



SELF IMPROVEMENT

What do you want to change in your life— your job or appearance, maybe where you live? It's hard to exist today without creating a list of the alterations we'd like to make. We compare ourselves to people in the news or the neighborhood, constantly assessing what needs improvement. College classrooms and health clubs are filled with self-improvers, eagerly pursuing their goals. Yet even when the changes are complete and successful, something is missing. We just can't seem to transform ourselves to the people we want to be.

That's where God comes in. Into each of our lives He issues a call to come and be changed. If we will step apart from life's clamor and climb with Him to solitary heights, we will find true transforming power. Alone on His mountaintop, we can bask in God's shining presence, ready to be transfigured by divine love and grace. Only then will we find the perfection we seek, the perfection of a heart forgiven, healed and filled by the power of God. Come join Peter, James and John today and see your Savior in all His revealed glory. And you too will say "Lord, it is good that we are here!"

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

(Mt. 17:5)



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will pray the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. every Friday during Lent.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Confessions for Lent will be Tuesday evening, March 10th at 7pm at St. Francis Church.

The Church encourages attendance at daily Mass, self-imposed times of fasting, and generosity to local, national and worldwide programs of sharing.

During this season of Lent, our Liturgical Music will be turned down a bit to remind us of the penitential nature of the season. At the end of the Liturgy, we will leave the Church in silence reminding us of our need for repentance during the coming week.

*******IMPORTANT NOTE*******

ADULT CONFIRMATION

DATE CHANGE

The **Adult Confirmation Program** will **BEGIN** on Monday, **March 9** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Annex at St. Francis Parish. There are 4 sessions – Mar, 9, 18, 23, 24. It is important to attend four sessions. Please register at Ste. Marguerite or St. Francis Parish as soon as possible.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH / LENT

Sunday, March 22, 2009



Looking for ways to make Lent a more meaningful experience this year? Would you like to enhance your faith awareness during this special time of the church year? Please consider participating in our third

Generations of Faith gathering on Sunday, March 22nd from 11:00am until 2:00pm

Session Details:

All gather to attend 11:00 Mass.

Meet for lunch in the Parish Hall immediately following Mass. You do not have to bring anything, set up, clean up or cook. Just come, eat and enjoy!

Everyone remains together for an entertaining group activity followed by break up into small groups for age-specific lessons. Prepared facilitators will lead each group.

All gather together for closing prayer.

Space is limited. Reserve your spot now for this fun-filled learning event by contacting the Religious Education Office at 978-957-3113 **no later than Sunday, March 15th.**

We are in need of volunteers to help with lunch preparation and clean-up. If you can spare a few hours of your time for this worthwhile event, please leave your contact information with the Religious Education Office at 978-957-3113.

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.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

The Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Tuesday evening in the chapel of St. Louis School Center, 221 West 6th St. in Lowell. Please use the entrance nearest the parking lot on the rectory side. Evening includes Rosary at 6:30 p.m., Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by Prayer Meeting. All are invited at any time during the evening.

PRAISING WITH SCRIPTURE

This is a four week Lenten experience of praying by using the Bible to listen and talk with God. Presented by Jeanne C. Pinard, participants will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Office conference room the four Thursdays of March. If there is enough interest, sessions could also be held at 6:30 p.m. on the four Fridays of March in the Parish Center. To register please call the Parish Office at 978-957-0322 or Jeanne Pinard at 978-453-0459.



JOINT PARISH LENTEN RETREAT
"Deepening Friendship with Jesus"

March 9 – 11 at 7pm.

*Join us for this Lenten opportunity to
 strengthen our bond with Jesus.*

Mon., Mar. 9th: Evening of Prayer at **St. Marguerite's**

Tues. – Mar. 10th: Evening of Reconciliation at **St. Francis**

Wed. – Mar. 11th: Celebration of Mass at **St. Francis Parish** with refreshments to follow.



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AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

Rev. Andre Patenaude (Fr Pat) will present a concert *At The Foot of the Cross* on April 5, 2009 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St., Andover. Admission \$20 per person. Refreshments will be served. For tickets, call Fran (978) 851-2186.

Readings for the week of March 8, 2009

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/
 Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/
 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/
 1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

ST. LOUIS SCHOOL REGISTRATION



Saint Louis School is now accepting registrations for the 2009-2010 school year for all grades, levels Pre-K through 8. Please visit us on the web at saintlouisschool.org and download our application materials! Financial Aid packets are available by contacting the Office at 978-458-7594. The faculty and staff are dedicated to continuing the teaching of Jesus in a strong academic setting within a faith-filled community. Saint Louis School is committed to the total growth of every child: Spiritual, Intellectual, Social, Psychological and Physical.

ST. LOUIS SCHOOL
CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS
FEBRUARY 2009

2/1	\$100	Tina Velazquez	2/15	\$100	Bernard Mburu
2/2	\$25	Jane Karanja	2/16	\$25	Jane Karanja
2/3	\$25	Michelle Shields	2/17	\$25	Sue Murphy
2/4	\$25	Hawed Kamara	2/18	\$25	Dave Sanborn
2/5	\$25	Audrey Sullivan	2/19	\$25	Meghan Coffey
2/6	\$25	Charity Njuguna	2/20	\$25	Chris Gonsalves
2/7	\$100	Christopher Hall	2/21	\$100	Lorraine Daigle
2/8	\$100	Jerry Bedard	2/22	\$100	Paula Bowden
2/9	\$25	Margarita Kuila	2/23	\$25	Phil Delorge
2/10	\$25	Jane Karanja	2/24	\$25	Tim Bragan
2/11	\$25	Nicole Dufresne	2/25	\$25	G. Nganga
2/12	\$25	K & C Slattery	2/26	\$25	Michelle Canning
2/13	\$25	Jada Santos	2/27	\$25	Theresa Dufault
2/14	\$100	JoAnn LaMar	2/28	\$500	SharonConsidine

STE. MARGUERITE d'YOUVILLE
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
2009 CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

February 25th – March 3rd

2/25	\$75	Raymond Mitchell
2/26	\$25	Dennis Ashe
2/27	\$25	Pauline Marcotte
2/28	\$50	Robert Bursey
3/1	\$50	Donald Neville
3/2	\$25	Jane Foye
3/3	\$25	Ruth Mason

600 CLUB DRAWING THIS SUNDAY

Ste. Marguerite d'Youville 600 Club Drawing for March will take place this Sunday, March 8, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Please join us in the Parish Hall for a pancake breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Door prize for this drawing is \$50.00. You must be present to win door prize.

FINANCIALS

AMOUNT NEEDED WEEKLY \$7,702.00

Income received from 2/24/09 to 3/2/09

Offertory Collection \$5,930.00
 Other Income \$1,894.00

TOTAL PARISH INCOME \$7,824.00

WEEKLY GAIN or (DEFICIT) \$122.00

Fuel to date: \$4,338.00

Grand Annual Collection to date: \$41,799.00

The second collection this weekend is the monthly Parish Support collection. There is no second collection next weekend.

**"Lord, I bring my wounds to you,
 knowing that by your wounds
 you have set me free.**

**I want to be
 an instrument of your peace,
 so help me first to pardon
 those that have hurt me."**

MARCH 8, 2009



GIFT OF BREAD AND WINE

This week, at all Masses, the gift of Bread and Wine is given in memory of **Richard Grace**. Please remember him 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.



This Weekend – March 7 & 8

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Clifford Hall (19th Ann.)

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Plourde & Lafortune Families

9:00 a.m. David Sencartier, Jr.

11:00 a.m. Richard Grace (14th Ann.)

Weekday Masses

Monday	7:30 a.m.	Theresa Laferriere
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Parish Intention
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Lucien Lalime
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Alphonse Thibeault and Mr. & Mrs. Leo J. Cloutier
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Norman Ruest
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Shirley Marchand

Next Weekend – March 14 & 15

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Rev. Olivier Renaud, OMI (2nd Ann.)

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Alphonse L. Thibeault
and Mr. & Mrs. Leo J. Cloutier

9:00 a.m. Bettencourt Family

11:00 a.m. Arlan Gallant

MEN'S & WOMEN'S CATHOLIC CONFERENCES

The Annual Men's Conference will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2009 at the Boston College Conte Forum.

The Annual Women's Conference will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 19, 2009 also at Conte Forum. For more information please visit our website www.CatholicBoston.com, or phone 617-977-0916.