



Jesus said the kingdom of heaven belongs to His children and that we all must become as a child to enter into that heavenly paradise. But what does it mean to be a child in God's eyes? Childlikeness in its scriptural sense is a perfection of trust, a resting in the Father's love, borne by His power and living in Him. It means a simplicity, a submissiveness to God in whom it lives; a buoyancy of spirit, always ready to spring forth brightly and happily to meet the claims of the present hour, not looking lingeringly back to the past, nor making plans independently for the future. Childlikeness is resting contented in one's lot, whatever that lot may be, a singleness of intention, a pliancy a yielding of the will, a forgetfulness of self when considering another's claims. When we have learned the art of being child-like in his sense, the Kingdom of God truly becomes reality for us, in our hearts, our world and the heaven we will one day see.



**FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS**

We wish a happy feast day to the parishioners of St. Francis Parish as they celebrate the Feast of St. Francis this Sunday.



Our **Children's Liturgy** begins this Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. It will be held on the First and Third Sundays of each month during the 9:00 Mass. This gives the children the opportunity to go downstairs to listen and participate in Readings, Gospel and a Sermon on their level. This program is geared towards preschool to fourth grade children. All are welcome! If you are interested in helping out **one** Sunday a month during the 9:00 Mass please contact Christine Carignan 978-453-3385. Please come join us, the children love it!

**ANNULMENT INFORMATION**

You or someone you know may want to learn more about what the Catholic Church teaches about annulments or you may be interested in beginning the process. The following meeting is designed to offer basic information and provide the opportunity to seek answers for any questions you may have. The next meeting on annulments will be held at Saint Margaret Parish, (lower church) 374 Stevens St., Lowell, on October 8th beginning at 7:00 pm. No registration is required. For further information or if you have questions, please contact the Metropolitan Tribunal at 617-746-5900.

*Rest in Peace*

**Cynthia Buker  
Margaret Delisle**



**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.



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered to 57 of our Confirmation Program students at two Masses at St. Francis Church on Saturday, October 17, 2009, one at 10:00 a.m. and the other at 12:30 p.m.



**PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN**

Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) is a program selected by the Archdiocese for educating parish adults on ways to prevent child abuse and creating safe environments for children. The program consists of presentations, printed and video-taped materials focusing on the prevention of abuse and the protection of children. EVERY staff member and ALL volunteers 18 years or older, in the parish and school (including all organizations) are mandated by the Archdiocese of Boston to attend a training session **ONCE**. The training session is approximately 3 hours in length. Coffee, cold drinks and snacks will be provided. **The next training session in our parish will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2009. Please register at least three days in advance by calling the Parish Office at 978-957-0322.**

**TV MASS**

On Sunday, October 25, Fr. Chris will celebrate the TV Mass on Channel 7 at 7:00 a.m. We want to invite about 12 people from each parish to attend this liturgy, followed by breakfast on the way home. It is an early start to the day – we leave by 5:45, but it is a great experience. If you are interested in coming with us, just call the Parish Office to register.

**FINANCIALS**

Income received from 9/22/09 to 9/28/09

Offerory Collection	\$3,796.00
Other Income	\$680.00

**The second collection next weekend will be the Monthly Parish Support collection.**

**Please note that if you do not use offertory envelopes or Electronic Giving, we are unable to keep a record of your donations for tax purposes.**



**WHAT IS RCIA?**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which people become full members of the Roman Catholic Church. Full membership in the Catholic Church involves a total formation process which culminates in the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. It involves a journey of faith and conversion in which a person is introduced to the beliefs, life, liturgy and apostolic work of the Catholic community.

**WHO IS IT FOR?**

RCIA is designed primarily for those desiring Baptism. However, since baptized Christians from other denominations may be seeking membership in the Catholic Church, the RCIA process is adapted to their needs as well. RCIA is also open to baptized Catholics who want to complete their initiation as members of the Church and are seeking the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. To register or for more information, please call the Parish Office at 978-957-0322.



**600 CLUB DRAWING NEXT SUNDAY**

Ste. Marguerite d'Youville 600 Club Drawing for October will take place next Sunday, October 11, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Please join us in the Parish 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.



A Ham and Bean Supper will be held in the Parish Hall from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 24, 2009. Sponsored by the Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Parish Club, the supper will include fresh ham, hot dogs, beans and much more. Donations are \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors and \$2.00 for children under 12. Advance tickets are available at the Parish Office.



**TURKEY RAFFLE**

Mark your calendar!!!! The **Annual Turkey Raffle** will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2009 in the Parish Hall. Join us for fun, food and a chance to win some nice prizes! More information as it becomes available.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL AT SAINT FRANCIS**

St. Francis Parish will hold its *Harvest Festival*, a family-oriented, community-wide event on Saturday, October 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain date Oct 11<sup>th</sup>). For more information visit [www.saintfrancis.net](http://www.saintfrancis.net) or call 978-452-6611.



**ST. LOUIS SCHOOL JOG-A-THON**

The Annual Jog-a-Thon will take place on Friday, October 9, 2009. Help support our school by sponsoring a student in this annual fund raiser. If you don't know a student please call the school at 978-458-7594 to make your pledge or donation.

**SLS CHRISTMAS FAIR**

The Annual St. Louis School Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday, November 14, 2009 at SLS Center and Cafeteria. More information as it becomes available.

**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT**

The annual High School Information Night sponsored by Central Catholic High School will take place on Tuesday, October 6, 2009 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Central Catholic Gymnasium, 300 Hampshire Street, Lawrence, MA. **Representatives and information from all the local Catholic High Schools will be available** to assist you as you search for the right secondary school for your child.



**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): \_\_\_\_\_

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**BREAD AND WINE DONATION**

We invite parishioners to donate the Bread and Wine for consecration at all Masses for a given week. This can be a personal donation or in memory of someone. The person donating or person(s) 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. Please call the Parish Office at 978-957-0322 to schedule this special memorial.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

We will begin taking Mass intentions for January through June, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**This Weekend – October 3 & 4**

**Saturday**

4:00 p.m. Gertrude B. Lacasse (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)

**Sunday**

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

9:00 a.m. Claire DuHamel

11:00 a.m. Deceased Members/Family of  
Men's/Parish Club

**Weekday Masses**

Monday	7:30 a.m.	Pamelia "Pam" Monette
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Holly Sullivan
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Special Intention - Healing
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	M/M Alphonse L. Thibeault and M/M Leo J. Cloutier
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Doug Willett
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Raymond Rancourt

**Next Weekend – October 10 & 11**

**Saturday**

4:00 p.m. Pauline Geoffroy

**Sunday**

7:30 a.m. Plourde & Lafortune Families

9:00 a.m. Walter Rondeau (20<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

11:00 a.m. Maurice "Moe" Sawyer



**LOOKING FOR CRAFTERS**

Ste. Marguerite d'Youville's Youth Ministry will be hosting its  
**3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL & CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR**  
Saturday, November 14, 2009 - 8am-3pm, Rain or Shine  
Parish Center, 30 Goodhue Ave.

TABLES ARE AVAILABLE FOR \$45.00

*Crafters are requested to donate 1 item to our Raffle Table*  
ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT YOUTH MINISTRY

For Table Rental Application  
Please contact Roma Fauvel at 978-957-3113  
or email [romafauvel@yahoo.com](mailto:romafauvel@yahoo.com)