



FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

The Feast of the Ascension is celebrated on Thursday, May 13, 2010. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and on Thursday at 7:30 a.m.

Jesus' disappearance from sight does not mark an absence, but a new kind of presence. In the "absence" left by his ascension, we his followers are commissioned to "preach in his name to all nations". What is it we preach? That suffering and even death lead to new life and that forgiveness will be granted to all who repent. His very ascension into heaven is our commissioning on earth because "clothed with power from on high" we are now the visible presence of Jesus.

Living Liturgy 2010



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) The requirements are that you are a registered member of the parish and 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**, which 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.



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) is a program selected by the Archdiocese for educating parish adults on ways to prevent child abuse and creating safe environments for children. The program consists of presentations, printed and video-taped materials focusing on the prevention of abuse and the protection of children. **EVERY staff member and ALL volunteers 18 years or older, in the parish and school (including all organizations) are mandated by the Archdiocese of Boston to attend a training session ONCE.** The training session is approximately 3 hours in length. Coffee, cold drinks and snacks will be provided. **The next training session in our parish will take place at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9, 2010. Please register at least three days in advance by calling the Parish Office at 978-957-0322.**



FAREWELL RECEPTION

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES

**Grade 10 Retreat - May 15, 2010
CHANGE OF LOCATION**

The upcoming grade 10 Retreat on May 15th will be held at St. Francis Parish. Any student who did not attend the retreat in March is expected to attend. Grade 10 Retreat ~Sat. May 15, 2010 ~ 9am-4pm - St. Francis Parish Hall ~ 115 Wheeler Rd. Dracut.

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.



The 25th Annual Memorial Day Service sponsored by the Veterans of St. Louis, Inc. will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 31, 2010 with the blessing of the Memorial Stones and the laying of a wreath at the Centralville Veterans Memorial Park. A luncheon will follow at St. Louis School Cafeteria located on Boisvert St. This will include the annual raffle of gifts and prizes. All are invited.

The annual Memorial Day Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery will be held on the same day at 10:00 a.m.



OFFERINGS

Week ending 5/3/2010

Offertory Collection	\$5,345.00
Grand Annual (to date)	\$41,969.00

The second collection this weekend is the monthly Parish Support Collection. Next weekend: the second collection will be the annual Communications collection.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our congratulations to Fr. Bob as he celebrates the anniversary of his ordination on Saturday, May 15, 2010.



MOTHER'S DAY BLESSING

We pray that you will greatly bless
Our mothers on this day
With treasures from your heavenly store
That cannot pass away.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



CARNATIONS & COOKIES FOR MOM

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

ACTS HIV MINISTRY

The ACTS HIV Ministry was founded in 2000 to spread the Gospel of Jesus through ACTS retreats to men and women affected or infected by HIV/AIDS.

ACTS retreats are three day spiritual retreats, led by compassionate Catholic laymen and laywomen.

The weekend is designed to help the retreatants enter into a new and deeper relationship with our Lord and fellow members from the community. For more information please call Annie Hiort at 978-409-2520 or James Rodriguez at 210-691-0941.



600 CLUB DRAWING

Ste. Marguerite d'Youville 600 Club Drawing for May will take place next 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. Door prize is \$200.00. Winner must be present.

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.



SAINT LOUIS SCHOOL NEWS

CALLING ALL SLS COMMUNITY MEMBERS, SUPPORTERS, ALUMNI, AND BENEFACTORS!

SLS OLD HOME DAY

School Grounds-BBQ, Fun, Games, and Raffles
Call the office to reserve your tickets--978-458-7594.

SCHOOL-WIDE SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR

Monday, May 10th from 12 to 1:30 p.m.
Various locations throughout the school.

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 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.

FOR THE LOVE OF LIFE

A 24-hour prayer vigil on Memorial Day weekend, - Sunday, May 30 to Monday, May 31. A Pro-Life Commemoration for all the victims of abortion, for all our beloved deceased pro-lifers and for an end to abortion in our country and the world. Schedule of events available at the rear of the church.

HIGH SCHOOL HARBOR CRUISE

Join us for the annual High School Boston Harbor Cruise which will be held on Monday, July 26, 2010 from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. Cost is \$20.00 per person. To reserve a spot call Roma Fauvel at 978-957-3113 or email romafauvel@yahoo.com.

LOWELL CATHOLIC SUMMER ENRICHMENT CAMPS

Five one week summer camps are offered to all students entering the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. The camps provide a fun, safe, and educational environment for a very reasonable price. For more information or to download a brochure and registration form, please visit www.lowellcatholic.org and click on academics then summer studies.

MAY 9, 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

We are now taking Mass intentions for July through December. Please call or drop by the office to schedule a Mass in memory of your deceased loved ones.

This 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 Alphonse L. Thibeault and
M/M Leo J. Cloutier

11:00 a.m. Grace Tardiff and son Raymond

Weekday Masses

Monday	7:30 a.m.	Pauline Lemoine
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Rev. Laurier J. Martineau
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Donald Gagnon
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	M/M Leo J. Cloutier & M/M Alphonse L. Thibeault
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Lyle Connors
Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Joaquim Garcia

Next Weekend – May 15 & 16

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Herve & Ella Ste. Marie and
Deceased family Members

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Mary Neqwell (1st Ann.)

9:00 a.m. Danny Buote (Ann.)

11:00 a.m. Brunelle Family

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUMMER PARTY

Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities will be holding its Annual Summer Party "Celebrating 90" at the Whistler House Museum of Art in Lowell on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$75.00 and include a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception.

To purchase tickets or to make a donation, please make check payable to MVCC and send to 70 Lawrence St. Lowell, MA 01852-2697. For more information, please call 978-452-1421.



St. Joseph the Worker Shrine presents "Spring Melodies", a 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.