection	\$5,189.00
Monthly Parish Support	\$2,870.00
Other Income	\$ 643.00
TOTAL PARISH INCOME	\$8,702.00
WEEKLY GAIN or (DEFICIT)	\$345.00
Grand Annual (to date)	\$35,951.00
Grand Annual Goal	\$100,000.00

This weekend the second collection will be the annual Campaign for Human Development. Envelopes are available at the rear of the church.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

We thank you for your contributions that are coming into the parish. Our goal of \$100K is high, but reachable. It will help us to keep operating well and to do some improvements. Financial Reports have been sent out and now you have the information needed to review the parish finances and to adjust your contributions to meet our expenses. Please make every effort to contribute to the Grand Annual Drive – and please help us by making a sacrificial offering and increasing your weekly contribution by a few dollars or more. We are grateful for your sacrifice and generosity.



TURKEY RAFFLE

THIS SUNDAY FROM 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Our annual Turkey Raffle will be held this SUNDAY, November 18th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

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 previously listed incorrectly at 12 years of age.)

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



The envelope for Christmas flowers which is in your packet should be placed in the offertory collection as soon as possible so that the memorial names are received in time to be

placed in the Christmas bulletin. There is no second collection for this envelope.

If you do not receive weekly envelopes, Christmas flower envelopes are available at the rear of the church.

GIVING TREE



Next 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.

THANK YOU

The Bereavement Ministry would like to thank all the workers, bakers and cooks who made the Mass of Remembrance reception such a memorable occasion. The many people who attended were very appreciative and remarked on what a wonderful way to come together following the Mass in memory of their deceased loved ones.

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 Friday, November 30, 2007 in the Parish Hall. A light supper will be served. Please be reminded that this training is mandatory for all staff, employees and volunteers in all ministries and occupations of the parish, school and their 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.

Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Parish Club 600 Club Drawing for November 11, 2007

<u>NO.</u>	<u>AMT.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
553	\$1000	Gloria Bishop and Peter Hupfeld
128	200	Donald Lussier
125	100	Mike Brunelle
336	100	Donald Beauchesne
195	100	Susan Heidi
322	100	Jeanne Gagne
297	100	Phyllis O'Sullivan
543	50	Robert Fauvel
432	\$150.00 Door Prize	Doris Beausoleil
50/50 Drawing	\$186.00	Peggy Masse

CHRISTMAS PARTY RAFFLE WINNERS

Russell Carney – Foxwood Resort
Natalie Klesaris – Sweetheart Inn Certificate
Caroline Beauregard – Olive Garden Certificate
Karen Dunn – Mama's Gift Certificate

PARISH CLUB MEETING

The monthly meeting of Ste. Marguerite's Parish Club will take place on Monday, November 19, 2007. A Memorial Mass for our deceased members will be celebrated in church at 6:00 p.m. with a light dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall followed by meeting at 7:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Saturday, the 9th grade candidates will conclude their retreat by attending the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Sunday, Nov. 18, 2007 – Service Project – Turkey Raffle
Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2007 – Service Project- 7:00 p.m.

Parish Center Room 101

Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2007 – 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Mass – ALL students & parents strongly urged to attend.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

This Sunday, Nov. 18, 2007 - Christmas Store from 7:30a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Hall. Come One, Come All- All New items priced for everyone's budget.

5lb. Hershey bar raffle-\$1.00 a chance.

NOVEMBER 18, 2007



This Weekend – November 17 & 18

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.)

Weekday Masses

Monday 7:30 a.m. Pauline Lemoine
Tuesday 7:30 a.m. Blessed Mother for Favor Obtained
Wednesday 7:30 a.m. Joan Brooks
7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Mass
Thursday 7:30 a.m. Parish Intention
Friday 7:30 a.m. Parish Intention
Saturday 7:30 a.m. Doris Roy

Next Weekend – November 24 & 25

Saturday

4:00 p.m. George Gagne (4th Ann.)
7:00 p.m. Anne Crowley (5th Ann.)

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Kathleen Bryand
9:00 a.m. Catherine Gamache
11:00 a.m. Gerard Larose (14th Ann.)



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