



Today, we hear Jesus' great prayer to his disciples. He has no illusions about the world into which he is sending them – and us. So he prays for their unity and for their protection. And on this day, when we are gathered in his name at the invitation of his Father, we know that we are not alone, that he is with us still, and we pray for the courage to continue to witness to the gospel in word and deed.

Jesus gave us a general command “go and tell” and He left the details up to us. We decide how big the world we inhabit is: two or three cities, a few blocks of buildings or perhaps the four walls of a hospital room. We have been given the honor of sharing Jesus' story. If we don't speak, who will? The Bible says that if we do not offer praise to God, the very rocks will cry out.

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.



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

This program, which is mandatory for staff, employees and volunteers of the parish, will be presented at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2009 in room 101 of the Parish Center. Sandwiches, coffee, and cold drinks will be provided. Please be reminded that this training is mandatory for all staff, employees and volunteers in all ministries and occupations of the parish, school and parish/school 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.



CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Please note that the **St. Louis Charismatic Prayer Group** no longer meets in the chapel of St. Louis School Center. It now meets every Tuesday evening in room 101 of the **St. Marguerite Parish Center**. 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.

Rest in Peace

Geraldine Lain
Mary Rita Newell
 (Sister of Evelyn Proulx)

Happy Anniversary

We wish Fr. Chris a *Happy Anniversary* as he celebrates the anniversary of his ordination on Tuesday, May 26, 2009.



Above their wreath-strewn graves we kneel,
 They kept the faith and fought the fight.
 Through flying lead and crimson steel
 They plunged for Freedom and the Right.
 May we, their grateful children, learn
 Their strength, who lie beneath this sod,
 Who went through fire and death to earn
 At last the accolade of God. *V. Kilmer*

In observance of Memorial Day and in remembrance of those who gave their lives in service to our country, the Parish Office and St. Louis School will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2009.

The 24th Annual Memorial Day Service sponsored by the Veterans of St. Louis, Inc. will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 25, 2009 with the blessing of the Memorial Stones and the laying of a wreath at the Centralville Veterans Memorial Park. A luncheon will follow at St. Louis School Cafeteria located on Boisvert St. This will include the annual raffle of gifts and prizes. All are invited.

The annual Memorial Day Mass at both St. Joseph Cemetery and St. Patrick Cemetery will be held Monday at 10:00 a.m.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

A second collection will be taken up on the weekend of June 6 & 7 to support the healthcare and retirement needs of priests throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. At this time there are 755 priests who rely on the Clergy Fund for their healthcare and 275 senior priests who rely on the Clergy Fund for their retirement benefits. On behalf of all our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity.

OFFERINGS

AMOUNT NEEDED WEEKLY	\$7,702.00
Income received from 5/12/09 to 5/18/09	
Offeratory Collection	\$6,408.00
Other Income	\$940.00
TOTAL PARISH INCOME	\$7,248.00
WEEKLY GAIN or (DEFICIT)	(\$454.00)
Communications Campaign	\$1,537.00

The second collection next weekend will be the annual Seminary Collection.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

From Fr. Bob:

PAINTING AND THE PROCESS

As most of you know, the Parish Council and the Finance Committee – as well as the Staff – have strongly encouraged that we paint the church with some of the monies we received through the sale of St. Mary's Church property. As a result, we have contracted this job and expect it to be done during July. Here are some of the details which are important in terms of using the Church:

Time Frame: The Church will be closed from July 6th until the end of July to give the painters complete access and the ability to move the process along.

Sunday Liturgy: All Sunday liturgies for the three weekends will be held downstairs in the Church Hall.

Daily Mass: Mass will be held downstairs in the hall. We will revamp the hall for the Bingo night, but all other activities will be moved to the Parish Center. All event contacts have been made at this time. [Adoration on the First Friday will take place downstairs in the Church Hall as well.]

Funerals: (*There are no weddings scheduled.*) When a funeral comes in, the undertakers will advise the family that they can have the funeral in the Church Hall or they can move the funeral to any of the local churches. The priests of Ste. Marguerite Parish will be happy to celebrate the liturgy, but we will not be able to use the church for those four weeks.

During the coming weeks the painters will be offering color combinations which will be placed on the walls. We expect that there will be a five-color scheme. We are also hoping that prior to the "opening" that a group of parishioners will volunteer a Saturday morning to wash and clean the pews so that everything is bright and fresh. We are planning on improving the sanctuary lighting and laying a new carpet in the sanctuary. Updates will be forthcoming as we get closer to the date. Spread the word about the use of the church!

Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Parish Club 600 Club Drawing for May 17, 2009

<u>NO.</u>	<u>AMT.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
20	\$500	Alma Reeves
491	\$500	Pauline Higgins
724	\$200	Emily Edward
320	\$100	Armand Mercier
677	\$100	Claire Laforge
389	\$100	Roland LaCourse
786	\$100	Ellie O'Connell
268	\$150 Door Prize	Not Present
50/50 Drawing0	\$151	Elizabeth Gacek

NEXT PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND DRAWING June 14, 2009

DOOR PRIZE \$200.00

Must be present to win door prize.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Students, mark your calendars! The annual Boston Harbor Cruise is coming up. Get your friends together and go on a cruise. Grades 6 to 8 will go on June 29th and grade 9 to 12 on July 27th. For more information, please contact Roma Fauvel at 978-957-3113 or romafauvel@yahoo.com.

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Ste. Marguerite Parish Club is offering two \$1,000.00 scholarships to students who are members of our parish. One scholarship will be awarded to a student who will be attending college this fall. High school seniors, and college freshmen, sophomores and juniors will be considered. Applications are available at the Parish Office and must be returned by June 3, 2009.

Another will be awarded to a St. Louis School student, chosen by the Principal, who will be entering a Catholic High School this fall.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2009-2010 Religious Education Program is now open for all students and will continue through June 1, 2009. All registrations received after June 1st will be subject to a \$25.00 late fee. Once again we are asking parents to make a strong commitment to the program. For more information, please call Pauline Montmarquet at 978-957-3113.



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.

FRANCO-AMERICAN WEEK OPENING MASS

Members of the Franco-American Day Committee, Inc. are pleased to announce that the opening Mass of Franco-American Week will be held here in our parish at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 21, 2009.

The celebrant will be the Rev. Lucien Sawyer, O.M.I. and the choir will be directed by Mr. Normand L. Ayotte. **Please note that the entire Mass will be in French.** We are giving you advance notice so that those of you who normally attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass will have a choice of attending that Mass or another Mass celebrated in English.

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 or if you are interested in making one, please call the Parish Office at 978-957-0322.

PROJECT RACHEL

Do you know someone who is carrying grief and sorrow over past abortions? *Project Rachel* is the post-abortion ministry of the Catholic Church to help those dealing with the pain of abortion. *Project Rachel* will offer a "Come to the Waters" post abortion healing retreat on Saturday, May 30, 2009. For more information please call *Project Rachel* at 508-651-3100.

MAY 24, 2009



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.

MASS INTENTIONS

This Weekend – May 23 & 24

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Julia Stanaski (1st Ann.)

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Alcide & Theresa Soucy
9:00 a.m. Ethel McDougall (1st Ann.)
11:00 a.m. Lt. Donald Taylor

Weekday Masses

Monday	7:30 a.m.	Pauline Lemoine
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Wilfred & Helen Ricard
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Forest & Estelle Goodman
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Juliette Dufresne
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Alfred & Laurenza Chandonnet
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Lillian Rondeau (10 th Ann.)

Next Weekend – May 30 & 31

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the
O'Neil and Chaplin Families

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Ernest Lourenco & Christopher Vieira
9:00 a.m. Claire Lajoie (3rd Ann.)
11:00 a.m. John J. Cashman, Jr. (9th Ann.)

BLESSED KATERI FEAST DAY MASS

Join Brother Richard Cote, O.M.I. of St. Joseph the Worker Shrine, Lowell on a day trip to Connecticut to celebrate the Feast of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha which will include a Native-American ritual and a side trip to the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven, Tuesday, July 14, 2009. Will leave Holy Family Parish Center, Andrews St., Lowell, 8:00am return 8:00pm. Deadline to register: July 1. Cost: \$75 lunch included. Info: (978) 937-9594 x 113 or brorcomi@yahoo.com.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP.

The Bereavement Support Group at St. Francis meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at St. Francis. Grief is a long, difficult journey; do not go it alone. All meetings are kept confidential. Please join us!