



WHEN CHRIST IS SILENT

The Canaanite woman asked Jesus to help her daughter who had a problem. St. Matthew tells us that at first, Christ "did not answer her a word," Yet Jesus' silence did not daunt her. Patiently she awaited His mercy, trusting in His love. Eventually, being greatly impressed by the Gentile woman's faith, Jesus restored her daughter to normality. So what are we to think when Christ seems silent in our own suffering situations? Should we casually "wait and see"? Do we give up on God and try to soldier on alone? No, clearly the Canaanite woman's example shows us that these are the times to "grow" our faith. These "scary" silences are opportunities for us to put ourselves aside and put God back on the throne of our lives. When Christ and His Kingdom have a higher priority than our personal desires, it will be time to hear God's voice. And in those silences between, great will be our growth.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

This Sacrament will be offered every Sunday after the 11:00 a.m. Liturgy. We ask that you come to the front pew and wait for the priest to finish greeting the people and return to the sacristy for the Sacred Oils.



GIFT OF BREAD AND WINE

This week, at all Masses, the gift of Bread and Wine is given in memory of **Julia Stanaski**. Please remember her in your prayers.

We invite parishioners to donate the bread and wine for consecration at all Masses for a given week. The person remembered will be listed in the bulletin on the weekend and will cover all Masses for that week. Suggested offering for this gift is \$50.00. Please call the Parish Office at 978-957-0322 to schedule this special memorial.



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) is a program selected by the Archdiocese for educating parish adults on ways to prevent child abuse and creating safe environments for children. The program consists of presentations, printed and video-taped materials focusing on the prevention of abuse and the protection of children. EVERY staff member and ALL volunteers in the parish and school (including all organizations) are mandated by the Archdiocese of Boston to attend a training session *ONCE*. The training session is approximately 2 hours in length. **The next training session in our area will take place at St. Francis Parish at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 26, 2008. To register, please call St. Francis Rectory at 978-452-6611.**



We pray for the repose of the soul of:

*William H. Giblin III
Henry C. Greaves
Jeannette A. Dugas*

YOUTH MINISTRY

CHANGE OF MEETING DATE - Youth Ministry will meet in the Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 26, 2008. Please make a note of this change. If you have any questions please call Roma Fauvel at 978-957-3113.

***Together
in Ministry***

People Working Together
In Service to God,
to His Church, and to His People

So far this summer, 6 people have answered the call to service. Their willingness to serve reflects not only a response to their Baptismal call to serve the people of God, but a commitment to Christ as they share in the preaching, teaching and leading aspects of the Church.

Two Altar Servers:

*Caitlyn Dery
Shaye Lane*

Four Eucharistic Ministers:

*Gerald & Rita Couture
Joseph & Susan Wisnewski*

We thank them and pray for God's blessings for a long and fruitful ministry.

We are still in need of Altar Servers for all weekend Masses, Adult Servers for funerals and Eucharistic Ministers especially for the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. weekend Masses. If interested, please contact Paul Duquette at 978-957-0322.

*It only takes one person
to make a difference.....
Are you the one?*

FINANCIALS

AMOUNT NEEDED WEEKLY	\$7,702.00
Income received from 8/5/08 to 8/11/08	
Offertory Collection	\$5,677.00
Other Income	\$954.00
Monthly Parish Support	\$2,404.00
TOTAL PARISH INCOME	\$9,035.00
WEEKLY GAIN or (DEFICIT)	\$1,333.00

The second collection this weekend is the annual Home Mission Collection.



Through the Sacrament of Baptism we welcome into our Christian community and congratulate the parents of:

Michael Allen Cambray **Mason Michael Mackland-Rivera**
Timothy Victor Dean **Gabriel Christopher Tobar**

PARISH CLUB NEWS

**Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Parish Club
 600 Club Drawing for August 10, 2008**

<u>NO.</u>	<u>AMT.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
502	\$1000	Claire Paquette
456	200	Lucien & Lillian Dalpe
557	100	Marie Philippon
119	100	Marilyn Stevens
36	100	Mara West
520	100	Eugene LaBranche
101	100	George & Pat Ralls
535	50	Michael Coan
541	\$50 Door Prize	Not Present
50/50 Drawing	\$148.00	Maureen Toupin

NEXT PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND DRAWING

September 14, 2008

DOOR PRIZE \$100.00

Must be present to win door prize.

It is time to renew your membership for the fiscal year 2008-2009 your captains will be contacting you. We are looking for new captains. Captains must sell at least 10 numbers, and if you have a winner, you will receive 10 percent of the winning amount. Please contact Lucien Dalpe at 978-957-1710 if you have any questions. If you have not heard from your captain please give him/her a call.

CAPTAINS:

Denise Belleville 458-1908	Sharon Maxim-Eno 459-3383
Paul Bergeron 453-2020	Dianne Ervin 957-1432
Al Bourgeois Jr. 957-3680	Roma Fauvel 957-3449
Al Bourgeois Sr. 957-0735	Sue Fauvel 957-3332
Michael Brunelle 957-5210	Sandra Perry 957-3568
Leo Cloutier 453-3366	Marie Philippon 957-4759
Lucien Dalpe 957-1710	Pricelle Sigman 788-3230
Sue Dery 454-7223	Maureen Toupin 957-1733
Ann Marie Dion 452-0246	

The **Annual Parish Picnic** will take place on September 21, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Acacia Club, 247 Sladen St., Dracut, MA (Valet parking). Tickets are \$7.00 if you purchase in advance or \$8.00 at the door. The tickets will be available at the Pancake Breakfast in September or at the Parish Office. To defray the cost of the Picnic we are selling Gas Card Raffle Tickets at \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Prizes are gas cards valued at \$200, \$150, \$100, \$50 and will be available at the Pancake Breakfast in August, and September, at the Parish Office and after Masses during the month of August through September 14th.

The **Annual Turkey Raffle** will be held on Saturday November 15, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.



Help those of our parish who are in need. Make your donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society using the Poor Boxes located at the church entrances.



Saint Louis School

www.saintlouisschool.org

**Committed to the total growth of the child:
 Spiritual, Intellectual, Social,
 Psychological and Physical.**

School Nurse Needed

Saint Louis School is accepting applications for a part time, qualified school nurse. Applicants must hold a Bachelors degree in the related content area. Please send a letter of interest and resume to: stlouisprincipal@yahoo.com

As we begin a new school year we welcome our new principal Ms. Kristyna Dumais, former Assistant Principal at Presentation of Mary Academy in Methuen.

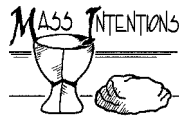
May God bless you in your ministry at St. Louis School. May the Holy Spirit inspire you in all your activities so that your service is effective in helping the students grow in knowledge, truth, honor and excellence.



Opening of School Year

August 26	First Day of School Grades 1-8 Dismissal at 11 am
August 27	Half Day for Grades 1-8 Dismissal at 11 am
August 28	Half Day for Grades 1-8 Dismissal at 11 am K1 and K2 Parent Meeting at 8 am
August 29	No School
September 1	No School
September 2	Full day Grades 1-8; Half day K1 and K2
September 3	Full day Grades 1-8; Half day K1 and K2
September 4	Full Day for all grades
September 5	Full day for all grades

AUGUST 17, 2008



This Weekend – August 16 & 17

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Marcel Therriault (10th Ann.)

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Lt. Donald G. Taylor (32nd Ann.)

9:00 a.m. Emilie Ferron

11:00 a.m. Donald L. Richards (1st Ann.)

Weekday Masses

Monday 7:30 a.m. Kevin Cao
Tuesday 7:30 a.m. Blessed Mother for Favor Obtained
Wednesday 7:30 a.m. Alphonse Rainville
Thursday 7:30 a.m. Therese Rousseau
Friday 7:30 a.m. Melvin Donnellan
Saturday 7:30 a.m. Evelyn R. Morin

Next Weekend – August 23 & 24

Saturday

4:00 p.m. William O'Neill

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Carol Elie

9:00 a.m. June Dion (4th Ann.)

11:00 a.m. Thaddeus Wasylak (10TH Ann.)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHER TRAINING

Training for Catechists will begin the first week of September. We hope that many of you will consider helping our young people on their journey of faith. There are openings for all classes. Training will be held at both St. Francis and Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Parishes which should accommodate everyone. For more information please contact Roma Fauvel at 978-957-3113.

FAMILY DATA UPDATE CARDS

In our last mailing we included a Family Data Update Card and asked that it be filled out and returned to the Parish Office as soon as possible so that we could update our records. So far only 369 families have responded. Please return your card as soon as possible. If you did not receive one, or if you misplaced yours, please call the Parish Office at 978-957-0322.



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.

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