

THE NARROW GATE

Picture two gates before you. One is wide, attractive, hinting of glorious things beyond. It beckons you. It would be easy to go through. Indeed you could drive a semi-truck through it with all the worldly possessions you would ever need. The other gate is narrow. It looks difficult to get through. One would have to get rid of a lot of excess baggage, carry only what you think is truly essential. Indeed it would be a struggle to squeeze oneself through the tiny opening. One might wonder if the struggle and sacrifice would be worth the effort. Which gate would you choose? The temptation would be the wider gate. But Jesus said to choose such an easy path would be a mistake. "The gate is wide and the way easy that leads to destruction'. He said that many would choose that avenue. But he also said that it is the narrow gate that leads to "life" and that few would choose it because it is the hard way. Christ calls us to discipline ourselves and to choose the way of sacrifice and servant-hood. It is that path that leads to abundant life.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Now is the time to register your child or children for the 2010-2011 Religious Education Program. Please call the Religious Education Office at 978-957-3113 for more information and registration form.

SPONSOR A STUDENT IN OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Would you like to give the gift of faith to a young person? Please consider making a donation to our Religious Education Program to sponsor students whose families are struggling to make the payment. You have the chance to impact a child's faith life forever for the cost of a few dinners out. Please call the Religious Education Office at 978-957-3113 to help!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Our Religious Education Program is in need of teachers, aides & project planners for the 2010/2011 school year. Please consider becoming part of the team. Our youth need you! If interested or if you have any questions/concerns, please feel free to contact our Religious Education Office at 978-957-3113.

WALK FOR LIFE

Walk for Life with St. Mary Church in Chelmsford at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 19, 2010. St. Mary Parish in collaboration with other local parishes will join together in prayer, financial support and witness in the form of many people walking together down Rte. 4 to build a culture of life. For more information or to register please go to www.pccnortheast.org/events or call Mary at 978-256-2374.

Rest in Peace

*Henri Guerin – Francisca Berube
Dora Paradis – Joan Campbell*



1ST PRIZE



**PAIR OF RED SOX TICKETS
(Boston vs Baltimore-Sept. 22-7:10 p.m.)**

2ND PRIZE

BLOCK OF 200 - \$2 SCRATCH TICKETS

3RD PRIZE

\$200.00 CASH

**TICKETS ARE \$5.00 EACH
BOOK OF 4 FOR \$15.00**

**Drawing to be held at the Parish Picnic on:
September 12, 2010**

If you did not receive tickets in the mail, or would like more tickets, they are available at the Parish Office or at the rear of the church.

PARISH PICNIC

The **Annual Parish Picnic** will take place on Sunday, September 12, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the parish grounds. Cost is \$10.00 at the door, \$8.00 if purchased ahead of time, \$1.00 off for Seniors and \$5.00 for children under 12. Tickets will be available after all Masses next weekend or are available at the Parish Office.

600 CLUB

August brings us to the end of the fiscal year for the 600 Club. If you are presently a member of the 600 Club, it is now time to renew your membership for the 2010-2011 season. If you are not contacted by your captain, please give him/her a call to renew your membership. Cost is still \$5.00 per month or \$50.00 for the entire year (a saving of \$10.00 if paid yearly). We are looking for new captains. Captains must sell at least ten numbers. They receive 10% of the value of the prize won by one of their ticket holders. If you are interested in becoming a captain please contact Lucien Dalpe at 978-957-1710.



OFFERINGS

Week ending 8/16/2010

Offertory Collection

\$4,272.00

The second collection this weekend is the annual Home Mission collection.

If you are attending Sunday Mass in another Catholic church in the area and you use the Parish Offertory Envelopes, please know that your offertory donation will be sent to your home parish. If you do not use pre printed envelopes and would like your donation to come back to this parish, please use a plain envelope marked "For Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Parish in Dracut. Have you considered Electronic Giving? Now would be the perfect time to sign up. Check out our website or call the Parish Office at 978-957-0322.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

In the next few weeks we will be seeing young-adults new to our community searching for a place to call their spiritual home. Many will be away from their parents and worshipping communities for the first time. Some will walk or drive by our Churches and wonder what is going on in there. I encourage you to invite these new comers to enter the doors of the church and check the place out. All are welcome.

Many of our parishioners perform a much needed service of being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the homebound. These people give of their time and faith life to go to people's homes, nursing homes and local hospitals. I, on behalf of the parish, thank them for their service. They make connections to people that I may never see. However, their ministry connects these people directly to our worshipping communities. I do request that if you are bringing communion to a person or institution that you make sure that the parish office is aware. Please, call the parish office to make sure that you are recorded as an EMHC, in order for the parish to fully support you and those you visit.

Mark your calendars for installation weekend. I will be installed, as Pastor of Ste. Marguerite Parish, on Saturday, September 25, 2010, during the 4 o'clock Mass. I will be installed, as Pastor of the Parish of Saint Rita, on Sunday, September 26, 2010, during the 10 o'clock Mass. Both installations will be followed by a light reception in the respective halls. Please, pray for me that weekend, that I be a holy and compassionate pastor.

Blessings,

Fr. Marc



SAINT LOUIS SCHOOL

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 call 978-458-7594.



Do You Know This Person??

Perhaps a relative, friend, co-worker, neighbor?

Someone who has expressed an interest or shown a desire to learn more about our Catholic faith and get closer to God?

Someone who:

- Is an adult, 18+ years old
- Was never baptized
- Or never had formal religious education
- Or was baptized but didn't progress to receiving their First Communion or Confirmation
- Or received the sacraments but has lapsed into a long period of estrangement from the Church

Here is an opportunity to be part of the evangelization work that Jesus expects from all of us. If only in a small way, you can help lead these searchers to God.

The RCIA process, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, is again being offered this fall. It begins with you, with your encouragement to others to look into this opportunity.

Now is the time for seekers to begin a period of asking questions, learning about the process and to discern if this will fill their needs so that they can make an informed decision on this very important part of their lives.

Please pass this information on to anyone you believe would be interested in looking into this opportunity to enrich their lives and become closer to God.

A private, no pressure, no obligation meeting will be arranged to discuss all their questions and explain the requirements and expectations of the RCIA process.

For more information please contact Deacon Everett Penney at e.penney@comcast.net or 978-957-2794. You may also fill out this form and place in collection basket or drop off/mail to Parish Office.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

Best method and time to contact _____

INFANT/TODDLER/PRESCHOOL PARENTS GROUP

Stay at home moms and dads, come join us for 1½ hours one day per week with your young ones and join in for story times and activities for the three age groups.

This will take place on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Center. If you are interested in being part of this program, please fill out this form and return it to the Parish Office. Sessions will begin in October.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

CHILD(REN'S) NAME(S):

_____ AGE _____

_____ AGE _____

AUGUST 22, 2010



BREAD AND WINE

This week, at all Masses, the gift of Bread and Wine is given in memory of the **deceased members of the Jacques Family**. Please remember them in your prayers. Next week, the Bread and Wine will be given in memory of August and Anna Martel.

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

There are still many daily morning Masses (Mon.-Sat.) without intentions through December 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. The cost for announced Masses (published in bulletin) is \$15.00. Unannounced Masses are \$10.00.

This Weekend – August 21 & August 22

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Arthur & Aurore Gagne

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Maurice & Gertrude Lareau

9:00 a.m. Maurice & Lucille Couillard

11:00 a.m. Estelle & Martin Coppinger

Weekday Masses

Monday 7:30 a.m. Pro Populo (For the People)

Tuesday 7:30 a.m. M/M Leo J. Cloutier & M/M Alphonse L. Thibeault

Wednesday 7:30 a.m. Anthony Shoemaker

Thursday 7:30 a.m. Henri Ricard

Friday 7:30 a.m. Helen & David Stecchi

Saturday 7:30 a.m. Samantha Grimard

Next Weekend – August 28 & August 29

Saturday

4:00 p.m. William P. O'Neill (7th Ann.)

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Cynthia Bailey

9:00 a.m. June Dion (6th Ann.)

11:00 a.m. Donald G. Taylor (34th Ann.)

CRAFTERS & VENDORS WANTED

Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Parish's Youth Ministry is hosting its 4th **Annual Fall Festival and Christmas Fair** on Saturday, November 6, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Center on Goodhue Ave. Crafters and vendors of all sorts of goods are needed! For a table rental application, go to www.stmar.org/forms/tablerental.pdf or for more information, contact Roma Fauvel at (978) 957-3113 or romafauvel@yahoo.com. All proceeds will benefit St. Marguerite's Youth Ministry Program.