



Saturday, January 9

9:00am Raymond Proulx (*1st Anniversary*)
4:00pm John Francis & Winnie Keane (*Memorial*)

Sunday, January 10

8:00am Joseph "Cliff" Gallant (*Month's Mind*)
10:00am Pauline Arsenault (*Memorial*)
11:30am Andrew Corcoran (*17th Anniversary*)
5:00pm James Hand & Reinoldy P. Burgess (*Mem*)

Monday, January 11

9:00am Charles W. Grant (*Month's Mind*)

Tuesday, January 12

9:00am

Wednesday, January 13

9:00am

Thursday, January 14

9:00am

Friday, January 15

9:00am

Saturday, January 16

9:00am Germaine Lamarre & Beatrice Jacques
4:00pm William Barauskas (*4th Anniversary*)

Sunday, January 17

8:00am Roberta Sullivan (*Anniversary*)
10:00am Mary & George Dunlavey, Kevin Dunlavey
& Mary Bell (*Memorial*)
11:30am Theresa Beliveau (*Memorial*)
5:00pm John Gannon (*8th Anniversary*)

Bread and Wine Donation



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 to schedule this special memorial.

WINE, WOMEN AND THE WORD

Where do we find our hope? What is the path to healing?
Relax and come in out of the cold! Join us on **Thursday, January 28 from 7-9pm in the Parish Hall** for our **Wine, Women and the Word** program. We will have wine, sparkling beverages and hot cocoa as we discuss and look deep within ourselves through prayer and reflection. Join us—and bring a friend, too! Hope to see you there.

Winter Wonderland Dinner Theater

**Friday, January 29, 2010 in the St. Francis Parish Hall
6pm-11pm**



Join us for a wonderful evening of song, good food and fellowship while enjoying the musical tunes of the St. Francis Parish Show Performers. A delicious Italian dinner by the Chateau Restaurant will be served. A Beer and Wine Bar will be available. Seating is limited, so get your tickets early! **Tickets will be on sale after Masses this weekend!** You can also purchase tickets during regular office hours or by contacting Nancy Mandarinini at nmandarini@saintfrancis.net. The donation is \$20 each. You won't want to miss it!

Weekly Offertory

January 3, 2010

OFFERTORY: \$4,961

HOLY DAY: \$1,819

CPL: \$1,808

ONLINE GIVING: \$350

GRAND ANNUAL (TO DATE): \$49,438

Thank you for your generosity!

2009 TAX LETTERS

2009 tax letters are ready. Please call or stop by the Parish Office if you would like to receive your copy. Thank you!

Winter Wonderland Raffle



Grand Prize: Your choice of a weekend stay at the Mount Washington Resort in Bretton Woods, NH or the CoCo Key Water Resort in Danvers, MA. **Second prize** will be a 19" flat screen TV and **third prize** is two Bruins tickets! Chances are 1 ticket for \$5 or three tickets for \$10. The drawing will be held at the Winter Wonderland Dinner Theater, and you do not have to be present to win! **Tickets will be available after all Masses beginning the weekend of January 3, 2010 and in the Parish Office.**



Rest in Peace

Emile A. Arpin,

*Husband of Theresa Arpin; Father of Doris Pauling,
Lorraine, Ann, Donald and Albert Arpin*

Mark Szafran,

Son of Mary Szafran; Brother of Tom Szafran

Baby Rauseo,

Child of Kevin and Melissa Rauseo

Thank you for keeping our Christmas flowers beautiful!

Thank you to Pauline Nutter, Barbara Wedge, Karen, Matthew and Anna DiBona, who took great care of the Christmas Flowers. Our entire parish appreciates your service!



The Altar Bread & Wine last weekend was given by

Tammy Lumia
in memory of

Lawrence Lumia

St. Vincent de Paul

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering.

Holy Hour For Life



Join us for the Holy Hour for Life on **Thursday, January 21 at 7pm** in the church. Come and pray with us for an end to abortion. Join us afterward for refreshments in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

Christmas Flowers were also given in memory of:

Roberta Sullivan ~ The Catino Family ~ Joseph Medina ~ The Rembis & Hutnick Families ~ Louise Gauthier Mason ~ Fred Marvel & Milton Asselin ~ Angela & Joseph Calabrese ~ Hazel Bowen ~ Anna DiRusso, Ben DiRusso & Tom Leavitt ~ Joseph H. Gagnon & son Michael ~ Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lemelin ~ Mr. & Mrs. Wilbert Houle ~ Mr. & Mrs. Robert Houle

Purchase a raffle ticket for a great cause!



We are fortunate to have 23 students and 5 adults from both parishes participating in the Respect Life March in Washington, DC on **January 21-23rd** with Cardinal Sean. **We need to raise \$3,000.00 to cover the costs. Please help us by purchasing raffle tickets to a Bruins game which have been donated to us for this cause.** Each raffle ticket is \$10.00 for two seats on the floor 15 rows from the action!!!!(A \$280.00 value)**These raffle tickets will be sold by those attending the March for Life after Masses on all weekends in January.** The winner will be notified the week of January 24th for the game on February 2nd. You can also help us by just putting a donation in the Respect Life jar. Thank you so much for your support!
Peer leaders and Youth Ministry

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

For many of us, the Christmas Season is a time of celebration with family and with friends and a time of joyful gatherings. All the preparations and the anticipation are wrapped around the awesome event – the birth of Jesus. Hopefully in the midst of all the decorations, the exchange of presents, the special foods and the partying, we remembered and we unwrapped the most precious gift of God's presence in each of our lives. Maybe we're feeling a little let down, a lot tired, a bit overwhelmed financially. This is not unexpected after a season of festivities. The sunshine is missing, frigid weather keeps us indoors, cold and flu bugs are banging on our doors, many visiting loved ones have returned to their homes. Can you relate?

It may be a good idea to take a moment for GRATITUDE. Whether you were surrounded with festivities or spent a low-key Christmas, or maybe found yourself alone and lonely, there is always something to be grateful for. If you're left experiencing some feelings of emptiness within, this may be a good time to take inventory of your spiritual life.

Here we are stepping into the New Year of 2010. Resolutions are usually made focused on breaking a bad habit and getting healthier. This is all well and good. Why not take a few moments in prayer this year, look within, and ask, "How can I improve my relationship with God? How can I deepen my spiritual life? Is my life unfolding according to God's Plan for me? What small positive change can I make to find real joy and peace?"

Please remember those less fortunate, the grieving, the sick, the lonely, the depressed. Believe it or not, it is usually the 'after the holiday time' that is the most difficult for them. Look around – maybe YOU can make a difference in someone's life. Wishing each of you a most happy, healthy and holy New Year!

What is the S.P.A.R.K.S. Program?



How about making a resolution for the New Year to light the SPARK of the Holy Spirit within your young child? S.P.A.R.K.S. (Supporting Parents And Raising Kids in the Spirit) is a program for children preschool age and younger as well as their caregivers. We meet on **Thursday mornings from 9:30-11am in the Parish Hall and operate in 8-week sessions.** Each week, the children hear a Bible story told in a way that they can understand it, sing songs, do a craft, have free play time, enjoy a snack and pray together. The cost is \$20 per family for the entire session. We would love to have you! Contact Jessica Smith for more information at (978) 452-6611 or at jsmith@saintfrancis.net. Hope to see you there!



The Altar Bread & Wine
this weekend is given by
Gale Terille
in memory of
Shirley Martel

Parish Giving Tree—A Big Thank You

Because of your generosity and compassion responding to the needs of our "Giving Tree", we were able to spread joy to many people.

We provided two local nursing homes with 65 gifts each, and gave 65 warm outfits to children of all ages in our neighboring St. Mary's Pro Life Office in Lawrence. Most importantly, we assisted many needy families in our community, furnishing them with much-needed clothing and providing their children with toys, ensuring them a much better Christmas. Also, each family was given gift cards to Market Basket to help them make their Christmas dinner more special.

There is no end to the "giving nature" of the people of St. Francis Parish. We are all truly blessed.

*Our sincere thanks,
The St. Vincent de Paul Society*

Widow and Widowers Social Support Group

The next meeting of the Widow and Widowers Social Support Group will be held on **Sunday, January 17 from 2-4pm in the Parish Hall.** All are welcome to attend!

Spiritual Life Commission Meeting

The next meeting of the Spiritual Life Commission will be held on **Monday, January 11 at 6:45pm.** Please let Joan know if you are unable to attend.

St. Francis Men's Retreat

The men of St. Francis Parish are invited to spend a weekend of reflection and renewal at the **HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER, WEST HARTFORD, CT on the weekend of March 26-28, 2010.** The program's purpose is to set aside a time and place to renew our spiritual life and strengthen our resources for doing this. The weekend includes presentations, prayer services, free time and Sunday liturgy. Optional workshops on practical areas of family, emotional and faith life are included. The retreat begins with 6:00 PM supper on Friday and concludes around noon on Sunday, after Mass & Brunch. Call Bob Leger at 978-683-5631 or Steve Thompson at 978-686-8621 for more information.

Saint Louis School

Celebrates Catholic Schools Week!

Saint Louis School will be proudly celebrating Catholic School Week during **the week of January 31!** We have many fun activities planned and encourage current and potential families to stop by for our community activities throughout the week!

Sunday, January 31

Open House 10:00am to 1:00pm
Book Fair will be open in the Center

Monday, February 1

Celebration Mass at 9:00am
Please join us!

Tuesday, February 2

Spaghetti Supper 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Open House and Art Fair 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Come tour our school and also see the wonderful display of art work!

Wednesday, February 3

Grandparents and Special People Day 8:00am
School Assembly at 12:30pm

Thursday, February 4

Student Appreciation Day
Special events for our students planned

Friday, February 5

Teacher Appreciation Day

Registrations will be accepted throughout the week. Please contact Ms. Kristyna Dumais, Principal, at 978-458-7594 for a registration packet and to set up a personal tour of our school. Thank you!



Bereavement Support Group

Join us at our next meeting on **Wednesday, January 13th at 7pm in the St. Dominic Conference Room.** Grief is an especially hard journey around the holidays. You are not alone; please join us. All meetings are kept confidential.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sacraments

Baptism: Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

Marriage: Contact one of the parish priests at least six months in advance.

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays 9:30 AM-6:30PM

Contemplative Prayer Group

Men and women are invited to join the contemplative prayer group at **7pm on Wednesday nights in the Annex**. Come every week or once a month

Rosary

The Rosary is prayed Monday – Friday at 8:30 AM.

Pastoral Care of the Sick & Homebound

Please notify the parish office when parishioners are homebound, in extended care facilities, or are admitted to the hospital.

Parish Nurses

Call Louise at 978-454-7970.

Prayer Line

Call Barbara at 978-937-0239 or Pat at 978-685-1137, also online at www.saintfrancis.net/prayerline.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Meeting in the Parish Hall every Saturday at 8:00 PM.

Bereavement Support

Meets second & fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 PM.

Please call Louise Daigle at 978-454-7970.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Call the Parish Office at 978-452-6611.

Spiritual Direction

If you are interested in spiritual direction, call the parish office at 978-452-6611 or Marcy at 978-458-9715.

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