



Today let us pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, that many will be inspired to show true love, to the point of sacrificing many other attractive options to become priests of Jesus, to follow him in religious life. May Jesus the Good Shepherd raise up many shepherds after his own heart, to carry his sheep on their shoulders.



**BISHOPS LAUNCH NATIONAL WEBSITE
TO PROMOTE VOCATIONS
TO PRIESTHOOD AND CONSECRATED LIFE**

'ForYourVocation.org' offers resources for people in discernment and includes info for parents, teachers, catechists, vocation directors. Efforts respond to Pope Benedict XVI's call to use social media. The U.S. Bishops' Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations is initiating a new website on April 25 to be a resource for both laity and clergy in the promotion of vocations. The launch date is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations and Good Shepherd Sunday. The site has two goals: 1) To help individuals hear and respond to the call by God to the priesthood or consecrated life, and 2) To educate all Catholics on the importance of encouraging others through prayer and activities to promote vocations. The Vocations Website can be found at www.ForYourVocation.org.

Site elements include discernment resources for men and women, respectively, aids for promoting a vocation culture within the home, and a range of tools for educators, youth leaders and vocation directors including prayers, videos, best practices, lesson plans and vocation awareness programs.

In response to Pope Benedict XVI's 2010 Theme for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, [Witness Awakens Vocations](#), the site also hosts videos of priests and religious men and women giving witness to their vocations, as well as testimonies from family members.

ForYourVocation.org exemplifies the Vatican's embrace of new communications media. In his message for the 44th World Day of Communications, Pope Benedict XVI challenges clergy to employ the "latest generation of audiovisual resources (images, videos, animated features, blogs, websites)" to put the media "ever more effectively at the service of the Word."

The launch of the site will be promoted through social media forums. Facebook users can become "eVangelizers" for the cause. By becoming an eVangelizer, one can connect others to the Website's blog posts.

OFFERINGS

Week ending 4/20/2010

Offertory Collection	\$3,768.00
Monthly Parish Support	\$2,137.00

FAREWELL RECEPTION

Please join us in the Church Hall **after the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, May 15th** for a reception and buffet as we say farewell to Fr. Bob, Fr. Chris and Fr. Lyons.



PERMANENT DIACONATE

The ministry of a deacon is similar to but different from that of a priest or bishop. A deacon is ordained and missioned by Christ through the bishop to minister to the needy and the poor and to be a minister of Word and Sacrament, working in obedience to his bishop and in close fraternal cooperation with priests. While all Christians are called to serve others, the deacon is an official sign of this service and he solemnly promises to be a living example of such service for others. Information sheets on the Diaconate are available at the church entrances this weekend.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monthly Adoration will take place on Friday, May 7, 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.



**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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FROM FR. BOB

From the recovery chair...

Thanks to everyone who has offered their prayers and well wishes in the wake of my shoulder operation. Turned out to be more serious than I thought, but I am on the mend. Thanks for the support.

Last Sunday, Fr. Chris was asked by a parishioner at St. Francis if the parish was closing because the three priests were leaving. He was surprised by the comment, and then the same issue was raised at the PPC meeting this past week. **The parishes are NOT closing.** Neither St. Francis, nor Ste. Marguerite are closing. The process for getting new pastors takes time - for priests to know there is an opening, then leave some time for them to apply to be pastor, then the Personnel Board to meet and choose a slate to present to the Cardinal, then meet with the Cardinal for his approval, then ask the Regional Bishops for their input, then call and ask the priests they have surfaced if they would accept the position, then let the Cardinal know of the acceptance, then tell the priests and parish, then announce it in the Pilot officially. It has only been three weeks since the official notice and I suspect that we will hear about a new pastor the first or second week of May.

As far as concern for the loss of priests, let me try to explain: Fr. Chris is ending his assignment of three years. This has been expected since he arrived. In the wake of the change, plus other concerns that I discerned (see my note in past bulletins) I have decided to leave at this time. This was my difficult decision and discernment. The Archdiocese is not removing me and has not asked me to leave. Fr. Lyons came to Dracut with me, at my invitation four years ago. As a Senior Priest in Residence, he has NO obligation to the parish, only what he wishes to offer. He is retired. I am incredibly grateful for the work he has given, far beyond what he ever had to do. I was pleased that he would come to stay with me and he has decided to go with me to Watertown. [On a side note, coincidentally Fr. Dan Magni also requested retirement at St. Rita's, which challenged this area a bit more.] As far as we know to date, it seems that St. Francis Parish may return to having its own pastor and, demographically, it seems more logical to associate Ste. Marguerite - as a parish - with St. Rita - as a parish. No parish is closing. How it all works out will be announced as soon as the priests have all been assigned. I realize how disturbing and anxious this is for so many of you, change is not easy for any of us, but I hope this clarifies the situation. Please continue to pray for all the parishes, all the priests and all the people. Trusting in the Holy Spirit is the most important task. God bless you all.

Fr. Bob

Rest in Peace

Cynthia Bailey
(Wife of Brendon T. Bailey)
Rolande Cloutier
Mary Garry
(Mother of Rep. Coleen Garry)

SAINT LOUIS SCHOOL NEWS

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT - PRINCIPAL

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.

BLOW OUT SALE – This weekend SLS Discount Cards will be on sale after all Masses for \$5 each. These cards offer discounts from local Dracut and Lowell businesses. These discount cards make great gifts. Please consider continuing to support Saint Louis School with a purchase. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

The following students from St. Louis School recently received the Holy Eucharist for the first time. We pray that they will always be close to the Eucharist.

Molly Berard	Makaillie Maguire
Jack Bouley	Matthew Martineau
Emma Carignan	Ryan McCann
Joseph Cataldo	Andrew Pitman
Sophia Deluca	Olivia Rondeau
Joseph Espinola	Joshua Sayer
Ethan Fanning	David Schecter
Tyler Flick	Ashley Sheridan
Matthew Frechette	Christopher Sullivan
Yvonne Kahugu	Ian Sullivan
Jose Lazú	Michaela Thellen
Donald Lessard	

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SCHOOL-WIDE SCIENCE FAIR: 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 2010

2ND ANNUAL MATH BEE: 12:15 on Thursday, April 29, 2010 in the Center. Students in grades 3 to 8 will battle it out for the title of King or Queen of Math. Students in grades Pre-K to 2 will present songs and poems that have a math theme!

GREEN-UP DAY: Friday, April 30th- Various times and locations - 8:00 Prayer Service in the Center.

SCHOOL YARD SALE: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 1st, on the school grounds.

APRIL 25, 2010



BREAD AND WINE

This week, at all Masses, the gift of Bread and Wine is given in memory of **Cecile Painchaud**. Please remember her in your prayers.

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

We will begin taking Mass intentions for July through December at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2010. Please call or drop by the office to schedule a Mass in memory of your deceased loved ones.

This Weekend – April 24 & 25

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Wilfred & Rose Hall & Deceased Family Members

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Coutu Family
9:00 a.m. Michael Taylor, Sr. (20th Ann.)
11:00 a.m. Frank & Mary Loureiro

Weekday Masses

Monday	7:30 a.m.	Theresa Croft (1 st Ann.)
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Herve Loiselle
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Caroline E. Mathews (54 th Ann.)
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	M/M Leo J. Cloutier and M/M Alphonse L. Thibeault
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Rev. Laurier Martineau
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Gerard Lambert (20 th Ann.)

Next Weekend – May 1 & 2

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Paula Thibeault

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Robert Grande (11th Ann.)
9:00 a.m. Lillian Provencher
11:00 a.m. Deceased members of
St. Louis Academy Alumnae

MASS OF HEALING AND REMEMBRANCE

A Mass of Healing and Remembrance will be offered at 3:00 p.m. on May 23, 2010 by Rev. Terrence O'Connell, O.M.I. at St. Joseph the Worker Shrine. This Mass is for all those who have been touched through the loss of a child. We pray for those who lost a child by miscarriage, still birth, abortion, sudden infant death syndrome or death of a child at a young age.

Mass will be preceded by confessions at 2:15 p.m. Sacramental anointing of the sick will take place after Mass. All are invited to this special time of prayer for healing.