



Thomas was irked to hear women's prattle of angelic visions and rising from the dead. Obviously Jesus' corpse had been stolen. After the disciples claimed to have seen Jesus Thomas still couldn't believe. His hope had been crucified along with his Lord. The tomb was where everything ended, not began. How overwhelming then to see Jesus himself. To hear his own doubting words echo painfully in a room now over-full with the presence of the risen Lord. And what courage it took to reach out a trembling hand and touch this blessed vision.

And in the paradox that is our faith even today, Thomas reached out but it was Jesus who touched him. The presence of Jesus enfolded Thomas' fearful heart and doubting spirit, filling him with new hope and purpose. As Thomas' hesitant finger rested on the wounded hands of his Lord, Jesus healing reached deep inside the doubter's heart and healed wounds that only a Savior could cleanse. This is the gift our God has given us. As long as man has existed on earth, we have longed to touch the Divine. And in the person of our Lord and Savior, the Divine has touched us.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This celebration of Divine Mercy comes only one week after we rejoice in the Resurrection. We are called to look again at the cross, the sacrifice and the cost that should have been ours. It is only through God's tender mercy and His willingness to stay His hand of judgment that the miracle of Christ's resurrection can happen. The heart of our Creator was so moved with pity at the sinful helpless state of His children that He chose to sacrifice His most precious Son to save them.

What a wonderful gift to share with the world, if we remember to do so. When we reach out to those around us, are we pointing a finger or clasping a hand? Do we give our opinions with clear and stern judgment or do our words tenderly enfold those who hear?

Is our giving done remembering our own times of need, or with a patronizing swagger? In the shadow of the Cross, where Divine Mercy was meted out so generously to us are we acting the miser? Remember this week that each action we take is an opportunity to act in mercy. Have you shared His gift?



A very special note of thanks to the Junior High Walk for Hunger participants for their generous monetary and food donation to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. Great job and God bless!



**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 1st 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.

TOGETHER WE MAKE WONDERFUL THINGS HAPPEN

Congratulations & Thank You to all who participated in our First Annual Jr. High GOOD FRIDAY WALK for HUNGER. Junior High students from both Ste. Marguerite's and St. Francis parishes recently made banners at their "Youth Night" and these were carried by those who walked on Friday morning. The morning began at 9:00 a.m. with over 50 members from both parishes walking the 5-mile walk from Ste. Marguerite's to St. Francis. At the completion of the walk all participated in The Stations of the Cross. Both teens and adults walked and raised over \$1000.00 for both the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and the Dracut Food Pantry.



OFFERINGS

Week ending 3/29/2010

Offertory Collection	\$6,655.00
Grand Annual (to date)	\$41,769.00
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Good Friday Collection	\$720.00
(For support of Shrines of the Holy Land)	
Easter Collection	\$7,119.00
(For sick and retired priests)	
Easter Flowers (to date)	\$1,730.00

The second collection next weekend 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 and one will be mailed to you.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

EASTER THANKFULNESS

We cannot thank everyone enough for the excellent and well-planned services during Holy Week. Everyone did such a great job and truly made all the liturgies moments of profound prayer. We should be so proud of the music ministries, sacristans, liturgical ministers – and YOU, all who participated to make it special. Thank you very much and God's blessings to you all. The priests also want to thank all those who shared food (and candy!) with them. All was delicious.

REQUEST FOR PRAYER. On Friday, April 16th, Fr. Bob will be having rotator cuff surgery and be out of commission for a week or so. Please keep him in your prayers. Thank you.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

In addition to the list that was published last week we have received the following:

In memory of:

Katherine & Charles Boucher; Raphael Latrello; Lavallee Family; Alice Murphy Pepe; Henry, James & Valerie Sarault; Henry Marchand; Clermont & Lippe Families; Raymond Levesque; Katherine & Charles Boucher.

We also received donations from Mrs. Doris Mousseau and George Motard.



600 CLUB DRAWING THIS SUNDAY

Ste. Marguerite d'Youville 600 Club Drawing for April will take place THIS Sunday, April 11, 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.

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 parish Office and will be available at the door.



SAINT LOUIS SCHOOL NEWS

PRINCIPAL JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

St. Louis Elementary in Lowell is seeking a principal for the 2010-2011 school year. The principal is the spiritual, instructional, and administrative head of the school, and is responsible for the effective operation of the school as a Catholic educational institution. He/she is the primary agent for creating an environment that fosters academic excellence, Catholic faith formation, and vitality and viability. He/she is responsible for creating a welcoming atmosphere for all members of the school community (faculty, staff, students, parents and donors) and a climate that encourages the engagement of each student in the learning process while fostering a love for learning. The principal reports directly to the pastor of Saint Marguerite d'Youville Parish (Dracut). The Catholic Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Boston will participate in reviewing candidates.

Qualifications: The principal of St. Louis is a practicing Catholic, holds a Masters degree in education and MA certification as a school principal, with significant teaching experience. Catholic school experience preferred.

Interested candidates should email a cover letter, resume, and a list of references to Chris Flieger, Deputy Director of Academic Excellence at cflieger@rcab.org. Deadline for applications is May 1.

Saint Louis School is pleased to announce the 2010 **Distinguished Graduate of the Year: Lowell Police Chief Kenneth Lavallee.** A Mass celebrating this honor will be held on May 22 at 4:00 p.m. at Ste. Marguerite's Church. A reception will follow.

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 at 978-458-7594.

Our First Annual Easter Bunny Breakfast was a huge success! Thank you to all those who helped make this a new tradition at SLS. It was terrific to see all our families sharing a meal and having some old fashion fun!

Finally, SLS **BETA** Club has collected an abundance of personal care products for the needy. We are very proud of our students for organizing such wonderful service projects and the student body for contributing!!!

Registrations are now being accepted for the 2010-2011 school year. Check out 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.

APRIL 11, 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 – April 10 & 11

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Pauline Geoffroy (1st Ann.)

Sunday

7:30 a.m. M/M Marcel Painchaud

9:00 a.m. Robert Ralls

11:00 a.m. Francis Mullin (Ann.)

Weekday Masses

Monday	7:30 a.m.	Norman Renquin
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Zachary Tompkins
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	M/M Leo J. Cloutier and M/M Alphonse L. Thibeault
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Paul Dumont
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Mrs. Courana Eno and Mrs. Doris Eno
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Joseph L. Lavoie (Birthday Remembrance)

Next Weekend – April 17 & 18

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Alphonse & Lina Landry

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Harold & Jean Neville

9:00 a.m. Helen Taylor

11:00 a.m. Deceased members of the Conlin Family

CELL PHONES

Please turn off all cell phones and other communications devices as you enter church. Receiving and making calls, texting and Facebooking are not appropriate in church and are a distraction to those around you.



Religious Education Program

ANNUAL CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

This is the final list of winners in our Religious Education Program Calendar Raffle. We thank you for your support.

\$25 - Robert & Joan Donnelly	\$25 - Anthony Smithey
\$25 - Marie Pinard	\$50 - Marc Harvey
\$50 - *Nancy O'Flaherty	\$50 - James Volianites

*(Donated the \$50 to Rel. Ed. Program)