



DON'T LOOK IN, LOOK UP!

As Lent begins we naturally turn our eyes inward to contemplate the state of our hearts and souls. Ash Wednesday's call to repentance and introspection echoes through these first days.

But today's gospel says "Look up, not in!". Christ appears on the mountain in all His glory, shining...His example for us to follow. If we keep our eyes turned inward we will stumble in our own darkness. Instead let us keep our eyes firmly fixed on His blessed face, walking the Lenten road with sure and steady steps guided by His hand.



**Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday's during Lent from
6:30-8:00 p.m.**

St. 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.TheLightsOnForYou.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.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monthly Adoration will take place on Friday, March 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 both a prayer for Vocations and also your own personal needs. Let us pray for one another.

RETURN TO TWO SPECIES. The Archdiocese has suggested that we return to the use of two species at Liturgy on Palm Sunday. We look forward to the opportunity to once again share in the body and blood of Christ under both species. Even though we understand that the Body and Blood is present completely in either form, the sign and symbol value of "take and eat" and "take and drink" is such a wonderful grace and privilege. ON THAT NOTE: We need more Eucharistic Ministers to distribute communion at our liturgies. Although we know that people are timid and/or humbled to perform this important ministry, we call you forth! Please call the office and let them know that you are willing to be trained and to serve as an EM. Let the Spirit of God use you in a way that benefits the entire community. We encourage you to volunteer. Thank you.



With gratitude to Almighty God

the parish communities of

Saint Francis and Ste. Marguerite d'Youville

give thanks for

50 years of priestly ministry of

Reverend James Daniel Lyons

We cordially invite you to join him for a

Mass of Thanksgiving at

Saint Francis Church

115 Wheeler Road ~ Dracut, Massachusetts

On the Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14, 2010

11:30 a.m.

Light refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall

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.

ANNUAL MEN'S CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

The Annual Men's Conference will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 17, 2010 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.

OFFERINGS

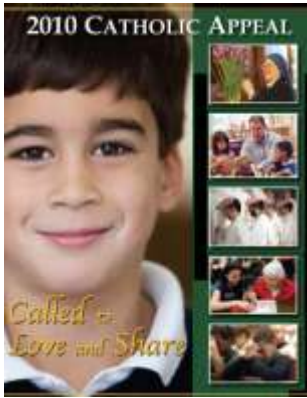
Week ending 2/22/2010

Offertory Collection	\$4,987.00
Grand Annual to Date	\$40,864.00

The second collection this weekend is the annual Fuel Collection

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



"All that we have and all that we are is a gift. When we give to help others, we are acknowledging that we are not absolute owners of our possessions, but administrators of the goods God has entrusted to us. These are very challenging economic times and I am deeply grateful to all who do so much to support our Church. No gift is too small

when given as a sacrifice and with love. Your offerings will mean much to those who are the beneficiaries and will bring God's blessings on you for your loving generosity."
CARDINAL SEÁN O'MALLEY, O.F.M. CAP.

2010 Catholic Appeal
*Called to Love
and Share*

**2010 Catholic Appeal
Appeal Weekend
March 6 & 7**

Next week is Appeal weekend for the 2010 Catholic Appeal. Please bring your pledge card, which you received in the mail, to Mass next weekend.

If you did not receive a pledge card, please pick up an Appeal Information packet available in the pews or in the rear of the church.

In order to reach our financial and participation goals, we need every family to participate with a gift or pledge to the 2010 Catholic Appeal. Thank you!



www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org

You are invited to join us at Boston College for enrichment and learning:

Saturday, April 10, 2010 *Living the Journey: Spirituality for the Second Half of Life* • **Location/Time:** Boston College Chestnut Hill Campus, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. •

Sponsors: Boston College Alumni Association, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, the Church in the 21st Century Center, and the University Institute on Aging •

Information: www.bc.edu/journey



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.



GET READY FOR OUR BAREFOOT4HAITI EVENT!

We have partnered with Soles4Souls to help collect new and gently worn shoes for the victims of the Haitian earthquake! Join us and take off your shoes for Haiti! As part of this powerful movement, clean out your closets and bring the shoes to donate! Bring your new or gently worn shoes on:

Date of Event: March 6 & 7 and March 13 & 14
Before & After all Masses

Soles4Souls accepts all types of new and gently worn shoes including: athletic, running, dress, sandals, pumps, heels, work boots, cleats, dance and flip-flops. Shoes appropriate for the conditions in Haiti will be delivered there.

About Soles4Souls:

Soles4Souls collects new and gently worn shoes from the closets of people like you and distributes them free of charge to people in need all over the world. Since 2005, Soles4Souls has given away more than 7 million pairs of shoes, protecting countless lives from foot injury, disease and indignity. Currently, the organization gives away a pair of shoes every nine seconds. To learn more about Soles4Souls, visit www.giveshoes.org.



Last Saturday, the Food Pantry served 39 families which equates to helping 105 individuals with food and toiletries. Our conference is also busy with additional calls for assistance which requires home visits. We are also preparing a list of families in need that have children in the parochial school system to obtain a 2011 scholarship grant toward their tuition. These grants are distributed by the St. Vincent de Paul Parochial School Trust Fund each year. St. Louis School students have been recipients in past years. Thank you for your support.



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

There are still many week day Masses without intentions through June of this year. Now would be the time to schedule a Mass for your deceased loved ones. Please call the Parish Office at 978-957-0322 to schedule a Mass.

This 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.)

Weekday Masses

Monday	7:30 a.m.	Annette Lachapelle
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Frances Drouin and Donna Whiteside
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	M/M Alphonse L. Thibeault & M/M Leo J. Cloutier
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	M/M Leo J. Cloutier and M/M Alphonse L. Thibeault
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Larry Traub
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Maurice Vandette

Next Weekend – March 6 & 7

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Clifford Hall (20th Ann.)

Sunday

7:30 a.m. M/M Alphonse L. Thibeault and
M/M Leo J. Cloutier
9:00 a.m. Matthew Eno (2nd Ann.)
11:00 a.m. Frances Williams

REV. JAMES D. LYONS - CELEBRATING 50 YEARS.

On Sunday, March 14, 2010, there will be a Joint Parish Celebration for Fr. Jim Lyons, who has been ordained for 50 years. The celebration will begin with Liturgy at 11:30 at St. Francis Church, followed by a reception downstairs for his family, friends and YOU! All members of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville and St. Francis Parish are invited to join us for this moment of prayer. Our congratulations and blessings to Fr. Lyons. We are grateful for his support and presence with us. May God continue to give him good health and happiness. If you are planning on attending the reception, you might call the office to let us know, but the invitation is open and we hope you will join us.