



"The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread." The Gospel continues: "While they were still speaking about this, He stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost."

THE MONSTER IN THE CLOSET

What parent hasn't chased monsters out of closets? It's universal, this compulsion to imagine beasts in the dark. Why? Some say that children create monsters because imaginary beasts are easier to cope with than their fear of abandonment. The monster can be shooed away by the very parent the child was afraid of losing. It's a trick of the psyche we use even as adults.

Take the disciples for instance: a fearful week, Jesus' horrifying death and the empty tomb were just too much. So as Jesus appeared they panicked: "It's a ghost!" What do you do with a ghost? Run away! Run away from this intimidating world where the resurrected Lord appears in your dining room. Run away from the awesome responsibility of carrying the gospel message. Yet mercifully, Jesus didn't laugh at this childish behavior. Instead He offered simple proof to calm them. Touch me and give me something to eat. See, no ghosts here. Are you facing something fearful today? Is something big and beastly lurking in the closet? Don't run away - reach out and touch your Lord, feast at His table and watch those monsters shrink to a manageable size.



First Communion for our Religious Education Program students will take place Saturday, May 2nd at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monthly Adoration will take place on Friday, May 1, 2009 and every First Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We hope that you will sign up for a specific time as we must have someone present at all times. Sign-up sheets are available at the church entrances. We also hope that many people will drop by for a visit and a moment of prayer before the Lord.

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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2009-2010 Religious Education Program is now open for all students and will continue through June 1, 2009. Once again we are asking parents to make a strong commitment to the program. If you are registering your child for the first time, please call the Religious Education Office at 978-957-3113 for more information and registration form. The registration fee is \$100.00 for grades 1, and 3 to 8, \$125.00 for grade 2, and \$150.00 for grades 9 & 10. Fees must be paid at the time of registration. All registrations received after June 1st will be subject to a \$25.00 late fee. We are trying to provide the best religious education for your children and hope to do so in a professional and pastoral manner. Together - families, students and parish - all benefit.



AMOUNT NEEDED WEEKLY	\$7,702.00
<u>Income received from 4/20/09 to 4/26/09</u>	
Offertory Collection	\$4,445.00
Other Income	\$618.00
Monthly Parish Support	\$2,456.00
TOTAL PARISH INCOME	\$7,519.00
WEEKLY GAIN or (DEFICIT)	(\$183.00)

ELECTRONIC GIVING

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(ONLINE GIVING MADE FAST AND EASY)

Our online giving option is now open to all parishioners. Many have been inquiring about this type of giving choice to help them better manage their personal finances. Since the inception of this program, several parishioners are now making automatic monthly donations and are very satisfied with the program. For those who wish we will be continuing with our traditional way of giving with offertory envelopes. For more information or to sign up for electronic giving, please visit our parish website (www.stmar.org) and click on electronic giving or call the Parish Office at 978-957-0322.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

We are now accepting nominations to the Parish Pastoral Council. It is very important to have a council that represents all the people of the parish in these critical times. Think of who you would like to nominate and fill out a form available this weekend in the pews.

What is the Parish Pastoral Council? The Pastoral Council consists of parish members that serve as advisors to the Pastor. They provide feedback and recommendations that the Pastor utilizes and considers in his efforts to effectively lead the parish. The Parish Council meets monthly and the term runs for three years.

Who can be nominated for the Parish Pastoral Council? You are invited to nominate yourself or anyone you believe would be an active member of the council. A nominee must be a registered parishioner of Saint Marguerite d'Youville Parish and a fully initiated, practicing Catholic, active in parish life

WOMEN OF MARY

Our own Fr. Chris Casey will be speaking at the 1st Saturday monthly meeting of the Women of Mary on May 2nd at St. Mark the Evangelist Church in Londonderry, NH – just 20 minutes north on Mammoth Rd. on the corner of South St. Day begins with Nocturnal Adoration at 6:00 a.m. with Divine Mercy Chaplet recited at 7:00 a.m., Rosary at 7:30 a.m., Mass at 8:00 a.m., breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and talk by Fr. Chris at 9:00 a.m. For more information call Michelle at 978-985-9824.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Giving comfort! The Prayer Shawl is given to a person as a means of bringing God's love, comfort and peace. The recipient can wrap themselves with the shawl and it gives them comfort and warmth. We have an ample supply of blessed shawls. If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a shawl, please call the Parish Office at 978-957-0322.

Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Parish Club 600 Club Drawing for April 19, 2009

<u>NO.</u>	<u>AMT.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
45	\$500	Vicky Turcotte
396	500	Peggy Masse
508	200	Richard Beauchesne
665	100	Marie Kirste
203	100	Charlene Voyer
133	100	Marie Philippon & Rita Shoemaker
162	100	Diane Ervin
298	\$100 Door Prize	Not Present
50/50 Drawing	\$152.00	John Sullivan

NEXT PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND DRAWING

May 17, 2009

DOOR PRIZE \$150.00

Must be present to win door prize.

RECTORY CLEANING SERVICE

After an incredible amount of wonderful years of service, Lorraine Gorby will be ending her service in the rectory. We want to thank her in our own name and in the name of the priests before us for her dedicated service and work. Now, we have to find someone else looking for a part-time job cleaning the rectory. If you are interested, please call Fr. Bob. We are very flexible in the routine so please let us know. Thank you.



SEEK AND FIND THE FORGOTTEN

In these times of high unemployment there are many people experiencing financial difficulties. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is here to help people of all ages those who are in need. Many of these people are embarrassed to ask for help. If you know of anyone in our parish who is in need of food or financial help, please call the parish Office at 978-957-0322 and someone from the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be in touch with them.



ST LOUIS SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Saint Louis School in Lowell is accepting registrations for Preschool, Kindergarten and grades 1 to 8. SLS is a private Catholic school known for its challenging academic curriculum, rooted in Catholic faith and traditions. For more information please call Ms. Kristyna Dumais, Principal, at 978 458 7594.

PRAYER LINE

We are seeking new members to pray with us. Young or old, your prayers will be joined to help all those seeking prayers every day. We have had many prayers of thanksgiving and for that we are grateful. However, we cannot do this without your help. If you can donate a few minutes a day praying for those in need. Please call the Parish Office at 978-957-0322. If you are unable to join us, please keep the Prayer Line in your daily prayers so that we may be able to continue this ministry. All calls received are confidential



SOUNDS OF SPRING CONCERT

On Sunday, May 17, 2009 at 3:00 p.m., St. Joseph the Worker Shrine is presenting "Sounds of Spring" featuring, in concert, the Spindle City Singers of Lowell under the direction of Mr. Normand L. Ayotte. This concert is free and all are welcome. A free will offering will be appreciated. St. Joseph the Worker Shrine is located at 37 Lee St. in downtown Lowell.

APRIL 26, 2009



GIFT OF BREAD AND WINE

This week, at all Masses, the gift of Bread and Wine is given in memory of the deceased members and families of St. Marguerite's Men's Club/Parish Club. Please remember them 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.



We are now accepting Mass intentions for July through December 2009. If you would like to schedule a Mass for a loved one, please drop by or call the Parish Office.

This Weekend - April 25 & 26

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Wilfred & Rose Hall

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Louis Metz
9:00 a.m. Michael Taylor, Jr. (3rd Ann.)
11:00 a.m. Pauline Lemoine

Weekday Masses

Monday	7:30 a.m.	Pauline M. Geoffroy
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Susan Gill
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Pauline M. Geoffroy
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Kathy Grimes
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Kathy Grimes
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Edward McDermott, Jr.
	11:00 a.m.	First Communion
	1:00 p.m.	First Communion

Next Weekend – May 2 & 3

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Lillian Provencher

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Harry Gorman
9:00 a.m. Brunelle Family
11:00 a.m. Raymond Bursey (1st Ann.)

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sean Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap. invites all couples of the Archdiocese of Boston who are marking their 25th and 50th wedding anniversaries in 2009 to join him for the Annual 25th and 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on Sunday, June 7th at 11:30. The Mass will include a renewal of marriage vows by all participating anniversary couples. Family members and friends, as well as the general public, are welcome to attend. Please register by calling the Parish Office before May 11th if you would like to attend this special celebration in honor of your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary