



WHAT GROWS IN YOUR GARDEN?

“Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none:” How sad to think that the Savior cannot find fruit in the lives of so many of us who should be producing it. How disappointing it must be to Him to find those who claim His name and never produce any fruit. There is something wrong with a tree that appears to be an apple tree and never yields fruit. It is either not an apple tree or it is sick.

Let's pause and ask ourselves today, how is my tree growing? Are my limbs laden with fruit, or are the buds still tightly closed? If the Lord sought for fruit in my life, would He be pleased or leave empty handed? May our prayer today ask the Lord for His patience as we grow, allowing us the time and spiritual food we need to blossom forth in a bounteous harvest.



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.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday's 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.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.



Daylight Saving Time begins next weekend. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead by one hour when you retire next Saturday.



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

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Giving comfort! The Prayer Shawl is given to a person as a means of bringing God's love, comfort and peace. The recipient can wrap themselves with the shawl and it gives them comfort and warmth. We have an ample supply of blessed shawls. If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a shawl, please call the Parish Office at 978-957-0322.

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

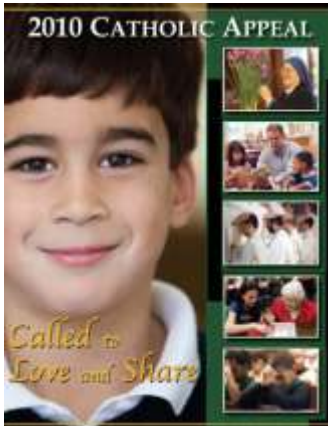
Week ending 3/1/2010

Offertory Collection	\$ 4,214.
Fuel Collection	\$ 4,237.
Grand Annual to Date	\$40,964.

Next weekend the second collection will be the monthly Parish Support 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



2010 CATHOLIC APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

"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

REV. JAMES D. LYONS - CELEBRATING 50 YEARS.

This 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.



600 CLUB DRAWING NEXT SUNDAY

Ste. Marguerite d'Youville 600 Club Drawing for March will take place next Sunday, March 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.



Religious Education Program

ANNUAL CALENDAR RAFFLE

The drawing began March 1 and continues 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**. Thank you to all who have supported this fundraiser and Best of luck to all.



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.



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.



YOUR PARISH COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

In an attempt to facilitate communication in our parish, the members of these two committees are at your service and are willing to receive your concerns. Please do not assume that they can answer your question, but they are willing to listen and bring it to the next meeting.

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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 – 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

Weekday Masses

Monday	7:30 a.m.	Alice Banville
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Annette M. Chausse
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	M/M Leo J. Cloutier and M/M Alphonse L. Thibeault
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Lauretta Fraser
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Maurice Vandette
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Irene Thibeault

Next Weekend – March 13 & 14

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Victor & Daisy Tremblay
Deceased Family Members

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Plourde & Lafortune Families

9:00 a.m. Joseph Raymond Chalifoux

11:00 a.m. Bettencourt Family

PRAYER LINE

The prayer line has been in existence since January 1999. We have taken thousands of requests and have received countless prayers of thanksgiving. None of this would have been possible without those members who dedicate their prayers so faithfully. We would like to thank those who pray with us, however, more faithful servants are needed to join us so that we may be able to keep the prayer line strong. If you believe in the power of prayer, and pray regularly, we need you! If you are able to join us, or have an intention for the prayer line, please contact the Parish Office at 978-957-0322 or email your request to prayerline@stmar.org. ALL CALLS ARE CONFIDENTIAL. It is suggested that if the prayer is very personal, then it would be best to use the phone. Please pray for all the members of the Prayer Line so that we may remain healthy and continue to be able to devote our time to daily prayer for those who call upon us.