



LEAD, FOLLOW OR GET OUT OF THE WAY

What a joyous event the first steps of a child are! Breathlessly we watch as tiny feet step out bravely, letting go of our sheltering hands. We applaud even though we know there are skinned knees ahead. Walking is just one hard lesson children face and wise parents allow their offspring to “get on with it.” We lead a little, follow a little and then finally, we have to get out of the way.

So God does with us - holding our hand when we reach out and releasing it just as readily. Patiently He waits while we run ahead, even if we choose roads He would shun. Because He loves us God will not stand in the way of our growth. Yet our heady freedom can be a greater obstacle than any divine barricade. In our eagerness we can forget the One who sees infinitely further down the road. Like children we rush around the next corner, only to stumble and fall. And if the pain is severe enough, we become Peter: fearful, an immovable obstacle in God’s path and our own. Today, take a closer look at the path of your life and ask yourself, am I leading, following or just in the way?



Last week we received an anonymous letter scribbled on a bulletin page that stated “I am disappointed again! Again! Jesus didn’t take a day off for us! Every time there’s a holiday – you cancel adoration. Maybe there’s a lot of people who would go – holiday or no holiday.”

In reply to this person, we are reminded that Canon Law (Canon 942) states that “such an exposition is to be held **only if a suitable gathering** of the faithful is foreseen and the established norms are observed.”

This means that the Blessed Sacrament must not be alone at any time during the exposition. In the past year there have been many First Friday’s where no one signed up for a specific time and the person(s) that were there had to stay an extra hour or a member of the Parish Staff had to fill in. This is not always possible. There were also times where no one was there and we had to conclude Adoration at an earlier time. This is why the hours of adoration were recently changed. If this happens on a regular weekend imagine what would happen on a holiday weekend.

Anyone wishing to spend time in prayer or adoration is welcome to come into church at anytime during the day as the church is open every day and the Blessed Sacrament is always present in the tabernacle.

Rest in Peace

Eugene Labranche

Riley Matyczynski

5 year old son of Jennifer Motard



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are already close to the middle of September and our new school year for Religious Education is fast approaching. If you know people who have not registered for our Religious Education Program, you are asked to encourage them to do so immediately. This October, we will have two Confirmations, offering an option for all students where the liturgy will be a mix of the two parishes. This is a wonderful example of Christian community beyond parish for us all. As always, we need your help and support with the Religious Education Program – please offer your time and talent to teach and assist.

HELP WANTED

The Junior High and Confirmation Programs are looking for a few people to help out this coming year. Our program runs from Oct. through May. Time requirements are Wednesday evenings for the Jr. High Program and Sunday evenings for the Confirmation Prep Program. Training and assistance provided. If interested or have any questions, please contact: Roma Fauvel- romafauvel@yahoo.com or at 978-957-3113.

TEACHER TRAINING

Please note the following dates, times and locations for teacher training sessions. These sessions are for those current teachers completing their certificate training and for any new teachers. New teachers must attend all training sessions.

Location: St. Marguerite’s Parish Center Room 101
 Sunday, Sept. 13th, 20th and 27th at 8:30 a.m.

Location: St. Francis Hall
 Tuesday, Sept. 8 and 22, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.,
 Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m..



600 CLUB DRAWING THIS SUNDAY

Ste. Marguerite d’Youville 600 Club Drawing for September will take place this Sunday, September 13, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Please join us in Ste. Marguerite Church Hall for a pancake breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Door prize for this drawing is \$100.00. You must be present to win door prize.

FINANCIALS

Financials were not available for this bulletin because of the early deadline due to the holiday. Financials will be printed in the next bulletin.

The second collection this weekend is the monthly **Parish Support** collection. Next weekend the second collection will be the annual collection to support our **Religious Education** program.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Interesting Comment:

Unity, Diversity and Factions – The Church Today?

“Holding everyone and everything together in unity is another way of saying 'Catholic.' Unity with God is sanctity. Unity with believers in Christ is called ecclesial communion, church. Unity among bishops is called collegiality. Unity between husband and wife for the sake of their children is called family. Unity with fellow citizens who love a common homeland is called patriotism. Unity with those with whom we share similar values is called fraternity, friendship.

A Catholic way of life is unified as a way of life when it is based on assent to revealed truth and on obedience to appointed pastors, both of which together create the unity of faith and of community that Jesus himself wishes us to enjoy. The Church's unity today is severely strained, as we all know, and alternative Catholicisms are claiming authenticity, even sometimes against the Holy Father and Bishops. Even Bishops and Priests have sometimes been less than worthy of their calling, and lay groups have sometimes come together to create a Church in their image and likeness rather than Christ's.

Political interference in many countries, including our own, and the hostility of some in the media and entertainment industries, the self-righteousness of some on both the right and the left, various pressure groups with their own agendas, have created a situation full of danger for the Church's unity, a situation the bishops now want to explicitly address in this country. How to stitch up the Church where her unity is torn, how to use the authority given by Christ to the apostles without wounding the faithful who are already hurting is a project that begins with the bishops' own submission to Christ and our own self-examination in the light of God's word that lasts forever.”

- Cardinal Francis George OMI, Archbishop of Chicago
- President of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops
- Address at the Knights of Columbus' States Dinner
- Phoenix, 4 August 2009

WE ARE ALL CALLED TO UNITY IN THE BODY OF CHRIST,
because we are members of the Body of Christ.

STE. MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE 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). Anyone wishing to become a member, or if you would like additional numbers, please contact a captain listed below. 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.

Present captains:

Denise Belleville	978-458-1908
Paul Bergeron	978-453-2020
Al. Bourgeois, Jr.	978-957-3680
Al. Bourgeois, Sr.	978-957-0735
Michael Brunelle	978-957-5210
Leo Cloutier	978-453-3366
Lucien Dalpe	978-957-1710
Sue Dery	978-454-7223
Ann Marie Dion	978-452-0246
Sharon Maxim-Eno	978-459-3383
Diane Ervin	978-957-1432
Roma Fauvel	978-957-3449
Sue Fauvel	978-957-3332
Marie Philippon	978-957-4759
Richard Provencher	978-454-3371
Pricelle Sigman	978-788-3230
Maureen Toupin	978-957-1733



PARISH PICNIC

The **Annual Parish Picnic** will take place on September 20, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Acacia Club, 247 Sladen St., Dracut, MA. Tickets will be available at the Pancake Breakfast in September and at the Parish Office. To defray the cost of the Picnic we are selling Food Certificate Raffle Tickets at \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Prizes are food certificates valued at \$200, \$150, \$100, \$50. Tickets are available at the Pancake Breakfast, at the Parish Office and after weekend Masses through September 20th.



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 available for \$45.00. For more information please contact Roma Fauvel at 978-957-3113 or email: romafauvel@yahoo.com



INFANT/TODDLER/PRESCHOOL PARENTS GROUP

Stay at home moms and dads, come join us for 1½ hours one day per week with your young ones and join in for story times and activities for the three age groups.

This will take place on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Center. If you are interested in being part of this program, please fill out this form and return it to the Parish Office. Sessions will begin October 15, 2009.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

CHILD(REN'S) NAME(S): _____

AGE _____

AGE _____

SEPTEMBER 13, 2009



This week, at all Masses, the gift of Bread and Wine is given in memory of the **deceased members of the Tanguay family**. 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 – September 12 & 13

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Lucienne Lalime

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Deceased Members/Family of the
Men's /Parish Club

9:00 a.m. Leo Gagnon

11:00 a.m. Cecile Moisan (5th Ann.)

Weekday Masses

Monday	7:30 a.m.	Frances Drouin
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	John H. McGann, Jr. (13 th Ann.)
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Special Intention for Healing
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Bernard Wagner
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Dennis Bistany
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Shirley Marchand

Next Weekend – September 19 & 20

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Helen & David Stecchi

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Christopher Vieira & Ernesto Lourenco

9:00 a.m. Priscilla Koziol (5th Ann.) and
Dennis Koziol (11th Ann.)

11:00 a.m. Joseph Mousseau



COULD YOU DONATE AN ITEM OR TWO?

Ste. Marguerite's Youth Ministry Program will be hosting its 3rd Annual Fall Festival & Christmas Craft Fair on November 14, 2009 and would like to start a new tradition of "Basket Raffles" at our Fair.

You can donate items or if you prefer to make up your own themed basket, please feel free to do so. We will also be looking for baskets of any kind.

All items can be dropped off at the Parish Office Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or please feel free to contact Roma Fauvel at 978-957-3113 or by email romafauvel@yahoo.com to make other arrangements. If you prefer to leave an item at the church PLEASE BE SURE TO HAVE IT CLEARLY MARKED - "FAIR RAFFLE". Thank you in advance for your continued support.