



**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Saturday, August 15, 2009

"We, in our exile, have sent on ahead of us our advocate who, as mother of our Judge and mother of mercy, will humbly and effectively look after everything that concerns our salvation. Today earth has sent a priceless gift up to heaven." Bernard of Clairvaux

This year this feast is celebrated on Saturday therefore, it is not a day of obligation but a special day of prayer set aside to honor Mary.



CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER

As you know, Pope Benedict has designated this year as the Year for Priests in order to offer an opportunity to renew and reinvigorate the priesthood around the world. Our Clergy Fund is in very serious financial need and this dinner is being sponsored to build up that Fund. On **Wednesday evening, September 16, at the Seaport Hotel, Boston**, there is a special fund-raising dinner for the Clergy Fund. Besides appreciating priests, it is also going to be an evening to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Cardinal Sean being a bishop. So it will be quite an event! The tables are \$5,000 for ten seats, but we are trying to work with a few other parishes to buy at least one. This is our idea:

- If you would like to attend this special night, you can procure seats for \$500 each. Great!
- If you would like to contribute to the Fund and perhaps attend, we are going to have a lottery for seats. We are asking you to donate \$50 for a chance to get a seat. We will pool the money and then draw names for the seats. You could possibly attend the event for \$50. We will work out transportation.

Over the next few weeks, we hope that you will consider making a contribution to this Clergy Fund-Priest Appreciation-Cardinal Sean Anniversary-Dinner. Call the office for any other details or questions. We will make the final decisions by mid-August, giving everyone a chance to get involved.

CRAFTERS NEEDED

Crafters are needed for the Youth Ministry Fall Festival and Christmas Craft Fair that will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2009. Tables are still available at the early bird prices of \$35.00 through August 31, 2009. For more information please contact Roma Fauvel at 978-957-3113 or email: romafauvel@yahoo.com.



ST. LOUIS SCHOOL



- September 1** **First day of school grades 1 to 8**
7:40 a.m. Students meet in SLS Center;
Dismissal 11:00 a.m.
Parent with Child Meeting (Preschool)
9:00 a.m. in the cafeteria
Parent with Child Meeting (Kindergarten)
9:00 a.m. in the SLS Center
- September 2 and 3** **7:40 to 11:00 a.m.** for all grades
(Preschool to grade 8)
- September 4 and 7** **No School** - Labor Day Weekend
- September 8** **First full day for all students**
(Preschool to grade 8)
- September 14** **Opening of School Mass** 9:00 a.m.
in the SLS Center

FAIR-FEST

Saturday, August 22, 2009
9:00 am to 3:00 pm & 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Sunday, August 23, 2009
12 noon to 4:00 pm
(ON PARISH GROUNDS)

FOOD – GAMES – PRIZES

INDOOR FLEA MARKET

PENNY SALE

DOLL CARRIAGE PARADE

BICYCLE PARADE

DJ – Corey Lamarre

LIVE MUSIC

RAFFLE

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

For more information please call
978-957-0322.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM FR. BOB:

Last weekend was a special time for us all. Returning “home” upstairs to the Church was well received by everyone. Again, I want to thank you all for your patience during the renovations. We still have a few more “tweaks” to take care of, but I know that our worship space is now a welcoming and special place for us all. As I mentioned at all the liturgies, I want to *specifically thank the people of St. Mary’s Parish*. Losing a parish and church is not easy, and now, thanks to the sale of the property, we are able to make our merged worship space very beautiful for our prayer. Both the Parish Council and Finance Committee unanimously agreed that we use some of the money to honor the parishioners of the former St. Mary’s by renovating St. Therese Church in their honor.

August is a special month for the parish. The summer months are speeding by and I hope that everyone is getting time for rest and relaxation – a bit of time to get away. Fr. Chris has just returned from a break and Fr. Lyons and I will be leaving at mid-month. Like you, we look forward to a little R+R away from the daily routine. I want to encourage everyone to support the **Fair-Fest** on the weekend of **August 22nd--23rd**. A lot of work has been done by the committee in preparing for this special fund-raising event and they appreciate any help that you can give. I know they are going to need volunteers to help and if you can call and offer a few hours of your time that would be great. Above all, pray for good weather. Given the summer we have had so far, prayers are definitely in order. Unfortunately, in trying to schedule the bands, the committee planned the event during my vacation time away. I told them to go forward. As a result, I will not be around on the weekend, but Fr. Chris will be a worthy representative and please know that I am there with you in spirit.

September is coming fast and with it, our new school year. If you know people who have not registered for our Religious Education Program, I ask you to encourage them to do so immediately. This is true for Grade 1 students who are beginning. It should be an exciting year. Last year, our combined program with St. Francis for the Confirmation grades (9 and 10) was very successful. The students came to know the Catholic classmates at their school. This October, we have two Confirmations offering an option for all students so the liturgy will be a mix of the two parishes. This is a wonderful example of Christian community beyond parish for us all. It was so successful as a program that we are going to move the concept down to Junior High this year. As always, we need your help and support with the Religious Education Program – please offer your time and talent to teach and assist.

St. Louis School gets a new life. As many of you may know, there has been a major shift at St. Louis School and I want to share that news with you. Despite the excellent “first” year with our new principal and very few concerns raised by teachers or parents, in early April, the school was faced with the apparent possibility of losing over 200 students – the registrations were down from 452 to 250. This was a formidable “crisis” for us all and the School Board worked diligently to address the problem. There seemed to

be many reasons, all coming together (a perfect storm?): families moving from the area, new public pre-school programs, the economy, coupled with an increase in tuition really hit hard. After coming to difficult decisions and a significant parent meeting, we raised the tuition and encourage all families to reconfirm their registration. As a result, we will trim the school down to 325+ this year. Sadly, it has meant letting go of a significant number of teachers and aides. This was not an easy task for Ms. Dumais but necessary. Let me say how appreciative I am to every staff member that is not returning. For some it ends years of dedicated sacrifice and service to St. Louis School. There is really no way to adequately express our appreciation and we wish them all of God’s blessings. Had the families returned, this painful process could have been avoided. We are grateful, and countless students who have passed through the halls of St. Louis School are their legacy. We can be proud of the staff we have lost, as much as we are proud of the staff that remains. We are very excited for the new school year. There are new programs developing and a fresh new approach to providing quality Catholic education to the students and families that have remained. We thank these families for their faithfulness and trust in St. Louis School. WE won’t disappoint you.

Please continue to pray for our parish community. The summer months have been very “lean” in terms of both participants at liturgy and financial contributions. If you have been away, we ask that you make up your obligation. The parish continues to struggle with few volunteers and less income. We have tried to balance the budget as best we can – the Parish Council and Finance Committee has voted to use some of our savings for operating expenses if necessary as the year progresses. Some added help from your generosity and sacrifice would be great! God bless you all for all you give and do for the parish. We continue to need your support in so many ways. As we move forward, may the Holy Spirit guide us in a realistic, honest and grace-filled way. Peace. **Fr. Bob**

Ste. Marguerite d’Youville Parish Club 600 Club Drawing for July, 2009

<u>NO.</u>	<u>AMT.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
799	\$500	Theresa Tessier
314	\$500	Dracut American Legion
48	\$200	Jeanne Cambray
501	\$100	Joe Moreau
178	\$100	Donna McGonagle
684	\$100	Lauren Dery
567	\$100	Savannah Melo & Julie Loiselle
649 Door Prize	\$250	Dolores Doucette
50/50 Drawing	\$98	Helen Carver

NEXT PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND DRAWING Next Sunday, August 16, 2009

August brings us to the end of the fiscal year for the 600 Club. If you are presently a member of the 600 Club, it is now time to renew your membership for the 2009-2010 season. If you are not contacted by your captain, please give him/her a call to renew your membership. Cost is still \$5.00 per month or \$50.00 for the entire year (a saving of \$10.00 if paid yearly). We are looking for new captains. Captains must sell at least ten numbers. They receive 10% of the value of the prize won by one of their ticket holders. If you are interested in becoming a captain please contact Lucien Dalpe at 978-957-1710.

AUGUST 9, 2009



This week, at all Masses, the gift of Bread and Wine is given in memory of Lourenco & Vieira Families. Please remember them in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

This Weekend – August 8 & 9

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Marcel Therriault

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Pauline Bourret
9:00 a.m. Henry Moisan (8th Ann.)
11:00 a.m. Janet Provencher (17th Ann.)

Weekday Masses

Monday	7:30 a.m.	Parish Intentions
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Constance L'Heureux
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Laura Morrissette
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Rocco Scioletti
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Shirley Lagasse
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Shirley Marchand

Next Weekend – August 15 & 16

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Marcel Therriault (11th Ann.)

Sunday

7:30 a.m. James Morin
9:00 a.m. Rev. Romeo J. Murphy
11:00 a.m. Donald L. Richards



The second collection this weekend is the monthly Parish Support collection.

Due to the Business Manager being on vacation, the financial report for last week was unavailable for this bulletin. It will be published next week.

AVERAGE AMOUNT NEEDED WEEKLY \$8,400.00

This amount changed from last year due to projected increases in utilities, property and liability insurance, medical insurance and other increases over which we have no control. The new budget has not yet been finalized but will not include any pay increases for employees.

During the next few weeks, just prior to the opening of school, many people will be away either for vacation or for weekends. We ask you to please remember that we need your financial support throughout this time. We thank you for your continued support and for mailing in your donations when you are unable to attend Mass here at Ste. Marguerite's.