



**Saturday, January 16**

9:00am Germaine Lamarre & Beatrice Jacques  
4:00pm William Barauskas (*4<sup>th</sup> 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 (*8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*)

**Monday, January 18**

9:00am Anna Kostas (46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Tuesday, January 19**

9:00am Warren Pettengill (*Memorial*)

**Wednesday, January 20**

9:00am

**Thursday, January 21**

9:00am Paul Gagnon (*Memorial*)

**Friday, January 22**

9:00am *Mass For Life*

**Saturday, January 23**

9:00am Jane Foley, Frances Maddox &  
Judy Deveau (*Memorial*)  
4:00pm Roland "Smokey" Labrecque  
(19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

**Sunday, January 24**

8:00am Roberta M. Sullivan (*3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary*)  
10:00am Florence Hunt (*2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary*)  
11:30am Rita & Harry Gorman (*Memorial*)  
5:00pm George Ramsey II (*Memorial*)

**Special Collection for Haiti**

Cardinal O'Malley is authorizing a second collection in the parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston to assist our brothers and sisters in Haiti as well as relief efforts. The collection will take place **the weekend of January 30 and 31<sup>st</sup>**. Please be as generous as possible while also keeping in prayer those who have perished, the injured, the displaced and the relief personnel who are courageously working to assist the people of Haiti at this difficult and sad time.

**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](mailto:nmandarini@saintfrancis.net). The donation is \$20 each. You won't want to miss it!

**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.**

### Notes From Fr. Bob

**GENERATIONS OF FAITH CHANGED:** We have decided to cancel the Generations of Faith program for February. As most of you know, this has been a difficult time for Kathy Long attending to her son who has been so sick in Portland. She has been traveling back and forth. Right now, there is a good possibility of his return home by the end of the month and we have decided to take one major pressure issue off of her shoulders. The March Program will take place and we appreciate your understanding and patience.

**FIRST PENANCE BLESSINGS:** During this month, our Second Graders will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. It is such a grace for us all to be able to come before the Lord and admit our sinfulness which, in truth, is really humbly admitting that we need our God and we need his grace and blessings in our life so that we can be the best person we can be. Humility – admitting our sinfulness – is the lesson to be learned. We are proud of our Second Graders as they receive this special sacrament in preparation for their First Holy Communion in May. We want to encourage all parents to share the sacraments with their children. If you don't show them the importance of Mass and Penance, how will they learn? This is a grace moment for us all.

*Fr. Bob*

### Discernment Retreats for Men

*Know of a man who may be called?*

On the weekend of **February 5-7, 2010**, Cardinal Sean will lead two retreats for men to experience seminary life, pray and reflect upon the Priesthood, meet other men like themselves and discern God's call in their life. The Discernment Retreat at Blessed John XXIII Seminary for **men age 40 and older** will be held on **February 5-6, 2010** and the Discernment Retreat at St John's Seminary and Connors Family Retreat Center for **men ages 18-40 years** will be held on **February 5-7, 2010**. The Vocation Office invites you to submit names of men you think might have a vocation to the Priesthood to be considered for this retreat. Please send their names and contact information to the Vocation Office at 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree, Ma. 02184 or by email at [Dfortin@rcab.org](mailto:Dfortin@rcab.org) For more info call 617-746-5949. One of the priests from the Vocation Office will contact the men to see if this retreat is right for them.

### Bringing the Word to Life: A Workshop for Lectors and Other Proclaimers

Workshop, **Saturday, February 6, 2010, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** at 9 Lake St., STM Chapel, Brighton Campus  
**Presenter: Douglas Leal**, former parish Director of Ministries, Los Angeles, CA, author of [Stop Reading and Start Proclaiming!](#) **Free of charge!** [www.bc.edu/stmce](http://www.bc.edu/stmce)

**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 21-23<sup>rd</sup>** 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 24<sup>th</sup> for the game on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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*



### Rest in Peace

**Julie A. Gagnon,**

*Wife of Andre Gagnon; Mother of Paul, Donald,  
Carl and Louis Gagnon*

**Clare Kennedy,**

*Mother of Denis Kennedy*

### St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they begin to believe in him. Every day, God also gives us signs of his love so we also can respond in faith and trust.

**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 needy and you give them reason to believe and to trust.**

### 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.

### 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*

### CATHOLICTV WILL AIR YOUTH RALLY AND MASS FOR LIFE AT 2010 MARCH FOR LIFE

On Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, CatholicTV will air coverage of the Mass for Life and Youth Rally from the Verizon Center in Washington, D.C. Both the Mass and rally are part of the March For Life events. The Youth Rally televised by CatholicTV will feature Matt Maher, Jesse Manibusan, and Steve Angrisano.

The Mass for Life will air at CatholicTV.com and on CatholicTV at 11AM and will be rebroadcast at 8:30PM(all times Eastern). The Youth Rally will air at 4:30PM.

The principal celebrant and homilist at the Mass for Life will be Archbishop Donald Wuerl of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C. with bishops and priests from around the nation concelebrating. Response to attend the Mass has been overwhelming; as a result there are seven other churches in the area which will also host the people who are in D.C. to participate in the March for Life.

Also on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, CatholicTV will air a pro-life documentary called "A People of Life" at 3:30PM. "A People of Life" explores what it means to be pro-life and looks at the pro-life issues: abortion, euthanasia and stem-cell research in both the U.S. and Canada, and focuses on the work done by the Knights of Columbus in these areas. "A People of Life" includes interviews with Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson; March for Life Founder, Nellie Gray; Project Rachel Founder, Vicki Thorn, Congressman Bart Stupak, and President of Life-Athletes, Chris Godfrey, among others.

On January 19<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Frank Pavone will be featured in an interview on the CatholicTV talk show "This is the Day". This will air at 10:30AM and will be rebroadcast at 8PM. Fr. Pavone is the founder and National Director of Priests For Life.

### 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

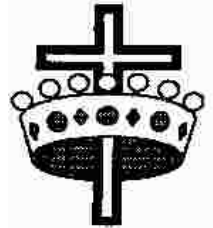
#### Thursday, February 4

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!**



### 2009 TAX LETTERS

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

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### 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](http://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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