



It is a hard lesson to learn that we must take an active part in the miracles we seek. God doesn't expect us to sit on the sidelines waiting for Him to brush aside the world's troubles. He wants our hands busy, our hearts occupied before during and after. We are here to serve, not just submit requests. The disciples learned the same lesson when after a night's fruitless work on their fishing boats, Jesus told them to put back out to sea and cast again. Jesus could simply have filled the holds of the ships with a mere word. But the Savior wanted the disciples' active participation. They had to have enough faith to do more than sit and watch, they had to drag their weary bodies back off the shore and throw those still empty nets once more. It was their active participation that made the miracle possible. As John Elliot once said "We must not sit down and look for miracles. Up and be doing, and the Lord will be with you. Prayer and pains, through faith in Christ Jesus will do anything."



**WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

This Sunday, we 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. "Free to love, free to serve: this is how the men and women are who deny themselves for the Kingdom of Heaven. Following in the footsteps of Christ, crucified and resurrected, they live this freedom as solidarity, bearing the spiritual and material burdens of their brothers."

Pope John Paul

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK**

Due to a scheduling change, our Parish celebration for World Day of the Sick (which falls on February 11) will take place next weekend (February 13 & 14). 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.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING**

The Charismatic Prayer Group meets every Tuesday evening in room 101 of the Parish Center. Evening includes Rosary at 6:30 p.m., Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by Prayer Meeting. All are invited at any time during the evening.

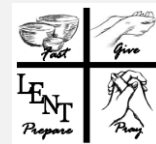
*Rest in Peace*

Juliet Chaisson



**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY**

Next 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 a week (February 17<sup>th</sup>) we will begin our observance of the holy season of Lent.

St. Paul calls us to see this Lenten season as an acceptable time to become the very holiness of God. With repentant hearts we should embrace these forty days as a time to return to God wholeheartedly. We were made holy at the moment of our Baptism. Let us reclaim that holiness and walk once again in the light of the Lord.

From its earliest days, the Church has urged the baptized and the catechumens to observe the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer as a preparation for the celebration of Easter.

During Lent, the Church encourages attendance at daily Mass, self-imposed times of fasting, and generosity to local, national, and worldwide programs of sharing.

*What will I do for Lent this year?*

**OFFERINGS**

**Week ending 2/1/2010**

Offertory Collection	\$4,760.00
Grand Annual to Date	\$40,377.00

The second collection this weekend will be the annual Peter's Pence collection for the Holy Father.

Next weekend the second collection will be the monthly collection for parish support.

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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE.

This past week Fr. James Lyons celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood. We ask God's blessing on him and are grateful for his ministry to our parish.. A celebration of his service will take place next month (when it is a bit warmer!).



### ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

#### PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF PLACE AND DATES

A regional program to prepare adult candidates for Confirmation will begin on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at St. Joseph the Worker Shrine in downtown Lowell. The program will consist of 8 sessions on eight successive Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the conference room. Presenter will be the Rev. Gene Tremblay, OMI, S.T.L. Text used will be "One Faith, One Lord, a study in Basic Catholic Belief" available at the Shrine Gift Shop for \$15.84. Also recommended is the United State Catholic Catechism for Adults, also available at the Gift Shop.

It is necessary to attend all sessions. In order to receive the Sacrament through this program, a candidate must be over 18 years of age and a member of the Church in good standing.. You need to register with them, and also with the parish. You need to obtain a Baptism Certificate as well. If you have any questions, please contact the Shrine at 978-458-6346 or the parish office at 978-957-0322.



### THIS WEEKEND IS SIGN-UP WEEKEND

#### *"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 14<sup>th</sup> and last for six weeks.** For more information call Roma at 978-957-3113 or [romafauvel@yahoo.com](mailto: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.



### 600 CLUB DRAWING

Ste. Marguerite d'Youville 600 Club Drawing for February will take place next Sunday, February 14, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Please join us in Ste. Marguerite Church Hall for a free pancake breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Door prize for this drawing is \$50.00. You must be present to win door prize.

### MASS OF THANKSGIVING

#### CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING

The Office for the New Evangelization of Youth and Young Adults and The Catholic Committee on Scouting invite all former and current scouts, scout leaders and their families for a celebration with His Eminence Cardinal Sean O'Malley. The celebration will be held at the **Cathedral of the Holy Cross at 1400 Washington Street, Boston on Sunday, February 28, 2010 at 2pm.** Cathedral tours will be available beforehand beginning at 12:15 and light refreshments will be served afterward at Cathedral High School. A commemorative patch will be given to the first 1,000 registered participants! Advanced registration is welcomed but not required. To register, e-mail to [BSA100thMass@yahoo.com](mailto:BSA100thMass@yahoo.com) or visit [www.oymboston.org](http://www.oymboston.org) for a registration form.

### MEN'S & WOMEN'S CATHOLIC CONFERENCES

The Annual Women's Conference will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 27, 2010 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross.

The Annual Men's Conference will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 17, 2010 also at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross.

Cost for the conferences is \$20.00 (or \$30.00 with lunch included). For more information please visit our website at [www.catholicboston.org](http://www.catholicboston.org).

### A BIG THANK YOU!

We would like to thank **Steve Bradley**, who so generously donated the Boston Bruins tickets to raffle so that the St. Francis and Ste. Marguerite Youth Groups could raise funds for their trip to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. The group was able to raise over \$4,000 toward the expense of their journey from both ticket sales and donations. Thank you to all of those who purchased tickets and made donations in support of the teens, and congratulations to **Brian Lambert**, who is the winner of the Bruin's tickets!



### Religious Education Program ANNUAL 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.

**FEBRUARY 7, 2010**

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**BREAD AND WINE**

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 – 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. (17<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

**Weekday Masses**

Monday	7:30 a.m.	Holly Sullivan
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Mary Lyons
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Normand Renquin
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Anna Paquette
Friday	7:30 a.m.	M/M Adrien Paquette
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Bob St. Onge (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann.)

**Next Weekend – February 13 & 14**

**Saturday**

4:00 p.m. Donna Whiteside (10<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

**Sunday**

7:30 a.m. Holly Sullivan

9:00 a.m. Edwin Masson (8<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

11:00 a.m. Gerry Larose



Beginning Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> and continuing every **Wednesday during Lent from 6:30-8:00 p.m.**, Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Parish and all the parishes and chapels of the Archdiocese of Boston will be open for individual confessions. Inviting Catholics to experience Christ's healing love through the Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the major initiatives of Cardinal Seán and the Archdiocese this year. The Archdiocese has set up a website to help you prepare. [www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org](http://www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org). It has videos on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, sheets on how to make a good confession, answers to frequently-asked questions and more. Please make plans to come on Lenten Wednesdays and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know.