



**Saturday, January 30**

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

**Sunday, January 31**

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

**Monday, February 1**

9:00am *Teresa Fitzgerald (Living intention)*

**Tuesday, February 2**

9:00am *Ora McLaughlin (Memorial)*

**Wednesday, February 3**

9:00am *Arthur Saindon (Anniversary)*

**Thursday, February 4**

9:00am

**Friday, February 5**

9:00am

**Saturday, February 6**

9:00am *Jane Foley, Frances Maddox & Judy Deveau (Memorial)*  
4:00pm *Fred Boudries (Memorial)*

**Sunday, February 7**

8:00am *Daniel J. Sullivan (Anniversary)*  
10:00am *Mr. & Mrs. Camille LaVoie (Memorial)*  
11:30am *Theresa Beliveau (Memorial)*  
5:00pm *Benefactors & deceased members of St. Francis Parish*

**Weekly Offertory**

*January 24, 2010*

**OFFERTORY: \$6,415**

**CPL: \$228**

**ONLINE GIVING: \$175**

The second collection *this weekend* is for the people of Haiti. The second collection *next weekend* is for Peter's Pence.

***Thank you for your generosity!***

**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, 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.



**Sign-up Weekend: 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Attention: 10<sup>th</sup> grade class time change**



On **Sunday, February 7**, the class time for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation class has been changed to **11:30am-2pm**.



***Rest in Peace***

**Sandra Martin,**  
*Sister of Fran Boss*

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 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)

### 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!

### Retreat for Young Adults

Young Adults need Jesus Christ Today! If you are seeking truth, joy and love, they are found in the heart of Jesus. Join with other young adults in their 20's and 30's for a weekend to open up, rekindle or deepen your relationship with Christ. The retreat will combine Mass and Adoration, inspiring Talks and Witnesses, Personal Prayer and many opportunities to meet other young adults throughout the Greater Boston area. The retreat is co-presented by the Antioch Retreat Group and y.H.o.p.e (Young Heralds of Pauline Evangelization) and will be held at the beautiful **Daughters of St. Paul Retreat House in Billerica from March 5-7<sup>th</sup>**. It begins on Friday evening and ends Sunday afternoon. For more information or to register for the retreat email Bernadette Michaud at [Bmich777@hotmail.com](mailto:Bmich777@hotmail.com) or Fr. Michael Harrington at [Mharrington527@gmail.com](mailto:Mharrington527@gmail.com).

### Men's Spirituality Breakfast

All men 18 and older are welcome to join us for the next Men's Spirituality Breakfast on **Saturday, February 13 from 7-9am in the Parish Hall**. Our morning includes a delicious breakfast, a spiritual speaker, excellent fellowship and Mass. Hope to see you there!

### 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.

### St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus shows us that we are called to place gospel values before any other values and to be willing to put our lives on the line for them. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values.

**In the month of January, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist local families, providing assistance with food, utility and rent bills, etc. Thank you!**

### 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](mailto:jsmith@saintfrancis.net).

### We Want Your Input!



We are considering offering a 6:00am Mass during Lent on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in order to accommodate the schedules of those who work. We would like to gauge interest in doing a Mass this early. If you have any input, please e-mail Jessica Smith at [jsmith@saintfrancis.net](mailto:jsmith@saintfrancis.net) or call the Parish Office at (978) 452-6611. We value your input!

### Spiritual Life Commission Meeting

The next meeting of the Spiritual Life Commission will be held on **Monday, February 8 at 6:45pm**. Please let Kathy know if you are unable to attend.

**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](mailto:BSA100thMass@yahoo.com) or visit [www.oymboston.org](http://www.oymboston.org) for a registration form.

**Christian Men's Weekend  
Developing Intimacy With God  
March 19-21, 2010**

**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.

**Bereavement Support Group**

Please join us for the next meeting of the Bereavement Support Group on **Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00pm in the St. Dominic Conference Room.** Grief is a long, difficult journey; do not go it alone. Resources are available and all meetings are kept confidential.

**Healing Anxiety and Depression**

Whether mild or severe, anxiety and depression affect both mind and spirit and can be a significant barrier to health and wholeness. This day will focus on a better understanding of anxiety and depression, on alleviating symptoms through psychological means and on healing root causes through prayer. The day will include teaching, inner healing prayer, reflection time, Mass, small groups and lunch. This Day of Healing will be held on **Sunday, February 21 from 10am-5pm at the Espousal Retreat Ctr. in Waltham, MA.** To register, call 781-209-3120.

**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!**



## FOURTH 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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