



ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

A four-week program to prepare Adult candidates for Confirmation will begin on Monday, March 1, from 6:30-8:00pm, at St. Francis Church. The Regional Adult Confirmation is scheduled for April 7 at St. Monica Church in Methuen. The dates for the program are Mondays, March 1, 8 (not the 15th), 22 and 29. Candidates must be 18 years or older. It is necessary to attend all four sessions. In order to receive the Sacrament through this program, a candidate must be over 18 year of age, submit a baptism certificate prior to the program and be a member of the Church in good standing. If you are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, or know someone who is interested, please call either the Office at Ste. Marguerite Parish (978-957-0322) or at St. Francis Parish (978-452-6611).



FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Tuesday, February 2, 2010.

This Feast invites us to celebrate the truth that Christ is the light of all nations and the long awaited glory of Israel. As we celebrate and rejoice in God's presence among us, we are invited to reflect on our calling to help bring his light and love to others around us. The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple is also called the Feast of the Purification of the Virgin (see Luke 2:22). One of the many readings used to celebrate this feast: *And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with candles.... (Zephaniah 1:12)* has given the feast its popular name of Candlemas. In some parishes candles are blessed, lighted and carried in procession.



On the day following Candlemas, **Wednesday, February 3, the Feast of St. Blaise**, people come forward and have their throats blessed by being touched with a candle blessed the day before, and a prayer for protection against respiratory ailments and other throat problems. Throats will be blessed at morning Mass.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monthly Adoration will take place on Friday, February 5, 2010 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 vocations to consecrated life.



Next Sunday, we will celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life. The Church is invited to remember with gratitude the men and women who have dedicated their lives in service to the mission of Jesus. We also want to pray that others will hear the call to consecrated life and respond generously.



WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Our Parish celebration for World Day of the Sick (which falls on February 11) will take place next weekend, February 6 & 7, 2010. This is a special time for us to remember and pray for all those who suffer illness in any way. We pray especially for our parishioners. On that weekend, we will offer the Sacrament of the Sick after each liturgy giving anyone who feels the physical or mental need for healing to come forward. Please continue to pray for the sick.



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

On Sunday, February 14, 2010 we celebrate World Marriage Day. We pray for God's blessings for all our married couples, for our engaged couples and for all those contemplating marriage in the future. Married couples will receive a special blessing at all Masses that weekend.



Drawing Nearer to the Lord

FASTING ALMSGIVING and PRAYER

In just over two weeks (February 17th) we will begin our observance of the holy season of Lent. During Lent, the Church encourages attendance at daily Mass, self-imposed times of fasting, and generosity to local, national, and worldwide programs of sharing.

OFFERINGS

Week ending 1/25/2010

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| Offertory Collection | \$4,159.00 |
| Grand Annual to Date | \$39,551.62 |
| Latin America | \$1,403.00 |
| Haiti (additional) | \$230.00 |

The second collection next weekend will be the annual collection for the Holy Father.

If you use envelopes or Electronic Giving and would like a statement of your donations for tax purposes, please call the Parish Office and one will be mailed to you.



SIGN-UP WEEKENDS: JANUARY 30/31 & FEBRUARY 6/7

“New Heart, New Spirit”

Create a new heart and a generous spirit this Lenten season by joining ARISE Together in Christ! ARISE offers the opportunity for new friendships, stronger faith, and a deeper relationship with Christ and others through prayer and the Scriptures in small group settings. **Sessions begin February 14th and last for six weeks.** For more information call Roma at 978-957-3113 or romafauvel@yahoo.com also Jeanne Pinard at 978-453-0459 for info on morning sessions or Sandy Gallinaro at 978-957-9887 for info on evening sessions. New leaders are welcome - training is available. Small groups will be meeting in the morning & evening. **Please fill out a 'Sign Up' Card today.** These are available in the back of the church. You will be contacted by one of our Group Leaders We will be asking for a \$5.00 donation to help cover some of the cost of the book you will be receiving. Thank You



**Religious Education Program
ANNUAL CALENDAR RAFFLE**

By now, you should have received tickets for the Annual Religious Education Program Calendar Raffle. The drawings begin March 1 and continue through Easter Sunday, April 4. Tickets are \$5.00 each or a book of 5 for \$20.00. If you didn't receive tickets in the mail or if you need more, they may be picked up during class times, at the back of the church or at the Parish Office Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit our Religious Education Program.



600 CLUB DRAWING

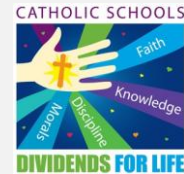
Ste. Marguerite d'Youville 600 Club Drawing for February will take place on Sunday, February 14, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Please join us in Ste. Marguerite Church Hall for a pancake breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Door prize for this drawing is \$100.00. You must be present to win door prize.



St. Vincent de Paul Society Members, Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Conference, will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 4, 2010 in room 101 of the Parish Center. Wherever you may live in our parish, there are poor families living within walking distance from your home. When in need, they come to the office seeking help. They are in effect asking for your help. Your donations made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society using the "Poor Boxes" located at the church entrances will provide the assistance they need.



**ST. LOUIS SCHOOL
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**



Saint Louis School will be proudly celebrating Catholic Schools Week during the week of January 31st. We have many fun activities planned and encourage current and potential families to stop by for our community activities throughout the week!

Sunday, January 31 –10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Open House
Book Fair – SLS Center

Monday, February 1 – 9:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Celebration (Mass)
Please join us!

Tuesday, February 2 - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Spaghetti Supper
Open House and Art Fair
Come tour our school and also see the wonderful display of art work!

Wednesday, February 3 – 8:00 a.m.
Grandparents and Special People Day
12:30pm - School Assembly

Thursday, February 4
Student Appreciation Day
Special events planned for our students

Friday, February 5
Teacher Appreciation Day

Registrations will be accepted throughout the week. Please contact Ms. Kristyna Dumais, Principal, at 978-458-7594 for a registration packet and to set up a personal tour of our school.

PRAYER LINE

We are seeking new members to pray with us. Young or old, your prayers will be joined to help all those seeking prayers every day. We have had many prayers of thanksgiving and for that we are grateful. However, we cannot do this without your help. If you can donate a few minutes a day praying for those in need. Please call the Parish Office at 978-957-0322. If you are unable to join us, please keep the Prayer Line in your daily prayers so that we may be able to continue this ministry. All calls received are confidential.

JANUARY 31, 2010



BREAD AND WINE

This week, at all Masses, the gift of Bread and Wine is given in memory of the **Geoffroy and Beatrice Chateauneuf**. Please remember them in your prayers. 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

This Weekend – January 30 & 31

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Normand C. Fauvel

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Joey and Jason Valkavitch

9:00 a.m. Joseph “Larry” Lavoie

11:00 a.m. David Capra (19th Ann.)

Weekday Masses

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| Monday | 7:30 a.m. | Parish Intention |
| Tuesday | 7:30 a.m. | Frances Drouin and Donna Whiteside |
| Wednesday | 7:30 a.m. | Parish Intention |
| Thursday | 7:30 a.m. | M/M Leo Cloutier and M/M/ Alphonse Thibeault |
| Friday | 7:30 a.m. | Parish Intention |
| Saturday | 7:30 a.m. | Parish Intention |

Next Weekend – February 6 & 7

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Lorraine Chandonnet

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Paul Stanaski

9:00 a.m. Omer Mousseau

11:00 a.m. Henry Houde, Sr. (17th Ann.)



MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM

St. Francis will be offering a Pre Cana course on the following dates: **Friday, February 19 from 7-9:30pm; Sunday, February 21 from 10am-1pm; Friday, February 26 from 7-9:30pm and Sunday, February 28 from 10am-2pm.** Engaged couples must both attend all four sessions. Any couple getting married in the Catholic Church is welcome to come; you need not be getting married here to take the course. For more information or to register for the course, contact Jessica Smith at jsmith@saintfrancis.net.