



PENTECOST

Pentecost Sunday is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church, celebrated early enough to be mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles (20:16) and St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (16:8). It supplants the Jewish feast of Pentecost, which took place 50 days after the Passover and which celebrated the sealing of the Old Covenant on Mount Sinai.

On Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, they were granted the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Those gifts helped them to fulfill their mission to preach the Gospel to all nations. For us, too, those gifts--granted when we are infused with sanctifying grace, the life of God in our souls--help us to live a Christian life.

After Christ's Ascension into Heaven, the Apostles knew that He had promised to send His Spirit, but they didn't know exactly what that would mean. Granted the gifts of the Spirit at Pentecost, however, they were emboldened to speak the Good News to all people. On that first Pentecost Sunday, over 3,000 people were converted and baptized. The example of the Apostles shows that the gifts of the Holy Spirit lead to the fruits of the Holy Spirit--works that we can only perform through the assistance of the Holy Spirit.



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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

From now through Labor Day the Parish Office will close at 12:00 noon on Friday. In case of emergency, do not hesitate to call the parish number (978-957-0322). Follow the prompts and someone will return your call.

PAINTING OF CHURCH

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/Weddings:

(*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!

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
<i>Income received from 5/19/09 to 5/26/09</i>	
Offertory Collection	\$4,941.00
Other Income	\$322.00
Ascension	\$634.00
TOTAL PARISH INCOME	\$5,897.00
WEEKLY GAIN or (DEFICIT)	(\$1,805.00)

The second collection this weekend will be the annual Seminary Collection. The second collection next weekend will be the special collection for the Clergy Fund.

PENTECOST SUNDAY



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monthly Adoration will take place on Friday, June 5, 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 and we also hope that many people will drop by for a visit and a moment of prayer before the Lord. We are asking that this Adoration moment center on both a prayer for Vocations and also your own personal needs. Let us pray for one another.



St. Vincent de Paul Society Members, Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Conference, will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2009 in room 101 of the Parish Center.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society-Lowell District Council Conferences will hold their quarterly Communion Breakfast/Meeting at Ste. Marguerite D'Youville on June 7, 2009 at the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Following the Mass, the breakfast and meeting will be held in the Parish Hall.

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.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The annual Boston Harbor Cruise is coming up. Get your friends together and go on a cruise. "Save Your Spot Tickets" are now available. Middle School (gr. 6-8) Monday, June 29, 2009 ~ 8-10pm, \$18.00. High School (gr.9-12) Monday, July 27, 2009 ~ 8-11pm, \$20.00. For more information, please contact Roma Fauvel at 978-957-3113 or romafauvel@yahoo.com.

FRANCO-AMERICAN WEEK MASS

Members of the Franco-American Day Committee, Inc. are pleased to announce that the Mass of Franco-American Week honoring the Franco-American Veterans and the Franco-American Community 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 French music will be provided by a choir directed by Mr. Normand L. Ayotte. **Please note that the entire Mass will be in French.**



La Semaine Franco-Américaine FRANCO-AMERICAN FESTIVAL WEEK SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 20 **6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

La Famille LeBlanc from Livermore, Maine will present music that the Franco-Americans love "Musique de Coeur" at the Lowell Senior Center, 276 Broadway St., Lowell. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Sunday, June 21 **9:00 a.m.**

Mass in French honoring all Franco-American Veterans and the Franco-American Community at Ste. Therese Church of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Parish 1340 Lakeview Ave. Dracut, MA. The public is invited. **Free pancake breakfast** in the parish hall after the Mass with the naming of the Franco-American of the Year 2009.

Monday, June 22 **1:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

Quebecois Film Fest sponsored by the ACA Section Domremy, Lydon Library/U.Mass-Lowell, North Campus, 84 University Ave. Lowell, MA. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Tuesday, June 23 **6:30 p.m.**

History of St. Jean-Baptiste Parish, a conference by the Rev. Lucien A. Sawyer, O.M.I. at St. Joseph the Worker Shrine, 37 Lee St., Lowell. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Wednesday, June 24 **St. Jean-Baptiste Day**

9:15 a.m. Memorial Ceremony at the Little Canada Monument, corner of Aiken and Hall Streets, Lowell, MA. There is no charge and the public is invited.

10:00 a.m. Flag Raising Ceremony at the Lowell City Hall. An open air reception will follow. There is no charge and the public is invited.

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Ham & Bean Supper sponsored by the Franco-American Day Committee, Inc. at Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Parish Hall, 1340 Lakeview Ave., Dracut, MA. Adults \$6.00, Seniors \$5.00, children under 10 \$2.00.

Thursday, June 25 **7:00 p.m.**

The **Unveiling of the Miraculous Statue of St. Jean-Baptiste** that was untouched by the fire that completely destroyed St. Jean-Baptiste Church, Lowell, MA, in 1912. Ceremony at St. Joseph Cemetery Chapel, 96 Riverneck Road, East Chelmsford, MA for its final resting place. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Saturday, June 27 **7:30 to 11:00 p.m.**

"Soirée de Danse" with the Johnny Morin Band presented by the ACA Section Domremy, Centralville Social Club, 364 W. Sixth St, Lowell, MA. For tickets contact **Cecile** at 978-441-2336 or fascmp@juno.com or **Ruby** at 978-551-0187 or Duhamel.RC@gmail.com. The public is invited. \$10.00 per person. **No tickets will be sold at the door.**

MAY 31, 2009



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.

MASS INTENTIONS

This 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.)

Weekday Masses

Monday	7:30 a.m.	Alice Miller
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Sacred Heart for Favor Obtained
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Lucienne Lalime
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Henri & Irene Savary
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Charles Gardner
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Ernest Lourenco & Christopher Vieira

Next Weekend – June 6 & 7

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Loureiro Family

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Deceased members and Benefactors
of the St. Vincent de Paul Society
9:00 a.m. Alexander Hardy (25th Ann.)
11:00 a.m. Deceased members of
St. Louis Academy Alumnae

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.