



THE BEGINNING OF AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP

Jesus baptized with the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist said, "I baptize you with water, but the one who comes after me - one whose sandals I am not worthy to untie - will baptize you with Holy Spirit" What John the Baptist was saying was, this one whom I am not worthy to be slave to, will not only forgive you, but will bring you into personal relationship with God. I baptize with water: but he will baptize you with Holy Spirit. I bring judgment and forgiveness, but he will bring an intimate relationship with God. Christ reunited man with God, bringing reconciliation between God and us. So we walk with God every day; we pray directly to God about our deepest heartaches and our greatest joys. We talk constantly with God, as we meet with the most intimate friend we have ever had. And it all began with baptism, the beginning of a divinely intimate relationship.



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**Holy Day of Obligation
Mass Schedule**

Ste. Marguerite's

**7:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. Thursday, December 8
St. Louis School Center – 9:00 a.m.**

St. Rita

**7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 7
9:00 a.m. Thursday, December 8**



On Wednesday, December 21 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Saint Marguerite d'Youville Parish and all the parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston will be open for individual confessions. Inviting Catholics to experience Christ's healing love through the Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the major initiatives of Cardinal Sean and the Archdiocese this year. The Archdiocese has set up a website, www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org, to help you prepare. It has videos on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, sheets on how to make a good confession, answers to frequently-asked questions. Information on making a good confession and a thorough examination of conscience is also available at the rear of the church. Please plan to come on that Wednesday and spread the word of this special outreach of mercy to those you know.

Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Seán on the Importance of Participation in the Sunday Mass

Cardinal Seán has written a **Pastoral Letter on the Sunday Mass** to all Catholics in the Archdiocese. Please read the letter online and share this link with friends and family members. www.BostonCatholic.org/SundayMassLetter

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Each year at Christmas and Easter, parishioners across the Archdiocese are asked to look deep within their hearts in support of our priests' retirement, medical and financial needs. Therefore, this Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the collection requested throughout the Archdiocese will be for just that need. There will be only one collection at each Mass on Christmas weekend and it will be for that purpose.

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.

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 this weekend.

SNOWBIRDS

Several people have expressed a desire to continue using offertory envelopes when they spend the winter months down south in a warmer climate.

If you plan on being away for the winter months and would like to continue using your parish envelopes, please call the Parish Office with your winter address and your envelopes will be mailed there. When you return, we will transfer them back to your local address.

Also, if you would like to see our bulletin while you are away, please visit our web site: www.stmar.org



PARISH SUPPORT

Week ending 11/21/2011

Offertory	\$5,618.00
Women Religious	\$1,736.00

Week ending 11/28/2011

Offertory	\$4,359.00
Missions	\$1,577.00

Thank you for your continued support!

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

**The total capacity for attendance at all three Masses is 1040 persons.
The total attendance for all three Masses last weekend was 627.**

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to remember and honor your living and/or deceased family members, we invite you to donate to the Christmas Flower Fund. The envelope for Christmas flowers which is in your packet should be placed in the offertory collection as soon as possible so that the memorial names are received in time to be placed in the Christmas bulletin. There is no second collection for this envelope. If you do not receive weekly envelopes, Christmas flower envelopes are available at the rear of the church.



GIVING TREE

If you picked a tag or two from the Giving Tree **You are asked to purchase and wrap the gift(s), attach tag and bring to church next weekend, December 10 and 11.** You will bring up these gifts following the Bread and Wine at offertory time during Mass. (Please do not put under the tree when entering for Mass save for after the offertory.) 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. Thank you for helping make this a Merry Christmas.



600 CLUB DRAWING NEXT SUNDAY

Ste. Marguerite d'Youville 600 Club Drawing for December will take place next Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us in Ste. Marguerite Church Hall for a pancake breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Door prize for this drawing is \$50.00. You must be present to win door prize.



'O HOLY NIGHT'

This weekend 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 'busy-ness' of the season begins, mark your calendar and set aside one evening or afternoon. Parish Center will be open for viewing: 12/03/11 ~Sat. 1-3:30pm & 5-8pm - 12/04/11~ Sun. 12-5pm

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND MUSICAL PLAY:

On December 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Louis School 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.

FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

Happy New Year! As we begin the new Liturgical Year, it is time to prepare a place in our hearts for the newborn king! What an exciting time to be Catholic!

The new translation of the Roman missal gives us a great opportunity to reconnect with the conversation we have with our Lord via prayer. As you can hear from the choir loft, we are singing a new Mass setting. This can be found in the Missalette. I recommend listening for the first few times as some of the melodies can be a little tricky. Have faith, friends! I believe in this change, and in our ability to adapt to it.

Have a contemplative Advent,

Matthew

ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLE SUMMARY

The Annual Turkey Raffle was a huge success. Everyone in attendance seemed to have a great time. From the individual raffles to the throwing of oven mitts and dish towels to the main raffles and to the food on hand, there was plenty of laughter and hopes of winning something.

During these times of economic uncertainty we want to give special thanks to those who made this event so successful. For those in attendance, this cannot happen without you. For the kitchen help who kept everyone fed, we thank you. For the youth of our parish who helped collecting tickets and getting food and drink for the older crowd, a special thank you for donating your time. For the support of the Parish and the Parish Club members, we are certainly blessed. And, last but not least, a huge thank you to Emily Noel for stepping up and taking over as MC for the event. Her control of the stage and her bubbly demeanor was a very welcome site.

The net profit for this event was \$3,338.08. Again, thanks to all and Blessings for a Happy and Holy Christmas Season.

DRACUT CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

Celebrate Christmas by serving! We'll be helping to brighten the holidays for some special children of Lazarus House on Saturday December 17. If you are interested in joining us, kindly contact Jamie via email at dracutcathYM@yahoo.com

Are we friends yet?? Get the latest info, program invitations and updates by becoming a Facebook friend of DCYM. Search "people" first name: DracutCatholic last name: YouthMinistry

CATHOLIC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE!

At Thomas More College, in Merrimack, NH, you will find an academic community that is dedicated to providing a Catholic education that is affordable. We are now accepting applications and essay submissions from high school seniors for our **2012 Faith & Reason Essay Contest**. This contest will award over \$100,000 in scholarship funds to incoming freshmen. To learn more, visit www.ThomasMoreCollege.edu or call (800) 880-8308. Essay submissions must be mailed or emailed by January 27, 2012.

DECEMBER 4, 2011

BREAD AND WINE

This week the Bread and Wine is offered in memory of the
Deceased Members of the Tanguay Family

Next week the Bread and Wine will be offered for Holy Souls in Purgatory, Divine Mercy and Conversion of sinners.

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 – December 3 & 4

4:00 p.m. Leo C. McManus (40th Ann.)

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Edward & Annette Matte

11:30 a.m. Edward Fauvel

Weekday Masses

Monday	7:30 a.m.	All Deceased Priests
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	For the People
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	Nicholas Kypriotis
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	Holy Day Mass
	4:00 p.m.	Holy Day Mass
Friday	7:30 a.m.	Paul Dumont

Next Weekend – December 10 & 11

4:00 p.m. Laura & Fernando Morrissette

Sunday

8:30 a.m. Norman Ruest

11:30 a.m. Lillian M. Provencher (7th Ann.)

***CELEBRANTS FOR WEEKEND MASSES**

DATE/TIME	CELEBRANT	DATE/TIME	CELEBRANT
December 3 & 4		December 10 & 11	
4PM (SM)	Fr. Cormier	4PM (SM)	Fr. Marc
4PM (SR)	Fr. Marc	4PM (SR)	Fr. Garcia
7:00 AM (SR)	Fr. Marc	7:00 AM (SR)	Fr. Garcia
8:30 AM (SM)	Fr. Garcia	8:30 AM (SM)	Fr. Marc
10:00 AM (SR)	Fr. Marc	10:00 AM (SR)	Fr. Garcia
11:30 a.m.	Fr. Cormier	11:30 a.m.	Fr. Cormier

The St Marguerite d' Youville **St Vincent de Paul Society** would like to thank the Dracut Knights of Columbus for their generous and continued support of our mission to feed those in need during the holidays.

The Society would also like to thank The Manolis Family Foundation and the Rotary Club. Their ongoing support is a great help in our work. Also, thank you to our many kind, thoughtful, and generous benefactors who support us all year long.

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. Donation boxes are located at the church entrances.