



Renewing Our Baptismal Vows

Lord, You led by example in all that you did, wearing the mantle of humility and suffering where once you were robed in glory and power. On this day when we celebrate your Baptism, let us recall our own baptismal vows, renewing our commitment to repentance, service and love. And may we perpetually labor to fill the space in your kingdom that is uniquely ours. Amen

Love Personified

*Willing to repent
who needed no repentance
Obediently immersed
in waters of Baptism
to lead in humility
who could command in power
We follow the shining paradox
of love personified*



Are you talking to me?

We've all had it happen. In the middle of a conversation we get the nagging feeling someone is "making a point". Is it me, we wonder, are they saying this for my benefit? It's awkward and rather embarrassing.

We look around wondering if the message is meant for someone else instead. Squirming in our mental chairs we wish we could blurt out, hey, are you talking to me?

Strange to think the same thing happens when God speaks. On Jordan's banks the crowd heard John's call to repentance. "One is coming," John said, "who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." Conscience-pricked the crowd wondered, hey, is he talking to me? And then gloriously God's voice declared: "You are my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Now, God already knew that. Jesus knew it. So why say it? Because we all need to hear it. We need to know that God's message of forgiveness is for us, not the guy standing next to us. Before we can ask He answers. "Yes," He says, "I'm talking to you!"



SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

This Sacrament will be offered every Sunday after the 11:00am 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.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

JANUARY 18-25, 2009

To be only one is not to be alone. Each of us is a perfect, single part of God's kingdom, fitting exactly into the place He made for us. Our differences, our diversity does not separate us, it shapes us so that we fit snugly into the heart of God, the circle of his purpose, the foundations of His kingdom.

Father, unite all the congregations of the Church in Jesus your Son, our Lord and Savior. May your will be done among us and your kingdom come soon, through him who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.



Our thank you is a simple but sincere...

You are being thanked by the poor and the needy for food, clothing, medicine and other needs you are supplying. The **St. Vincent de Paul Society** thanks you for allowing us to be a channel of your almsgiving. The Poor Boxes located at the church entrances are the Bread Boxes of the needy.



Our **Children's Liturgy** is held on the First and Third Sundays of each month during the 9:00 Mass. This gives the children the opportunity to

go downstairs to listen and participate in Readings, Gospel and a Sermon on their level. This program is geared towards preschool to fourth grade children. All are welcome! If you are interested in helping out **one** Sunday a month **during** the 9:00 Mass please contact Christine Carignan 978-453-3385. Please come join us, the children love it!

600 CLUB DRAWING THIS SUNDAY



Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Parish Club **600 Club Drawing** for January will take place **this Sunday, January 11, 2009** 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 \$150.00. You must be present to win the door prize.



Religious Education Program ANNUAL CALENDAR RAFFLE

Tickets are now available for the Annual Religious Education Program Calendar Raffle. The raffle takes place each day during Lent and you have 40 chances to win. You may also win more than once as your ticket is returned to the raffle after you win. The drawing begins February 25, 2009. If you did not receive tickets in the mail or if you need more, they may be picked up during class times, at the back of the church or at the Parish Office Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit our Religious Education Program.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

IN MEMORY OF. We would like to thank the estate of Janet Xigorras who has made a wonderful and generous bequest to both St. Francis Parish and Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Parish. We ask that the parishioners of these parishes remember Janet in your prayers this week. Along with her generosity, we want to encourage all our parishioners to remember the parish in your will. Monies received as bequests remain in the parish and do not go to the Archdiocese. Every bequest is "found money" that special "surprise" that comes along and really helps the ministry and mission of the parish in many extra ways. Please consider the parish in your will. If you need any other information, please contact the Parish Office.

IN GRATITUDE. Christmas time is one of the special moments of the year when so many people do so many things to help the poor and needy, the parish and the staff. We are very grateful. For everyone who donated gifts to the needy in any way, thank you. For the music ministry and those who decorated the church, thank you. For everyone who sent cards, greetings and gifts to the Office and Rectory, thank you. We ask God to bless you all in the coming New Year.



Have you lost a loved one to cancer or battled with cancer yourself? Are you interested in fighting back? The American Cancer Society is hosting an event for people, like you, whose lives have been touched by cancer. This includes people who are survivors and their caretakers and people in general who are interested in the fight against cancer and finding a cure. Join us at the Moses Greeley Parker Memorial Library in Dracut on January 29th from 7-8pm to learn about how you can be involved in fighting back through the Relay For Life and The American Cancer Society. For more information call Kristin Scott 781-314-2678 or email Kristin.Scott@CANCER.ORG.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter's mission of renewal in the Church and change in the world is to assist couples and priests to live fully intimate and responsible relationships, by providing them with a Catholic "experience" and ongoing community support for such a lifestyle.

It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is two parents very much in love with each other. Your children need to see you reaching for it. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are January 16 -18, February 13-15, and March 6-8, 2009. For more information call Ralph and Jane Becker at 1-800-710 WWME or visit us at www.wwmeMA.org



Ste. Marguerite d'Youville PRAYER LINE

Your prayers and help are needed. We have taken thousands of requests and have received countless prayers of thanksgiving.

None of this would have been possible without the support of our Pastor, and those members who dedicate their prayers so faithfully. We would like to thank those who pray with us. We welcome you to join us in this rewarding ministry. If you are able to join us, or have an intention for the prayer line, please contact the Parish Office or email your request to <http://prayerline.stmar.org/>.



THE PASSION PLAY OBERAMMERGAU, GERMANY MAY 10, 2010

Father Augustine Anda, Parochial Vicar at Saint Columbkille Parish in Brighton, is leading a group to see The Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany in May 2010. Father Anda has led other groups on inspiring trips to the Holy Land, Italy and Lourdes. Prior to seeing The Passion Play, we will be visiting the religious and historical sites of Rome, Assisi, Florence, Venice, Innsbruck and Munich. We will travel through the breathtaking Italian and Bavarian Alps! Daily mass will be celebrated by Father Anda. While in Oberammergau, we will see The Passion Play which is put on every ten years by the people of that village. Come and join us for a deeply moving experience. Space is limited and tickets must be obtained in advance for The Passion Play. If interested, please contact Carolyn Kenney at 90 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, MA. at 978-852-7852 or email Carolyn at cmk44@comcast.net. A flyer is available upon request. Reserve early. Reserve now.



Courageous Catholic Women, Billerica, MA will meet on Monday, January 12, 2008, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Carmela Coughlan of the St. Joseph the Worker Shrine in Lowell will speak about the Women's Spirituality Community and the Good News Camp program. Courageous Catholic

Women meets on the second Monday of every month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in Father Wilson Hall of St. Andrew Catholic Church, 45 Talbot Avenue, in North Billerica, MA, with time for prayers and devotion following the presentation or guest speaker. Meetings are free and open to all interested women in the greater Billerica area. For information call (978)387-3155. or visit us at www.saintandrewbillerica.com/CourageousCatholicWomen

FINANCIALS

AMOUNT NEEDED WEEKLY	\$7,702.00
<u>Income received from 12/23/08 to 12/29/08</u>	
Offertory Collection	\$ 5,032.00
TOTAL PARISH INCOME	\$ 5,032.00
WEEKLY GAIN or (DEFICIT)	(\$ 2,670.00)
Christmas Collection	\$6,844.00
Christmas Flowers to date	\$ 2,273.00
<u>Income received from 12/30/08 to 1/05/09</u>	
Offertory Collection	\$ 6,686.00
Other Income	\$ 1,910.00
TOTAL PARISH INCOME	\$ 8,596.00
WEEKLY GAIN or (DEFICIT)	\$ 894.00
Grand Annual Collection to date	\$41,644.00
Christmas Flowers to date	\$ 2,298.00

The second collection this weekend is The Parish Monthly Collection. There is no second collection next weekend.

If you would like to receive a 2008 donation statement for tax purposes please call the Parish Office at 978-957-0322.

JANUARY 11, 2009



GIFT OF BREAD AND WINE

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.

Mass Intentions

This Weekend – January 10 & 11

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Mary Perry (1st Ann.)

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Pauline Bourret

9:00 a.m. Raymond Boucher, Sr. and
Raymond Boucher, Jr.

11:00 a.m. Thomas Waterworth, Jr.

Weekday Masses

Monday 7:30 a.m. Harriette Chandler

Tuesday 7:30 a.m. Paul A. Keefe

Wednesday 7:30 a.m. Parish Intention

Thursday 7:30 a.m. Parish Intention

Friday 7:30 a.m. Parish Intention

Saturday 7:30 a.m. Shirley Marchand

Next Weekend – January 17 & 18

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Catherine Waterworth

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Raymond Ferron

9:00 a.m. Andre Beaudette

11:00 a.m. Therese Masse (4th Ann.)



The Academy of Notre Dame in Tyngsboro will be welcoming prospective students and parents during the annual **Elementary Open House** on **Sunday, January 25th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** Visitors will take student - guided tours of the school and representatives from the Admissions office as well as faculty, parents, and alumni will be available to answer questions. Applications will be accepted at the Open House and students in Grades 6-8 will be able to sign up for the Middle School exam. For more information, please contact Barbara Aldrich-Clougherty, Director of Admissions at 978-649-7611 x327 or visit the Academy's website at www.ndatyngsboro.org.

The Academy of Notre Dame is a private, Catholic co-educational K1-8 school and a college preparatory high school for young women sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, and is located at 180 Middlesex Road in Tyngsboro, MA. Join us on January 25th and see how your child will be able to **IMAGINE! DISCOVER! ACHIEVE!** at the **Academy of Notre Dame**.