



Saturday, January 23

9:00am *Memorial Service: Doris Carr*
4:00pm Roland "Smokey" Labrecque
(19th Anniversary)

Sunday, January 24

8:00am Roberta M. Sullivan (3rd Anniversary)
10:00am Florence Hunt (2nd Anniversary)
11:30am Rita, Harry Gorman & James (J.J.) Kelley
(Memorial)
5:00pm George Ramsey II (Memorial)

Monday, January 25

9:00am Lucien Lacourse (Month's Mind)

Tuesday, January 26

9:00am Janet Montminy (Month's Mind)

Wednesday, January 27

9:00am

Thursday, January 28

9:00am

Friday, January 29

9:00am

Saturday, January 30

9:00am *Memorial Service: Joan Rodrigues*
4:00pm Frank & Rita Burgess (Memorial)

Sunday, January 31

8:00am Jeanne Bolis (2nd Anniversary)
10:00am Mike Cockrell (2nd Anniversary)
11:30am Ralph Gagne, Jr. & Ralph Gagne, Sr. (10th)
5:00pm Walter Theriault (10th Anniversary)

Weekly Offertory

January 17, 2010

OFFERTORY: \$6,095
MORTGAGE: \$5,126
CPL: \$3,917.50
CPL MORTGAGE: \$710
ONLINE GIVING: \$1,383

Thank you for your generosity!

WINE, WOMEN AND THE WORD
CHANGE OF DATE!



Where do we find our hope? What is the path to healing?
Relax and come in out of the cold! Join us on **Thursday, February 4 from 7-9pm in the Parish Hall** for our **Wine, Women and the Word** program. Please note that this is a **NEW DAY** from the one previously posted in the bulletin. 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!

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.**



Sign-up Weekends: January 23/24 & January 30/31
New Heart, New Spirit

Create a new heart and a generous spirit this Lent by joining ARISE Together in Christ! ARISE offers the opportunity for new friendships, stronger faith, and a deeper relationship with Christ and others through prayer and the Scriptures in a small group setting. **Sessions begin February 14th and last for six weeks.** Call the parish office or Rebecca at 978.957.1630 or rebac95@hotmail.com with questions. New leaders are welcome - training is available. Many different times and days are available for these small group meetings; please see our sign-up table for more details!

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 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

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!

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 30th and 31st**. Checks can be made out to St. Francis Parish. 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.



Rest in Peace

Doris Carr,

Mother of Jim Carr

Edward Kroesser,

Father of Nancy O'Loughlin

Vera Talty,

Mother of Jack Talty and Mary Ellen Wasylak

St. Vincent de Paul

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

Have you considered answering the call to "bring glad tidings to the poor" by donating to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?



The Altar Bread & Wine
this weekend is given by
Deacon John Hunt
in memory of
Florence Hunt

Bereavement Support Group

The next meeting of the Bereavement Support Group will be held on **Wednesday, January 27 at 7pm**. Grief is a long, difficult journey; do not go it alone. Resources are available and all meetings are kept confidential. Please join us.

ARISE Workshop

Please join us for an ARISE workshop for any people wishing to be an ARISE group leader on **Saturday, January 30 from 10am-Noon at Ste. Marguerite Church in Dracut.** To sign up, please call the Ste. Marguerite Parish Office at (978) 957-5266.

Mass of Thanksgiving Celebrating 100 Years of Scouting

The Office for the New Evangelization of Youth and Young Adults and The Catholic Committee on Scouting invite all former and current scouts, scout leaders and their families for a celebration with His Eminence Cardinal Sean O'Malley. The celebration will be held at the **Cathedral of the Holy Cross at 1400 Washington Street, Boston on Sunday, February 28, 2010 at 2pm.** Cathedral tours will be available beforehand beginning at 12:15 and light refreshments will be served afterward at Cathedral High School. A commemorative patch will be given to the first 1,000 registered participants! Advanced registration is welcomed but not required. To register, e-mail to BSA100thMass@yahoo.com or visit www.oymboston.org for a registration form.

St. Francis Parish

Marriage Preparation Program

St. Francis will be offering a Pre Cana course on the following dates: **Friday, February 19 from 7-9:30pm; Sunday, February 21 from 10am-1pm; Friday, February 26 from 7-9:30pm and Sunday, February 28 from 10am-2pm.** Engaged couples must both attend all four sessions. Any couple getting married in the Catholic Church is welcome to come; you need not be getting married here to take the course. For more information or to register for the course, contact Jessica Smith at jsmith@saintfrancis.net.

Christian Men's Weekend

Developing Intimacy With God

**March 19-21, 2010 at St. Basil Salvatorian Center
Methuen, MA**

Prayer, an encounter with God, is also a conversation with Him. It is the surest way to develop a deep and intimate personal relationship with Jesus. Today, more than ever, men are being called to this intimacy with our Lord, Jesus Christ. The talks and sharings on this weekend will provide teachings on prayer and will also explore different prayer forms used in the early Church. Time is provided on the weekend for silence, sharing and practice of some of the prayer forms. Men on the weekend will encounter God's love in song and sacrament. The weekend is open to all Christian men (juniors in high school and older). The cost of the weekend is \$95. The weekend begins at **7:30pm on Friday and ends at 2pm on Sunday.** For an application form, please see Deacon John Hunt.

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 508-451-1416 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

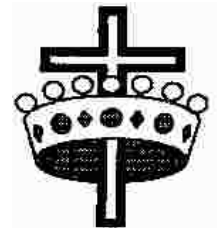
Thursday, February 4

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!



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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