



**Saturday, September 19**

9:00am Richard L. & Frances E. Gerst (*Memorial*)  
4:00pm Lillian Bajor & Gina Skusevich (*Mem*)

**Sunday, September 20**

8:00am *Healing of Travis Long*  
10:00am Richard Stuart (*Memorial*)  
11:30am Mr. & Mrs. Samuel & Yvonne Leger (*Mem*)  
5:00pm Virginia Gosse (*Healing*)

**Monday, September 21**

9:00am

**Tuesday, September 22**

9:00am Fred and Rose Wedge (*Memorial*)

**Wednesday, September 23**

9:00am John & Florence Hunt (*Memorial*)

**Thursday, September 24**

9:00am Caitlin Chelton (*Memorial*)

**Friday, September 25**

9:00am

**Saturday, September 26**

9:00am *For the intentions of the St. Francis Prayer Line*  
4:00pm Beatrice & Thomas Bean (*Memorial*)

**Sunday, September 27**

8:00am  
10:00am Roger & Rita Guilmette (*Memorial*)  
11:30am Louise Gauthier Mason (*Memorial*)  
5:00pm Josephine DiRocco (*1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary*)

**Weekly Offertory**

*September 13, 2009*

**OFFERTORY: \$9,640**

**September to date:**

CPL: \$7,964  
Online: \$545  
Pew Envelopes: \$214

The second collection *this weekend* is for the monthly mortgage.

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

The Bread and Wine donation last weekend was given by Michelle Holloway in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Collins Holloway.

**Teacher Training Dates**

Please note the following dates, times and locations for teacher training sessions. These sessions are for those current teachers completing their certificate training and for any new teachers. New teachers must attend all training sessions:

**Location: Ste. Marguerite's Parish Center  
Room 101**

Sunday, Sept. 20th & 27th 8:30am

**Location: St. Francis Parish Hall**  
Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2009~9:30am or 6pm

**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.

**SUNDAY TV MASS**

On **Sunday, October 25**, Fr. Chris will celebrate the TV Mass on Channel 7 at 7AM. We want to invite approximately 12 people from each parish to attend this liturgy, followed by breakfast on the way home. It is an early start to the day – we leave by 5:45, but it is a great experience. If you are interested in joining us you can email [NMANDARINI@saintfrancis.net](mailto:NMANDARINI@saintfrancis.net) or call Nancy at the Parish Office to register.

**VIRTUS Training**

On **Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** we will be having a VIRTUS Training at **12pm**. All new volunteers who have completed a CORI form must attend this one-time session. If you have taken this class you do not need to attend again. The class lasts 3 hours and is free of charge. Please call the office to sign up or email [mmandarini@saintfrancis.net](mailto:mmandarini@saintfrancis.net) - space is limited.

Attention Parish Bakers –  
It's a Bakeless Bake Sale!



For "**Harvest Sweets**" this year, we'll be baking cookies from commercial dough and making fudge in St. Martha's Kitchen. Instead of baking for the festival, would you be willing to donate an ingredient(s) for our Harvest fudge? We'll need: **Semi-sweet chocolate chips, white sugar, chopped walnuts, marshmallow fluff and evaporated milk.** All package sizes welcome. Deposit in the "Bakeless Bake Sale" bin in the main lobby. Thank you (and enjoy the time off!)



## Rest in Peace

Dorothy A. Lamoureux,  
Aunt of Roger Mailhot

### Being A Connected Community

As most of you know, Kathy Long and her family have been coping with the critical illness of their son, Travis. Unfortunately, the challenge is compounded by the fact that Travis is in the Portland/Providence Hospital in Portland, OR. As Kathy deals daily with the health fluctuations of Travis, she also is without extended family and community – especially her parish community of St. Francis. Most of us always want to be “connected” to a person that is suffering and offer not only our prayers, but our support. We struggle with that as a staff. Because the costs of being present in a foreign city without others is so expensive, we think one way that the community of St. Francis can support Kathy is to help with the financial burden that she carries being out there with Travis. After each Mass this weekend, there will be baskets at the rear of the Church. If you would like to donate something to help Kathy and her family, to feel connected and supportive in her difficult time of trial, we invite you to make a contribution. Of course, the most important gift you give that “connects” us all is your prayer! Don’t stop! And God bless you for your generosity and love.

Peace,  
FR. BOB and the STAFF

### 8 New Seminarians Enter Seminary this September for the Archdiocese of Boston

Eight new men entered the seminary for the Archdiocese of Boston the first week of September to think and pray about whether or not God is inviting them to be Priests. They will discern and prepare for the Priesthood. A Priest is "a man who offers his whole humanity to God so that Christ might use him as an instrument of salvation in the world" (Pope John Paul II). During this Year for Priests, consider praying each day for these men that they will hear God's call clearly- whatever it may be- and respond with generosity to His call. You just may be praying for your future pastor! For more information on Vocations to the Priesthood or the Year for Priests, go to [www.vocationsboston.org](http://www.vocationsboston.org) or call 617-746-5949.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL GAMES COMMITTEE

We are looking for people to help run the games for our Harvest Festival on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Do you have a couple of hours to help us out? If you're interested, please contact Donna Martin at [carolanmartin@comcast.net](mailto:carolanmartin@comcast.net).

St. Francis Souper Bowl in September!



Over the summer, the Dracut Food Pantry's inventory of soup has thinned out. To prepare for the cooler months ahead, St. Francis is on board to help "score" with a "Souper Bowl" -- no tickets needed! During September, please bring to the lobby: **all types of soups, chowders, broths, stews, and chili.** The many ways St. Francis is helping the food pantries in our community go a long way in helping the growing number of families who are struggling today. So thanks in advance for your "souper" generosity!

### Service Project Team

#### Calling all those who enjoy doing service!

Joanna Bazzinotti is leading a team of adults who would like to bring Confirmation students to various planned service events. Your commitment to our teens could be as little as two hours a month. A willingness to act in the place of Christ with those in need and mentor our young people is the only requirement. Please call Kathy at the office or call Joanna at 978-835-5167 or you can email Joanna at [jbazzinotti@comcast.net](mailto:jbazzinotti@comcast.net).

*"Do small things with great love."* -(Blessed Mother Teresa)

### Gotta Sing! Gotta Dance!

Showtime is around the corner (Sept. 26-27), and tickets are being sold after every Mass. Best seating is available now and tickets are only \$12. This 10-year review will be one not to miss! Ads for the program book will also be available, including line ads for \$5. Please support us, as our charities this year will be the St. Francis Outreach Program and community food pantries.

Anyone wishing to purchase tickets by phone may call Pauline Nutter at (978) 453-8238. See you at the show!

### SAVE THE DATE!



Our Harvest Festival will be held on **Saturday, October 10 from 10-4 (rain date Sunday, October 11)**. Fantastic food, games, vendors and crafters, live music, raffles and so much more. This is a great day of family fun—you won't want to miss it!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Religious Education Teacher Needed!

Would you like to share your love of God and Church with our younger parishioners? We are in need of a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Religious Education teacher at 6:30pm on either Wednesday or Thursday evenings. Please call Dawn in the Religious Ed office if you are interested at (978) 453-4460!

### **Come Help the Harvest!**

Our Harvest Festival last year was a great success, mainly due to the help of our parish family. To make this year's festival (scheduled for **Oct. 10** or rain date **Oct.**

**11**) another memorable community event, we need your help once again!

#### **Introducing our Gift Card Harvest Tree!**

Gift cards really do grow on autumn trees, and a lucky raffle winner will take home the full bounty! Help make this a **tree-mendously fun** fundraiser for the parish by donating a gift card (or certificate) in any denomination from \$5 and up. All are welcome -- restaurants, grocery stores, coffee shops, fast food, movies, entertainment, services, department stores and more. Leave your gift card/certificate (marked Gift Card Harvest Tree) at the parish office or with an usher at weekend Masses -- then look for it at the festival hanging from a branch of our bountiful tree. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Who knows, YOU could be the lucky winner!

**Used Books** -- Our Used Book Tent was a HUGE success last year! Please bring in those used paperbacks and hard covers taking up space in your home. Look for the book deposit box in the church lobby. No textbooks or encyclopedias please.

**Costume Clothes Line** -- Just in time for Halloween parties and Trick-or-Treat, gently used costumes in all sizes are welcome. Look for the costume deposit box in the church lobby.

**Vendors & Crafters** -- Last chance to secure a table during the initial offering to parishioners only! \$40 per 10x10 space. Call Sharon Chelton at the parish office at 978-452-6611.

**Deadline for applications is September 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**Thanks for ALWAYS coming through for us, and please be sure to join us for some Harvest fun!**

### **It's Almost Trunk-or-Treat Time!**

You may remember our creatively decorated SUV on the plaza last year, promoting our Harvest Festival Trunk-or-Treat Trail. The concept was untested last year -- little did we know what a success it would be! Our parishioners decorated their trunks and cargo spaces in lovely harvest themes or spooky ones, and the kids and adults had a blast going through, taking candy from each trunk. **We need your help again this year!** Anyone interested in entering their decorated car/SUV/truck on the trail should call Kathy Laferriere at 978-446-1446 or email [katlafer@comcast.net](mailto:katlafer@comcast.net). Spaces are limited.

### **Parish Nursing Ministry**

Parish Nurse Office Hours will resume on **Wednesday, September 23**. Louise will be available in the office for blood pressure readings, to help you with resources and to try to answer your questions. Stop by and check what services we have to offer or simply to just chat. **Our hours are 9am-Noon and 6pm-8pm.**

### **Bereavement Support Group**

Please join us for our first gathering on **Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00pm**. We meet in a casual, safe, respectful setting. Confidentiality is of utmost importance. The grieving process is a most personal journey that we each walk in our own unique manner. There are no right or wrong ways of grieving. For more information, call Louise at (978) 454-7970.



*Let us pray for, support and encourage those preparing for marriage...*

Christopher Pappathan & Patricia Maunsell  
*Wedding Date: October 9, 2009*

Rachael O'Brien & Patrick Harrington  
*Wedding Date: October 10, 2009*

### **ARISE Together in Christ**

*ARISE Together in Christ* is a three-year, parish-centered process of spiritual renewal and evangelization that enables people to deepen their faith, develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community, and reach out in service to others.

**Season Three of *ARISE Together in Christ* will begin October 4, 2009.** The third season is called *In the Footsteps of Christ*. There will be six faith-sharing sessions meeting once a week inviting us to explore the Catholic understanding of discipleship, and in particular how this implies active commitment to charity and justice.

We invite all parishioners to participate in the *ARISE* process and be part of the spiritual renewal and evangelization that is happening in approximately 180 parishes in the Archdiocese of Boston!

Please consider joining a group—new groups are forming.

**Group leaders are also needed!** Sign-up cards can be found at the back of the church. Please call the office if you would like more information.

### **Attention: All Parish Volunteers**

In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy for annual background checks, all staff and volunteers must complete the annual C.O.R.I. (Criminal Offender Record Information) form. Please visit the Parish Office with your driver's license to complete the 2009-2010 C.O.R.I. form. If you have any questions, please call the office and ask for Nancy or email [nmandarini@saintfrancis.net](mailto:nmandarini@saintfrancis.net). Thank you!

### **Religious Education Classes**

Classes will begin the week of **September 27<sup>th</sup>**. Class lists will be posted at our Parish Picnic today, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Any questions? Contact Dawn Bastien in the Religious Education Office.

## TWENTY-FIFTH 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.

### Parish Pastoral Council

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