

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

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

Saturday, April 30, 2011:

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| Ryan Michael Allard | Timothy J. Martin |
| Kyle J. Barber | Pichol James McNeil |
| Ava June Bigelow | Alexia Paige Murray |
| Denis Joseph Bourassa | Skyla Faith Murray |
| Zachary Vai Clement | Katie Marie Neves |
| Kiley Ann Cordeiro | Anthony Ortiz |
| Jade Desrosiers | Alexandra Alyse Page |
| Max Thomas Enis | Travis Luke Patenaude |
| Heather Goldthwait | Alexander Christian Perry |
| Chloe Marie Hardy | Joseph Lucien Rondeau |
| Nicholas David Harris | Jean Carlos Santiago |
| Grace Antonia Hebert | Colin Joseph Saunders |
| Genesis Rebecca Hudzik | Jerrick Michael Servente |
| Brendon Jeffrey Ignacio | Christine Shaughnessey |
| Kaleigh Elizabeth Iwanicki | Jake Silva |
| Matthew Owen Jarek | Lauren Robin St. Louis |
| Ryleigh Olivia Jarek | Ty Cote Votour |
| Thomas Ryan Kelly | Matthew David Ward |
| Brian Joseph Kukulski | Danielle Renee Weissbach |
| Christopher Langone | Amelia Whelan |
| Owen Francis Loiselle | Ava Michelle Zoghopoulos |

Sunday, May 1, 2011:

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| Brandon Barrientos | Kali Medina |
| Ryan Barrientos | Kaylen Mello |
| Joey Coutu | Kailey Murphy |
| Makayla Medina | |

Grade 9 Reminders

Year End Reviews are due. Please drop off or mail in your paperwork. Service reports are due by August 1, 2011. If you need a copy of the requirements, contact Roma before June 15.

Grade 9 Retreat-Saturday May 14, 2011 10am-5pm Parish Center.

Grade 10 Reminders

Service reports are due by July 15, 2011. If you need a copy of the requirements, contact Roma before June 15.

Completed Confirmation Applications and Complete Sponsor Information are due. Please be sure to send in your information promptly if you have not already done so.

Confirmation Date

We have received the date for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament will be administered on Friday October 14, 2011 at 6:00pm. Letters with more information regarding Day of Prayer and Rehearsal will be sent out in the upcoming weeks.

EASTER FLOWERS

The following memorials were received after publication of list: In memory of: the Donnelly Family, the Trudel Family, the Jutras & Ogiba Families, Edward & Mary Theresa Donnelly and the Lavallee Family. Donations by Mrs. Doris Mousseau and M/M Edward Chandonnet.

CONGRATULATIONS

FR. GARCIA BRENEVILLE NAMED PRIEST OF THE YEAR

Every Holy Week, The National Center of the Haitian Apostolate chooses a priest of the year. This year, Bishop Guy Sansaricq, in communion with the staff of The National Center, has chosen Father Garcia Breneville of the Archdiocese of Boston as their priest of the year. Prior to his current assignment, he was the dean of Our Lady of Notre Dame Seminary in Haiti (Grand Séminaire Notre-Dame). Last June, Father Garcia celebrated the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monthly Adoration will take place on Friday, May 6, 2011 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.

BEAN SUPPER

A Ham and Bean Supper will be held in the Church Hall from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2011. 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 are available after all Masses and at the Parish Office.

2011 CATHOLIC APPEAL

Offering Hope by Sharing God's Blessings

We still have \$6,810.00 to raise before we reach our parish goal of \$33,000.00. Thank you to the 106 families that have already contributed. If you have not yet given, please consider a gift today and help us meet our goal. You can pick up information packets at the back of the Church with pledge forms to be mailed in, or for more information please visit www.BostonCatholicAppeal.com or call 617-779-3700. Every gift matters. Thank you!

OFFERINGS

Week ending 04/18/11

Offertory Collection	\$4,281.00
Parish Monthly	\$2,416.00

Week ending 04/25/11

Good Friday Collection	\$864.00
(For Shrines in the Holy Land)	
Easter Collection	\$6,570.00
(For support of our retired priests)	
Easter Flowers	\$2,388.00
(Grand Annual GOAL:	\$75,000.00)
Grand Annual (to date)	\$41,930.00

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

The total capacity for attendance at all four Masses is **1560** persons. The total attendance for all four Masses on Palm Sunday weekend was 724 and 1080 on Easter Sunday weekend.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

FROM FR. MARC

Dear Parishioners,

The second Sunday of Easter was proclaimed Divine Mercy Sunday by the Great Pope, Blessed John Paul II, during the 2000 Jubilee Year. In his homily of the first Divine Mercy Sunday he preached the following:

"Immediately afterwards, "He breathed on them, and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained' " (Jn 20:22-23). Jesus entrusted to them the gift of "forgiving sins," a gift that flows from the wounds in His hands, His feet, and especially from His pierced side. From there a wave of mercy is poured out over all humanity."

These powerful words are more of a challenge for us today than ever before. In the act of Christ in imparting his grace upon the Apostles and through them their successors in the healing ministry, priests and bishops, he calls all the baptized to a new and intimate relationship with the Father, a relationship free of the stain of sin and un-forgiveness. Christ made mercy the ministry and not retribution.

As a penitent, I experienced God's grace dispensed through the priest to free me from the burdens of my sinfulness. As a priest, I have witnessed God touch the hearts of those burdened by grave and mortal sin. Leaving a whole and healed person where there was once only brokenness. Where judgment and punishment was just mercy is given. ("Our Lord's Mercy grants forgiveness of all sins and punishment on Feast of Divine Mercy, Mercy Sunday, mercy for even the most hardened sinners!")

God's mercy can only be granted to those that allow themselves to experience it. There are two ways to experience it. Both lead to freedom. The first and most familiar way is to go to confession with a contrite heart and receive penance and absolution. The second, for many, is much harder. That is to grant forgiveness. Many hold to a perceived righteous indignation that corrupt them from within and perverts the soul's view of the world. In these people bitterness grows and the beautiful and holy in the world is covered by the pall of doubt and mistrust. This leads to isolation and anger that corrupts the person from within. Any talk of reconciliation becomes a time to fight. Peace is lost. Souls are lost.

In the last nine years, the failings of our bishops and priests have been daily news. Their sins of commission and omission have risen to the level of serious or grave matter. I was ordained in May of 2001. The sacramental priestly ministry I share with Christ has been overshadowed by the mantle of perceived corruption. I saw the toll that this exacted on my mother and father. They were hurt each time a news report was splashed across the TV screen or reported in the paper. They truly were walking the way of the cross with the Blessed Mother. I am sure that the stress and concern for me took time off my mother's life, as she was diverting her energies to worry for me instead of battling ovarian cancer.

The losses are many. The hurts are legion. Anger is a prodding companion. I choose to rely upon Divine Mercy. I choose to be free in Christ; not enslaved by un-forgiveness. This is how I survive and this is how I remain a priest of Jesus Christ. The terrible sins I encounter in the confessional

could lead me to distrust or worse despair; if I was not fully trusting in God's Mercy. I need His mercy and so do the bishops and priest who have seriously failed. I choose not to let human frailty or ignorance prevent me from living in the Love of God. We have a choice to be free or enslaved. How many times must I forgive my brother? I pray that all who seek forgiveness find a confessor who trusts in Divine Mercy and from that courageous act may a wave of divine mercy flow.

I love being a priest of Jesus Christ. Please, pray that the Lord sends graces to young-men to respond to the call to priesthood; and young-men and young-women to the consecrated life.

With a heart informed by the Resurrection, I am yours in Christ,

Fr. Marc

THANK YOU

Our sincere appreciation to the Boy Scouts of the parish for their magnificent job of cleaning the parking lot for Easter. This is appreciated by all parishioners

600 CLUB DRAWING

Ste. Marguerite d'Youville 600 Club Drawing for May will take place on Sunday, May 15, 2011 at 8:45 a.m. Please join us in the Church Hall for a pancake breakfast from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Door prize for this drawing is \$250.00. You must be present to win door prize.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Friday, April 15th we experienced the Passion of our Lord through the eyes of children. Many people came to witness the Stations of the Cross presented in pantomime by students of St. Louis School from grades 6, 7, and 8. They reverently and seriously offered their version of the scenes leading to the crucifixion and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The rendition of the Stations of the Cross moved everybody to feel the presence of Jesus. Thanks to the wonderful work of the 6th grade teacher Mrs. Lowry.

We will have another Stations of the Cross on Friday, May 6th at 6:00 p.m. called VIA Lucis, The Via Lucis, the "Way of Light," is also known as the Stations of the Resurrection.

Please join us for The Way of Light Stations of the Resurrection followed by soup, bread, and pastries in the Church Hall. Anyone wishing to prepare soup or desserts please call Arte Carew 978-957-4152.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

The Youth Ministry Team would like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy, Holy and Blessed Easter Season! Congratulations to Terry Belanger, Winner of our Easter Basket Raffle. Thanks to all who participated.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Friday June 10, 2011 -6:30pm-8pm
A Taste of Ste. Marguerite's ~Family Night.

Saturday June 11, 2011 - 8:00am-1:00pm
YM will once again be hosting a Yard Sale. We supply you with "location, location, location" & the table(s). You supply the goods. Tables are still only \$5.00 each. Call 978-957-3113 to reserve a table.

Sunday June 12, 2011 ~ Class of 2011
Mass & Congratulations Cook Out. More information to follow.

MAY 1, 2011

BREAD AND WINE

This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of Leo Morrissette. Please remember him in your prayers. Next week the Bread and Wine is given, and the Sanctuary Lamp will burn, in memory of Claire T. Ouimette. Please call the Parish Office at 978-957-0322 if you wish to schedule these special memorials.

MASS INTENTIONS

This Weekend – April 30 & May 1

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Wilfred & Rose Hall

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Therese Gregoire
9:00 a.m. Pro Populo (For the People)
11:00 a.m. Paula Thibeault

Weekday Masses

Monday 7:30 a.m. Lillian M. Provencher
Tuesday 7:30 a.m. Lillian Provencher
Wednesday 7:30 a.m. M/M Lionel Drouin and
Donna Whiteside
Thursday 7:30 a.m. Willis Bursey (11th Ann.)
Friday 7:30 a.m. Frank L. Lannon and
Claire T. Ouimette

Next Weekend – May 7 & 8

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Fernando Morrissette

Sunday

7:30 a.m. Albina Belanger
9:00 a.m. Grace Tardiff & Son Raymond Tardiff
11:00 a.m. Michael J. Taylor, Sr. and
Helen E. Taylor

Please note: The donation for announced Masses is \$15.00. For unannounced Masses the donation is \$10.00.

***CELEBRANTS FOR WEEKEND MASSE**

DATE/TIME	CELEBRANT	DATE/TIME	CELEBRANT
April 30 & May 1		May 7 & 8	
4PM (SR)	Fr. Marc	4PM (SR)	Fr. Garcia
4PM (SM)	Fr. Garcia	4PM (SM)	Fr. Marc
7:30 AM (SM)	Fr. Marc	7:30 AM (SM)	Fr. Cormier
8AM (SR)	Fr. Garcia	8AM (SR)	Fr. Marc
9AM (SM)	Fr. Marc	9AM (SM)	Fr. Garcia
10AM (SR)	Fr. Garcia	10AM (SR)	Fr. Marc
11AM (SM)	Fr. Cormier	11AM (SM)	Fr. Garcia
5PM (SR)	Fr. Garcia	5PM (SR)	Fr. Marc

*Please note that the celebrant may change without prior notice.

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!"

During Mass we turn to each other and say "Peace be with you!" As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box you say "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.