

PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION

The story of the Last Judgment as told in Matthew's gospel is familiar to anyone who has been exposed to the New Testament. We have heard many times of the sheep and the goats. We know; at least somewhere in the back of our minds, that Jesus identifies with the hungry and the thirsty, with the stranger, the prisoner and the naked. It is no news to us that he calls them his sisters and his brothers. We can probably even quote scriptures that tell us to care for the sick and needy.

The problem is: what are we doing with that knowledge? If we know what's right, and do nothing, it's the same as not knowing at all. Today's reading calls us to action, not contemplation. Are you making a difference in the lives of those around you? Are you helping the poor and hungry in your community with your time and money? Stop. Don't offer an excuse. We're all busy, we all have obligations. Jesus still calls us to help the needy, now, no excuses accepted. Where do you stand today, with the sheep or the goats? Maybe you're trying to straddle the fence, seeing how little you can do and still qualify for a place among the sheep. Consider today's reading a warning. It's time for us all to put our faith into action.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November we will have our Book of Remembrance at the front of the Church. Please inscribe in the book the names of your deceased loved ones. They will be remembered at all our Masses during the month.

FLOWERS IN MEMORY

We will have a small bouquet of fresh flowers each week of November on the Book of Remembrance Table.

***This week the flowers were donated in memory of
The Deceased Members of the O'Neill Family.***

THANKSGIVING EVE LITURGY

We ask you to make a special effort to invite family, friends and neighbors to this special prayer moment to be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 23, 2011. This is the perfect opportunity to thank God for all his gifts to us. As a sign of gratitude, we ask people to share their gifts with those who are in need by bringing non-perishable food items for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. At the end of Mass, bread that you can share with family and friends at Thanksgiving dinner will be blessed and distributed. A special invitation to your family to have everyone come and pray together in thanksgiving would be a special moment for us all.

TRIP TO IRELAND

Join Fr. Kevin O'Leary, Rector of the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on a pilgrimage to Ireland and the celebration of the 50th International Eucharistic Congress where Pope Benedict XVI will celebrate the closing Mass. Pilgrimage continues to the sacred sites in Knock, Galway, Limerick City, Ring of Kerry, Killarney, Cork and more. Complete package cost is \$3295 (twin occupancy). For further details please contact Canterbury Tours at 800-653-0017 or email canterbury.tours@live.com.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

We are now accepting nominations to the Parish Pastoral Council. It is very important to have a council that represents all the people of the parish. Nomination forms are available this weekend in the pews.

What is the Parish Pastoral Council? The Pastoral Council consists of Adult and Youth parish members that serve as advisors to the Pastor. They provide feedback and recommendations that the Pastor utilizes and considers in his efforts to effectively lead the parish. They also are active in implementing new programs and initiatives, directly or through the involvement of other parishioners. The Parish Council meets monthly, currently on Thursday evenings, and the term runs for three years.

Who can be nominated for the Parish Pastoral Council? You are invited to nominate yourself or anyone you believe would be an active member of the council. An Adult nominee must be a registered parishioner of Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Parish and a fully initiated, practicing Catholic, active in parish life. We are also seeking Youth members of the Parish Pastoral Council. Youth members must be of high school age and active in parish life.

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

We would like to encourage you to make a generous contribution to the parish Grand Annual Collection. We need these contributions to make our buildings safer and more accessible to all of you. The church roof is being replaced and a ramp is needed in order to grant handicapped access to the parish office.

This collection also supplements our programs and is essential to our fiscal responsibility. If you haven't had a chance to make your pledge, we hope that you can do so as soon as possible.

We thank you for your generous and prayerful giving of the past. Your sacrificing heart is why St. Marguerite Parish is able to provide many services to families, couples and individuals seeking God.

The Grand Annual Collection will be taken up the weekend of Dec. 3th and 4th



PARISH SUPPORT

Week ending 11/14/2011

Offertory Collection \$5,776.00
Monthly Parish Support....\$1,815.00

Thank you for your continued support!

The second collection this weekend is the Annual Collection for Retired Sisters.

The second collection next weekend will be the Annual Mission Collection.

Next weekend, we will welcome Rev. Joseph Arakal, CM a Vincentian Missionary who will speak about the Missions at all Masses..

The total capacity for attendance at all three Masses is **1040** persons. The total attendance for all three Masses last weekend was **.657**.

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THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

The parish office will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 25, 2011 so that our employees may enjoy a long holiday weekend.



GIVING TREE

Next weekend you will find a Christmas tree with tags as ornaments. This is our annual Giving Tree. This will provide gifts to the children of our parish and school who would otherwise not receive any. In previous years, thanks to your kindness and generosity, you have made Christmas much happier for many families needing assistance at this time. You are asked to pick a tag or two, purchase and wrap the gift(s), attach tag and bring to church on the weekend of December 10 and 11. You will bring up these gifts following the Bread and Wine at offertory time during Mass. Thank you for helping make this a Merry Christmas.

Ste. Marguerite d'Youville Parish Club 600 Club Drawing for November 13, 2011

<u>NO.</u>	<u>AMT.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
694	\$500	Rodney Elliott
145	\$500	William Toupin
51	\$200	Marie Philippon
354	\$100	Marcel Thibeault
588	\$100	SMD Religious Education
201	\$100	Theresa Daigle
288	\$100	Richard Harvey
295	\$100 Door Prize	Marie Philippon
50/50 Drawing	\$100	Joseph Souza

NEXT PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND DRAWING December 11, 2011 – Door Prize \$50

You must be present to win door prize.

CHRISTMAS PARTY RAFFLE WINNERS

\$500	Linda Moore
\$50 Hess card	Christine Carignan
\$50 Parker House Grille	Roger Jean
\$50 Bobola's	J. McLaughlin

ST. LOUIS SCHOOL NEWS

BOOK & PAJAMA DRIVE

Saint Louis School students are taught to give back to their community to those who might not be as fortunate. So, in partnership with Scholastic Book Clubs and the non-profit Pajama Program, our students will be collecting brand-new pajamas and books for "THE GREAT BEDTIME STORY PAJAMA DRIVE." The mission of this drive is to provide new pajamas and books to children living in group homes, shelters, foster care, and orphanages. The grade 2 students at Saint Louis School want to help these children in need. The students need the help and support of their parish to reach their goal of collections. **A box for your donations is located at the lobby of the church.** If any parishioner is able to participate, please bring a new pair of pajamas to church by December 4th. The pajamas must be brand-new, sizes newborn to adult, and must be in complete sets or nightgowns. You can find out more about the drive and the program at www.scholastic.com/pjdrive.

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BINGO: In the very near future, BINGO will take place in St. Louis School cafeteria on Tuesday evenings. The final preparations for the first night are in progress and more information will be given in the bulletin as the opening date approaches.

THANKSGIVING MASS: The school Thanksgiving liturgy will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 23, 2011 in the school center (former church). Neighbors and parishioners are invited.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND MUSICAL PLAY: On December 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the Center, Saint Louis students will be performing the annual Christmas Concert with the second year introduction of the all-school band of the entire school, grades pre-3 to 8. In addition, students in the Middle School of Saint Louis will be performing a musical Christmas Play. Tickets are \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children.

'O HOLY NIGHT'

Save the date ~ Dec. 2nd – 3rd & 4th. Be sure to stop by the Parish Center to view the beautiful display of Nativity Sets and Depictions of the Holiest of Nights. Before the 'busyness' of the season begins, mark your calendar and set aside one evening or afternoon. Parish Center will be open for viewing: 12/02/11 ~Fri. 6-9pm - 12/03/11 ~Sat. 1-3:30pm & 5-8pm - 12/04/11~ Sun. 12-5pm

Anyone who wishes to have their Nativity Set included in the display is asked to drop it off (clearly marked with Name & Phone Number) at the Parish Center between 10:00am-2:00pm on 11/29/11-12/01/11

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas Party for the children of our parish, sponsored by the Parish Club, will take place on Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 2pm.

Children, infant through 7 years of age are invited to this annual festivity. There will be games, prizes, goodies and a visit from Santa. (Bring your camera if you would like a picture with Santa.) If you plan on bringing your child(ren), please fill out the information below and return form to the Parish Office (or place in Offertory Collection) no later than Sunday, November 27th. **Children must be registered and present to receive a gift. No phone registrations will be accepted.**

Parent's Name _____

Phone _____

Childs Name _____ Age _____ Boy _____ Girl _____

Childs Name _____ Age _____ Boy _____ Girl _____

Childs Name _____ Age _____ Boy _____ Girl _____

Please register your children as early as possible to facilitate the planning of this function.

NOVEMBER 20, 2011

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. You may also donate the Sanctuary Lamp that burns at the altar of the Blessed Sacrament for a given week. The suggested offering is \$25.00. Please call the Parish Office at 978-957-0322 to schedule these special memorials.

MASS INTENTIONS

This Weekend – November 19 & 20

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Robert Matte (2nd Ann.)

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Raymond & Emilie Ferron

11:30 a.m. Michael J. Taylor, Jr. (Deceased-Birthday)

Weekday Masses

Monday	7:30 a.m.	Sonia Veraschin (1 st Ann.)
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	Frances Williams
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Roland Marcotte (1 st Ann.)
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Mark Martin and Peggy Weisensee
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of The Pepin Family

Next Weekend – November 26 & 27

Saturday

4:00 p.m. Fernando Morrissette

Sunday

8:30 a.m. For the People

11:30 a.m. Gerry Larose (18th Ann.)

***CELEBRANTS FOR WEEKEND MASSES**

DATE/TIME	CELEBRANT	DATE/TIME	CELEBRANT
November 19 & 20		November 26 & 27	
4PM (SM)	Fr. Marc	4PM (SM)	Fr. Garcia
4PM (SR)	Fr. Garcia	4PM (SR)	Fr. Marc
7:00 AM (SR)	Fr. Garcia	7:00 AM (SR)	Fr. Garcia
8:30 AM (SM)	Fr. Cormier	8:30 AM (SM)	Fr. Marc
10:00 AM (SR)	Fr. Marc	10:00 AM (SR)	Fr. Garcia
11:30 AM (SM)	Fr. Garcia	11:30 AM (SM)	Fr. Cormier

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

SNOW CANCELLATIONS

Please be advised that in the event of snow and/or ice, if school is delayed or cancelled, there will be no morning Mass. The intention for that day will be rescheduled. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause but this is necessary to ensure the safety of the celebrant, our employees, ministers and parishioners.

CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

The League of Catholic Women's Christmas Brunch will be held on Sunday, December 11, 2011, at 11:30 a.m. at Lenzi's on Rt.110 in Dracut, MA. The cost is \$30.00. Checks should be made payable to LCW (League of Catholic Women). Please mail check to Co-chair at 63 Jenness St., Lowell, Ma. 01851. The deadline is December 2.