



**MAKE LOVE A FACT, NOT A PHRASE**

It's an easy thing this loving others. We learn the word so early in life. Tiny children are held aloft to friend and family as we beckon "Tell Auntie that you love her. Tell Grandpa you love him." It isn't an action we ask them to emulate, just mere parroting of phrases. And as adults we are guilty of the same. It's enough to say what we feel, and ignore the actions that belie it. We can claim to love our family while neglecting them for business or hobby. We protest our affection for friends, but cannot find time in our schedule to lend a hand or listen for an hour. We hoard the love others need to survive and feed them on empty words.

Jesus knew that words weren't enough. He tried parables and metaphors. He nudged and he ranted. But there was no vocabulary powerful enough to show God's love for the world. It took His sacrifice on the cross to make Divine Love a reality on the earth. That's the kind of love He calls us to. When Jesus says "love one another as I have loved you," He isn't looking for an exchange of Valentine's cards. He expects us to reach out our hands in love and service, daily, no matter how harsh the task or heavy the burden. He asks us to let empty words die unspoken and have love shown in our bruised and bloodied hands. Like the Savior before us we are called to make love a fact, not a phrase.



May is the month when Catholics traditionally focus on Mary, the Mother of Jesus. The practice dates back at least 700 years and is still observed around the world today. May is seen as the beginning of new life and the start of summer, which makes this a logical time for the celebrations of Mary, who brought life into the world.

**STE. MARGUERITE HAS ARRIVED**

The restored statue of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville has now been placed in its permanent location in church. We wish to thank the administration of Youville Hospital in Cambridge for their generous donation of this statue and also Rita Shea who restored the statue.



**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.

*Rest in Peace*

**Thomas P. Kowalchuk**



**FAREWELL RECEPTION**

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



**PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

This year, three of the Parish Pastoral Council members will end their term. As a result, over the next three weeks we will be asking you to consider joining the PPC or nominating a person from the parish. It is VERY IMPORTANT that we have a full PPC in place as a new pastor takes leadership of the parish. As we move forward, he will depend a lot on the advice offered by its members. Please prayerfully consider being a member of the Council. **Nomination papers are at the church entrances. (Yellow sheets-place in box at rear of church.)** The requirements are that you be a registered parishioner of Saint Marguerite d'Youville Parish and a fully initiated, practicing Catholic, who is willing to meet on a monthly basis to discuss the issues and concerns of your parish. The term is for three years. On Pentecost Sunday, we will have a lottery drawing of all the names submitted. Prior to the election, every person nominated will be contacted to assure that they are willing to accept the position if chosen by lot. We are also going to ask for a YOUNG ADULT REPRESENTATIVE, who will be chosen by a special process among the High School and Young Adult members of the parish.

AGAIN, if you are interested personally, or would like to nominate someone, please do so in the coming weeks. We need your support and involvement as the parish moves forward with new leadership.



**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.

**OFFERINGS**

**Week ending 4/26/2010**

**Offertory Collection                      \$4,431.00**

The second collection next weekend will be the monthly Parish Support Collection.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

The following students from our Religious Education Program recently received the Holy Eucharist for the first time. We pray that they will always be close to the Eucharist.

Jessica Abbott	Christion Lemay
Amanda Arcand	Megan Lussier
Kaitlin Archambault	Jakob Levasseur
Jacqueline Basnett	Jake Marchand
Connor Beauchemin	Kyle McCullough
Jacob Beaulieu	Victoria Pederson
Aliyyah Catyb	Samuel Perry
Miranda Chateaufeuf	Kyana Pietrafetta
Olivia Corbin	Madison Roberge
Jonathan Dailey	Nichole Robidas
Ryan Descheneaux	Emma Rossino
Luis DiRocco	Kayla Shaughnessey
David Gagnon, Jr.	Dylan Silk
Molly Kelly	Catherine St. Pierre
Corey Kosowicz	Zachary Taylor
Kevin Kowalchuk	Brendan Tivnan
Grace Lamontagne	Jose Torrado
Steve Langone, Jr.	



### CARNATIONS & COOKIES FOR MOM

Youth Ministry will be selling carnations and home-made cookies after all masses on Saturday and Sunday, May 8 & 9, 2010. What better way to show mom how much she means to you! Show her with flowers and sweets!

### THANK YOU

We offer a special *Thank You* to the Ham & Bean Supper Committee Chairman Mr. George Geist and his committee for doing a great job, and thanks to the people who cooked the hams, those who donated pastries and the 2 students who came to help. And of course, our deepest gratitude goes to all of you who supported us by being there. The winners for the 50/50 drawings were Mary Houle \$135, and Therese Pintel \$133.



### 600 CLUB DRAWING

Ste. Marguerite d'Youville 600 Club Drawing for May will take place on Sunday, May 16, 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.

### CELL PHONES IN CHURCH

This message is a friendly reminder to please be attentive to turning off your cell phones as you enter the Church. Please let us be conscious of the sacredness of the Mass. Also, Mass should not be a time for texting, facebooking, tweeting etc.

### 2010 CATHOLIC APPEAL

#### ***Called to Love and Share***

Thank you to all supporters of the 2010 Catholic Appeal. If you have not yet pledged, please consider a gift today and help us meet our goal.

Remember, our parish will receive 25 percent of all funds we raise above our goal. Please remember to make your pledge now even if you plan on fulfilling that pledge later in the year. You can pick up information packets with pledge forms in the back of the Church to be mailed in, or for more information please visit [www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com](http://www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com) or call 617-779-3700.

### 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.



St. Vincent de Paul Society Members, Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Conference, will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 6, 2010 in room 101 of the Parish Center. Please help those in our parish who are in need by making your donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society by using the Poor Boxes at the church entrances.



### SAINT LOUIS SCHOOL NEWS

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.

**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.

Saint Louis School is participating in the Rotary Club Clambake Raffle. Tickets are \$5 each. Proceeds to benefit our school. The winner receives a catered clambake for 10 people at the location of your choice. Tickets are available at school- call 978-458-7594 or at the Parish Office at Ste, Marguerite's.

Upcoming events:

Friday, May 7th- 7:30 at the Saint Louis Center-- Sleeping Beauty.

*MAY 2, 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**

**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 – May 1 & 2**

**Saturday**

4:00 p.m. Paula Thibeault

**Sunday**

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

**Weekday Masses**

Monday	7:30 a.m.	Anita Arguin
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Frances Drouin and Donna Whiteside
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Joan Mascari
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	M/M Alphonse L. Thibeault & M/M Leo J. Cloutier
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Rev. Laurier Martineau
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Albina Belanger

**Next Weekend – May 8 & 9**

**Saturday**

4:00 p.m. Fernando Morrissette

**Sunday**

7:30 a.m. Marcel "Red" Painchaud  
9:00 a.m. M/M Leo J. Cloutier and  
M/M Alphonse L. Thibeault  
11:00 a.m. Grace Tardiff and son Raymond



St. Joseph the Worker Shrine presents a Spring Concert by Lowell's own Spindle City Singers, directed by Mr. Normand L. Ayotte, Sunday, May 16, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. There is no charge for admission but a free will offering would be appreciated to help defray the costs associated with the concert. All are invited.