



Saturday, July 24

9:00am Judith Rondeau (*Memorial*)
4:00pm Betty, Marion & Brendon Sheahan (*Mem*)

Sunday, July 25

8:00am Joseph & Beatrice Correa (*Memorial*)
10:00am Novart Grace (*8th Anniversary*)
11:30am Vito Zamora (*17th Anniversary*)

Monday, July 26

9:00am Marie O'Connor (*Anniversary*)

Tuesday, July 27

9:00am John Gaschel (*Anniversary*)

Wednesday, July 28

9:00am Theresa Houle (*Memorial*)

Thursday, July 29

9:00am Arnold McCarthy (*Memorial*)

Friday, July 30

9:00am

Saturday, July 31

9:00am George Ramsey (*Memorial*)
4:00pm Paul & Claude Blanchette (*Memorial*)

Sunday, August 1

8:00am Ralph Gagne (*24th Anniversary*)
10:00am Mary Keefe (*1st Anniversary*)
11:30am Joseph Kulis (*7th Anniversary*)

Weekly Offertory

July 18, 2010

OFFERTORY: \$5,261
MORTGAGE: \$4,399
ONLINE GIVING: \$773

The second collection *this weekend* is for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe.

Thank you for your generosity!

Religious Education Registration!



Religious Education registration for the 2010-2011 school year is now open! Please note that the fee for the First Communion year is \$150 per student and for Confirmation students is \$175. All others K-8 are \$125 per child. Any questions? Call Dawn Bastien in the Religious Education Office at (978) 453-4460. Thank you!

It's that time of year again!

CORI Forms

All volunteers are required to fill out a new CORI form for the 2010-2011 year. Even if you have filled one out in years past, **YOU MUST DO SO AGAIN**. Please drop by the office with your driver's license to fill yours out today. The form must be filled out in person. Any questions? Call Nancy in the Parish Office at (978) 452-6611. Thank you for your prompt attention to this!

School Supply Collection



We are currently collecting school supplies to donate to the Lazarus House in Lawrence, MA. Some suggested items are: pens, pencils, washable markers, rulers, erasers, folders, notebooks, glue, backpacks, and any other "back-to-school" item you can think of. Please drop your donations in the cart in the foyer. Thank you for your generosity!

Centering Prayer



Our Centering Prayer group for men and women is still meeting throughout the summer! Please join us on **Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm** for this reflective, prayerful experience. All are welcome!

Religious Education teachers needed!

Please consider becoming a Religious Education teacher for the 2010-2011 school year. Teachers are needed for many different grades, and the rewards are numerous. Please call Dawn in the Religious Education Office for more information!

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.

S.P.A.R.K.S. Summer Program



Looking for something fun to do with your children this summer? Every Thursday, our St. Francis S.P.A.R.K.S. program will meet out and about in the community to have some fun and enjoy some fellowship! Please join us this week on **Thursday, July 29 at 10am for a trip to the Stone Zoo at 149 Pond Street in Stoneham, MA!** Admission rates: Adults-\$11; Seniors 62+ -\$9; Children ages 2-12- \$7; Children under 2- Free. Bring a lunch—there’s a lot to see! Join us!

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that God is our “Father”, and just as a parent’s love for their children is unlimited, so is God’s love and care for us unlimited. Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul help the poor to know that God is indeed their “Father”.

In the month of July, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist several families, providing food, assistance for utility bills, etc. Thank you!

Spiritual Life Commission

The next meeting of the Spiritual Life Commission will be held on **Tuesday, August 3 from 7-9pm**. Please let Kathy know if you are unable to attend.

Retreat Opportunity

Looking for a unique way to grow closer to Christ? Our own Fr. Bill Sheehan, OMI is hosting a week-long retreat at the **Immaculata Retreat House in Willimantic, CT** from **Sunday, August 22 to Saturday, August 28**. Carpooling is available. Please call Kathy Long in the Religious Education Office if you would like more information.

Keyboard Player Needed!



Instruments of Faith, the 5:00 Sunday Mass band, is looking for a keyboard player. We will be practicing over the summer. Please contact Scott at drvmusic@gmail.com if you are interested or to obtain more information.



Altar Bread & Wine
this weekend is given by
Powell Fraser
In memory of
Louise Fraser

**Catechetical Certificate of Saint John’s Seminary
Hugely Successful Program Announces Second Year**

As its pilot year comes to a close, the Catechetical Certificate of Saint John’s Seminary will be offered again next academic year in an expanded format.

The classes are held one Saturday a month. The heart of each class day is the “Theology Core,” approximately 32 hours of instruction in basic catechetical themes such as the Trinity, Christ, sacraments, and the moral life. The day also features a Spiritual Reflection, talks on either pedagogy or developmental psychology, and small-group mentorship sessions with experienced catechists. In addition, each student attends his or her choice of Skills Workshops, which provide practical catechetical and evangelical skills pertinent to many different areas.

The next program, beginning again in September of 2010, will again be \$250 (plus books). The classroom content is comparable in time and depth to a college course, which costs significantly more. Students who are not interested in receiving the Certificate can choose the attendance-only option for \$150.

Next year’s program will be expanded to two sites: the Master of Arts in Ministry building at 149 Washington Street in Brighton, to be taught by the Drs. Franks; and the Pastoral Center in Braintree, to be taught by Archdiocesan Faith Formation and Evangelization Secretary Janet Benestad and her husband, theologian J. Brian Benestad, Ph.D. Each of the eight Saturdays goes from 9 am to 4 pm.

In addition to the Catechetical Certificate, the Seminary will also offer a companion certificate in the fall of 2010, the Catholic Theology Certificate. This program will meet on Wednesdays for one semester from 6:30 – 9:30 pm at the Master of Arts in Ministry site at 149 Washington Street in Brighton. The focus will be evangelization and defending the faith, and the cost will be \$300. Monthly meals and retreat opportunities will be included.

For schedules for 2010-2011 and to register, go to www.CatecheticalCertificate.org.

Eucharistic Adoration



We hold Eucharistic Adoration **every Monday in the church from 9:30am-5:30pm**, even throughout the summer. Please stop in at some point during your busy summer to rest in the powerful and prayerful presence of our Lord.

Sick and Hospitalized Parishioners

If you or a loved one become sick or are hospitalized and would like to see Fr. Brian, please call the Parish Office at (978) 452-6611 to let us know.

Faithworks

Faithworks is a faith-based support group for unemployed and employed men and women in the Merrimack Valley, combining prayerful discernment, networking and practical job search and career skills in a spirit of fellowship. The group meets at St. Catherine Parish Center mezzanine on 107 North Main Street in Westford. Visit

www.stcatherinescareernetwork.ning.com or call (508)-479-7254.

GET YOUR GAME ON!



Youth Ministry will be hosting an **Under 18 Game Night** on Monday nights from 6:30-8:30pm in Ste. Marguerite's Hall. \$2.00 per person and it includes great prizes & fun! Refreshments & beverages are for sale as well. Dates are: **July 26, August 02, 09, 16, 23 & 30.**

Food for Thought- Tuesday Mornings

8:30-11:30am in the Ste. Marguerite Center Hall -\$5.00. Students in grade 5-12 are welcome. Come join us for a fun time. Check out www.stmar.com Youth Ministry page for flyer & more info.

Don't forget to call and reserve your spot for the **High School Harbor Cruise on Monday, July 26th. The cost is \$20.** We will be leaving from St. Francis parking lot at **6:00pm** & returning around 11:45pm. Get your friends together for a great night out cruising Boston Harbor. Join hundreds of other teens for a fun night of music & friends!

Contact Roma at 978-957-3113 or romafauvel@yahoo.com

Saint Louis School News

www.saintlouisschool.org



Registrations are now being accepted for the 2010-2011 school year at St. Louis School in Lowell. Check out www.saintlouisschool.org to see what St. Louis has to offer! Contact Mrs. Donna Henderson, Interim Principal, at 978-458-7594 for a registration packet and to set up a personal tour of our school. Thank you!

We are pleased to announce the startup of a Three Year old component to our Early Childhood program for the 2010-2011 academic years. We are now accepting registrations. Spaces are very limited. For more information, please contact Donna Henderson at 978-458-7594.

"A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES"!



The "Saint Francis Parish and Community" members would like you to reserve the dates of **September 25-26, 2010. On Saturday night, the 25th at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday afternoon the 26th at 2:00 p.m.**, the cast will present to you a show of song and dance that will have our seniors singing along to Bing Crosby and Bob Hope favorites, our "baby boomers" joining in to music from Sister Act and Irving Berlin, and our "younger in years" enjoying themselves to music from The Little Mermaid and Tarzan.

Our charities this year will be the Dracut Food Pantry and the St. Francis Families in Crisis. These charities are very important to our friends and neighbors who may need a little help. So, let's follow the kind-hearted and charitable example of the "Good Samaritan", donate the price of a ticket, and at the same time, enjoy a night out with family and friends!!

Thank you to those who always support this valuable endeavor and looking forward to new audience members!

Linda Trouville, Director

Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays 9:30 AM-5:30PM

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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