



**HE IS NOT THERE!**

In our sanctuaries and homes today, the symbols of Easter are all around us, a poignant reminder of what Christ has done, who He was. But the Easter Christ, the Risen Christ is not a memory, He is our future. Do not look for Him in Bethlehem or on the banks of the Jordan. Make no nostalgic trips to the cross. Do not linger even at the empty tomb, He is not there!

So how do we find the Savior on this Easter morning? Look ahead. There is the triumphal Christ going before us into Galilee, ascending into heaven, sending the Spirit to comfort us. He sweeps down the road into the hearts and hands of His children to be. Those who seek will find Him in what He loved most: one another. He can be found in a mother's tear, a baby's laugh, a father's strong right arm. His voice whispers in a child's halting prayer and the hush of lullaby. His laughter echoes when we break bread in good company and his arms are the last to leave our shoulders when sorrow deepens our load.

Where is the Savior on this Easter day? He is here among us, alive and well. He lives in the heart beating inside you, and beside you, at work, at rest or play. Rejoice with Him this day that you need look no further for your Savior than the next face you see. "For where two or three are gathered, there I will be also."



**HELP THOSE IN NEED**

As you place your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Society "Poor Boxes" know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy. Please be generous by placing your donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the "Poor Boxes"

**MEMORIAL FUND**

A memorial fund has been set up in memory of Zachary "Zach" Tompkins, the 11 year old boy who passed away on March 8, 2010 in Hudson, NH. Zach was a fifth grade "High Honors" student at Presentation of Mary Academy. "Zach touched the lives of so many with his continuous and infectious smile and we will continue to admire him for his enduring winning attitude, and his caring and generous personality".

Donations may be made to the Zachary M. Tompkins Memorial Fund at TD Bank, 80 Derry Road, Hudson, NH 03051. Donation forms are available at the rear of the church. For more information please call Stacey at 978-836-8344.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

There are still many daily 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.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
REGISTRATION**

Registration for the 2010-2011 Religious Education Program is now open for all students and will continue through July 1, 2010. Once again we are asking parents to make a strong commitment to the program. If you are registering your child for the first time, please call the Religious Education Office at 978-957-3113 for more information and registration form. The registration fee is \$100.00 for grades 1, and 3 to 8, \$125.00 for grade 2, and \$150.00 for grades 9 & 10. Fees must be paid at the time of registration. All registrations received after July 1<sup>st</sup> will be subject to a \$25.00 late fee.

We are trying to provide the best religious education for your children and hope to do so in a professional and pastoral manner. Together - families, students and parish - all benefit.

**FINANCIALS**

Financial information for last week was not available due to the early deadline for this bulletin.

**EASTER COLLECTION**

*We wish you a Happy Easter from all the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston.* Today's collection supports the retirement, medical care, and financial needs of the priests of the Archdiocese.

We ask that you give generously on behalf of the priests that have devoted their lives to faithfully serve God and the good work of the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING**

By: NetCharge

**(ONLINE GIVING MADE FAST AND EASY)**

Our online giving option is now open to all parishioners. Many have been inquiring about this type of giving choice to help them better manage their personal finances. Since the inception of this program, several parishioners are now making automatic monthly donations and are very satisfied with the program. For those who wish, we will be continuing with our traditional way of giving with offertory envelopes. For more information or to sign up for electronic giving, please visit our parish website ([www.stmar.org](http://www.stmar.org)) and click on electronic giving or call the Parish Office at 978-957-0322.

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.

## *EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD*

### FROM FR. BOB

#### *EASTER BLESSINGS TO YOUR FAMILY*

Welcome to the parish on this Easter 2010. In the name of Fr. Chris, Fr. Lyons and all the priests who help us so much, and the Staff – may you and your family be blessed with the joy and happiness of the Risen Savior, Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Have a wonderful Easter Season.

#### *A SPECIAL NOTICE*

As was announced in last week's bulletin, I want to inform you that Cardinal Sean has assigned me to St. Patrick Parish in Watertown. My pastorate will be ending my once new pastoral leadership has been assigned in Dracut. During the past few years there has been a lot of change and adjustment for us all. For the parishioners of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville, it seems on-going; for those at St. Francis, it was a new challenge. As you know, Fr. Chris Casey will be ending his three-year assignment at both parishes at the end of May. Combine that with the changes at St. Louis School and it is an understatement to suggest that the Church in Dracut is in "flux."

I want to thank every person that has been so supportive of my ministry in Dracut over the past four years. In truth, it has been a challenging time in a changing church. Often when we place our lives in God's hands, God prompts us to places we would not have thought to go. In recent months, my prayer has helped me realize that new leadership may be better in Dracut – admitting my own limits as pastor. Please know that the pastoral care of both parishes and the school has always been my focus. I have tried to serve you as best I can as priest and pastor and acknowledge that there have been some successes and some disappointments. I thank the staffs of both parishes for their constant effort as Fr. Chris and I bounced back and forth. In so many ways, the staffs were the "glue" keeping the parishes going on a daily basis.

The Director of Clergy Personnel and the Personnel Board of the Archdiocese, along with our Regional Vicar, Fr. Arthur Coyle, and the Archdiocesan Office of Pastoral Planning will be assessing the status of the parishes and offering their counsel to Cardinal Seán as he discerns and decides how the two parishes can best be staffed for the immediate future. The Parish Staffs, Parish Pastoral Councils and Finance Committees have recently offered their input with many constructive thoughts on the "one pastor/two parishes" arrangement over the past three years that will be very helpful in determining future leadership of the parishes. Pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance during this process.

God has blessed me with a wonderful priesthood and an incredible variety of ministries in my thirty-nine years of service to the Church. What makes it so wonderful are the people who are patient, understanding and loving. Again, thank you for allowing me to serve you. God bless.

*Fr. Bob*



### SAINT LOUIS SCHOOL NEWS

We are pleased to announce the start up of a **Three Year old component to our Early Childhood program** for the 2010-2011 academic years. We are now accepting registrations. Spaces are very limited. For more information-Please contact Donna Henderson, Interim Principal, at 978-458-7594.

**Registrations are now being accepted for the 2010-2011 school year.** Check out [www.saintlouisschool.org](http://www.saintlouisschool.org) to see what St. Louis has to offer! For a registration packet or to set up a personal tour of our school please contact Mrs. Donna Henderson, Interim Principal at 978-458-7594.

### MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Parish Club is offering two \$1,000.00 scholarships to students who are members of our parish. One scholarship will be awarded to a student who will be attending college this fall. High school seniors, and college freshmen, sophomores and juniors will be considered. Applications for this scholarship are available at the Parish Office and must be returned by May 28, 2010. Another will be awarded to a St. Louis School student, chosen by the Principal, who will be entering a Catholic High School this fall.



A Ham and Bean Supper will be held in the Parish Hall from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 24, 2010. Sponsored by the Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Parish Club, the supper will include fresh ham, hot dogs, beans and much more. Donations are \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors and \$2.00 for children under 10. Tickets may be purchased in advance beginning April 10th after all weekend Masses. Tickets are also available at the door.



**ELECTRONIC RECYCLING DAY**  
**SATURDAY, April 10, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
**STE. MARGUERITE'S PARKING LOT**  
*Recycling supports the environment and prevents hazardous waste!*

The following fees will be charged for each disposal:  
(Gas must be removed from all engine items)

- **Keyboards & Car Batteries**      **FREE**
- Monitors, Computers, Stereos, Radios & DVD Players  
\$5.00 ea.
- Dishwashers, Stoves, Washer, Dryers and Hot Water Heaters, Microwaves, Lawnmowers, Snow Blowers, Exercise Equipment, AC Units, Dehumidifiers, Small Engine Items, Bikes, etc.      \$10.00 ea.
- TV's 20 inches and under      \$10.00 ea.
- TV's over 20 inches      \$15.00 ea.
- Wood Console TV's      \$20.00 ea.

**PAYMENT BY CASH OR CHECK**

**APRIL 4, 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 – April 3 & 4**

**Saturday**

7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

**Sunday – Easter Liturgies**

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**Weekday Masses**

Monday	7:30 a.m.	Richard & Raymond Belanger
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Frances Drouin and Donna Whiteside
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Harold Stevens (Birthday Remembrance-Deceased)
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	M/M Leo J. Cloutier and M/M Alphonse L. Thibeault
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Annette & Edward Matte
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Ray Anstiss

**Next Weekend – April 10 & 11**

**Saturday**

4:00 p.m. Pauline Geoffroy (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.)

**Sunday**

7:30 a.m. M/M Marcel Painchaud  
9:00 a.m. Robert Ralls  
11:00 a.m. Francis Mullin (Ann.)



**Religious Education Program**

**ANNUAL CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS**

\$25	Estelle Falardeau
\$25	Ms. Ruth Wasylak
\$25	Jason Archambeault
\$50	Fred S. Taylor
\$100	Bianca Gaillardetz
\$25	M/M Albert L. Thellen

**PAPER RECYCLING**

Support your parish Religious Education Program by recycling your newspapers, catalogs and flyers (NO PHONE BOOKS or CARDBOARD). Place these in the large green and yellow paper recycling bin located in the parking lot behind the Parish Center.