



Imagine Jesus weakened and sun scorched after 40 days in the desert facing the father of lies. What of all things does Satan offer first to this powerful Son of God... bread! Satan didn't start with the more subtle choices, power and glory. No the tempter started with the basics. Jesus was hungry, so Satan offered the simple comfort of bread, an innocent gift that no one would mistrust. Evil disguised as an answer to need. It makes us stop and reconsider what we reach for every day. If you have an open hand today, longing for something you think you need, pause and ask yourself: What is Satan holding out to me?



Beginning Wednesday, February 24th 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. 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.



Joint Parish Lenten Retreat

With Fr. Bill Sheehan, OMI

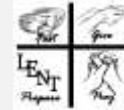
Journey to Jerusalem: Path to Love

Feb 22nd – 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis – Mass
 Feb 23rd – 7:00 p.m. at Ste. Marguerite's – Evening Prayer
 Feb 24th -7:00 p.m. at St. Francis - Reconciliation

The journey begins Monday with Mass being celebrated and Fr. Bill guiding us on the path of love, enlightening the way of —Embracing God's Love. On Tuesday, we move forward in our journey by exploring how to —Live in Intimacy with God On Wednesday we continue along the path of love with Fr. Bill guiding us in —The healing power of love...Even in Sin God is Present. The evening concludes with Reconciliation.

Rest in Peace

Madeleine Fournier
 Irene D. Thibeault
 Maurice Vandette



Drawing Nearer to the Lord
FASTING ALMSGIVING and PRAYER

IN THE DESERT WITH HIM

If we're honest, many of us approach Lent with dread. A season of sacrifice sounds so harsh, so sterile. And forty days, no less! We look ahead with trepidation. What could be good about such a long, dark period?

Stop and look again. Yes, Lent brings a bit of the wilderness into our Christian year. It asks us to stand away from the comforts of life in the city. Lent calls us into the desert with Jesus. From the silent sands He beckons us to join Him in His trials, reminding us that He has walked the burning path first. And it is His blessed companionship that makes it worth the price. "Come, child, be alone with me and we will find a road through the desert together."

What will I do for Lent this year?

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years of age and older.

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 years of age. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

PASTORAL VISITORS /MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

A day of reflection for all Pastoral Visitors and Ministers of Communion to the Sick will take place on Saturday, March 6, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at St. Francis Parish Hall. If you are part of these important ministries, please join us to reflect on the wonderful gift God has given you. Please call the office at St. Francis (978-452-6611) to sign up

OFFERINGS

Week ending 2/16/2010

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| Offertory Collection | \$4,347.00 |
| Monthly Parish Support | \$2,200.00 |
| Grand Annual to Date | \$40,864.00 |

Next weekend the second collection will be the annual collection for fuel.

If you use envelopes or Electronic Giving and would like a statement of your donations for tax purposes, please call the Parish Office (978-957-0322) and one will be mailed to you.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FROM THE PASTOR:

This week the Archdiocese begins a program called, THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU. It has been a successful program in many dioceses around the country and we are trying it this Lent. The purpose of the program is an INVITATION: Come back to church; Come back to the Sacrament of Penance. It is grounded on the idea that if we can humble ourselves before our God, if we can admit our need for forgiveness, if we can welcome grace into our lives, then we will renew our relationship with Jesus and see how important his presence in our life can be. Today, we are confronted in so many venues by the lack of connection with organized religion. It is not just a Catholic thing. So often we hear, "I am spiritual, not religious" meaning, I don't go to church! But the point of Church is community, support and encouragement. The Church is a "ways and means" to Jesus – not the only way to be sure, but a tried and true one that has endured for over 2000 years. Despite the lack of interest in community prayer and church, people today of all ages need Jesus to give them focus and goal in their life. Look around at our society, deteriorating slow but sure in so many ways, and it is clear WE NEED GOD! It starts by admitting our need. The Sacrament of Penance is a simple, but humble way to come before your God, admit our weakness and limitedness, and ask for forgiveness. It is a chance to be better, to be the person that we want to be, and the person that GOD wants us to be. THE LIGHT IS ONE FOR YOU – so drop by.

Over the next four weeks, Confession will be available at every worship site in the Archdiocese from 6:30-8:00pm. Every site! You do not have to go to your own parish church – every parish church in the area will have a priest hearing confessions during that time. Every parish church in the Archdiocese will have a priest hearing confessions. Consider the grace. Share this news with others. Encourage family members to return to the sacrament and "find Jesus" and find PEACE. That is what religion really gives, isn't it? PEACE – of mind and of heart! This is a moment when you can reach out to family members and friends that you know need the Lord in their life. RISK IT – speak to them. And let welcome the LIGHT into your own life as well. We are here for your peace. We are waiting for your arrival. The invitation has been made, please RSVP. In your church, the light is on for YOU!

A FAITH/FILM DISCUSSION

Starting this Tuesday morning and evening at St. Francis Parish, Fr. Bob and Fr. Chris will conduct an hour-long faith-filling discussion. Each week a short film will be shown as a catalyst to our discussion. These provocative films are quite stimulating and should provide for some excellent sharing. We hope that you might join us. The **morning session** will take place after the 9:00am Liturgy. (We will have refreshments available and begin about 9:45, ending at 10:30. If there is a funeral, the program will start a bit later). The **evening session** will start at 7:00pm with coffee and the film shown at 7:15, with the discussion ending at 8:00. Please join us as part of your Lenten practice. Rather than "giving up" something for Lent; perhaps this year you can "do something" for Lent. We think you will be pleased with these films and discussion.



Registrations are now being accepted for the 2010-2011 school year. Please contact Ms. Kristyna Dumais, Principal, at 978-458-7594 for a registration packet.



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**.



On Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010 at 4:00 p.m., St. Kathryn Parish, 4 Dracut Road, Hudson, NH will present a Sacred Cantata "The Seven last Words of Christ" performed by the Spindle City Singers of Lowell, directed by Mr. Normand L. Ayotte. Admission is free and all are welcome

Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Parish Club 600 Club Drawing for February 14, 2010

| <u>NO.</u> | <u>AMT.</u> | <u>NAME</u> |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 443 | \$500 | Daniel Gacek |
| 6 | \$500 | Paul Goudrault |
| 178 | \$200 | Donna McGonagle |
| 229 | \$100 | Paul Bergeron |
| 108 | \$100 | Robert Donnelly |
| 497 | \$100 | Catherine Pinet |
| 518 | \$100 | Norma Souza |
| 492 | \$50 Door Prize | Not Present |
| 50/50 Drawing | \$117 | Joe Moreau |

NEXT PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND DRAWING March 14, 2010

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.

FEBRUARY 21, 2010



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 20 & 21

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Lucille Laurent-Dion (7th Ann.)

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Anthony Soares
9:00 a.m. William Ryder (3rd Ann.)
11:00 a.m. Leo & Rita Brunelle

Weekday Masses

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| Monday | 7:30 a.m. | Annette Lachapelle |
| Tuesday | 7:30 a.m. | Holly Sullivan |
| Wednesday | 7:30 a.m. | Maurice Ouellette (2 nd Ann.) |
| Thursday | 7:30 a.m. | Mary Boucher |
| Friday | 7:30 a.m. | Parish Intention |
| Saturday | 7:30 a.m. | Parish Intention |

Next Weekend – February 27 & 28

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Roland & Pauline Tremblay
68th Wedding Anniversary

Sunday

7:30 a.m. M/M Leo J. Cloutier and
M/M Alphonse L. Thibeault
9:00 a.m. Edward Provencher (3rd Ann.)
11:00 a.m. Ethel Worthington (22nd Ann.)



Please help those of our parish who are in need. The "Poor Boxes" (located at the church entrances) are the "Bread Boxes" of the poor. Please note that the box at the rear of the church is now located inside the church.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

The list of memorial donations for Christmas flowers was published and made available at the Christmas and Christmas weekend Masses. If you did not get a copy they are still available at the rear of the church.