



**Saturday, October 3**

9:00am Beatrice Taylor (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)  
4:00pm Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Masse (Memorial)

**Sunday, October 4**

8:00am Frank & Adeline Gaiero (Memorial)  
10:00am The Campbell Family (Memorial)  
11:30am John Romanowski (Memorial)  
5:00pm Benefactors & Deceased Members of  
St. Francis Parish

**Monday, October 5**

9:00am

**Tuesday, October 6**

9:00am Laura Marchand (Anniversary)

**Wednesday, October 7**

9:00am

**Thursday, October 8**

9:00am Special Intention

**Friday, October 9**

9:00am

**Saturday, October 10**

9:00am Richard L. & Frances E. Gerst (Memorial)  
4:00pm Mr. & Mrs. Peter Letendre (Anniversary)

**Sunday, October 11**

8:00am  
10:00am Beatrice Taylor (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)  
11:30am Rita Smith (Memorial)  
5:00pm

**Weekly Offertory**

*September 27, 2009*

**OFFERTORY: \$7,430**

**Thank you for your generosity!**  
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**Altar Flowers**

Altar flowers this weekend were given in memory of  
**The Campbell Family.**

**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 sweetened condensed milk.** All package sizes welcome. Deposit in the "Bakeless Bake Sale" bin in the main lobby. Thank you (and enjoy the time off)!

**VIRTUS Training**

On **Saturday, October 24th** 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. The class lasts for 3 hours and is free of charge. Please call the office to sign up or email [nmandarini@saintfrancis.net](mailto:nmandarini@saintfrancis.net) - space is limited. If you are unable to attend on the 24<sup>th</sup>, **St. Marguerite Parish** will be having a VIRTUS Training in their **Church Hall on Tuesday, Oct 20th from 6:30 to 9:30pm.** Please call St. Marguerite Parish @ 978-957-0322 to sign up.

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
*It's coming soon!*



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. More information can be found elsewhere in the bulletin! This is a great day of family fun—you won't want to miss it!

Kathy Long is now able to receive e-mail while she is in Oregon with her son Travis. You may contact her at [klong@saintfrancis.net](mailto:klong@saintfrancis.net). Thank you for your continued prayers and support!

**From Fr. Bob**



THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!!!: On behalf of the entire parish and all those who attended the performances, I want to thank Linda Trouville and her entire troupe for the wonderful, energetic and thoroughly enjoyable show last weekend. The amount of work you all put into the show reaped a wonderful reward for everyone. God bless you all for the GIFT to the parish and beyond. I look forward to hearing some of the songs again at the Harvest on the Hill Festival next weekend.

FOR YEARS OF SERVICE, WE ARE GRATEFUL: This weekend, Fr. Gagnon will end his service to St. Francis at the 10 o'clock Liturgy. It is really impossible to list the ways in which the enthusiasm, loyalty and LOVE that Father has been shown to the parish. But we are so grateful and wish him more years of good health, laughter and joy – and a special prayer for his peace of heart. God bless you, Fr. Gagnon.

*Fr. Bob*

**Gift Card Harvest Tree Raffle**

Come reap a "bountiful harvest"! Purchase a chance to win our gift card tree. Chances are 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10. You may also purchase your chances when you come to the Harvest Festival.



*Rest in Peace*

**Barbara Landers,**  
*Mother of Noreen Novelline*

**Susan Smith,**  
*Wife of Preston Smith*

**Yvette E. Trouville,**  
*Sister of Juliette Doyle*

**"Choose Life" License Plate**

In 1996, a county commissioner in Florida had an idea to create a license plate to raise funds and awareness in support of women in crisis pregnancies who could commit to having their babies and placing them for adoption rather than opting for abortion. The "Choose Life" license plate is the best selling specialty plate released in Florida since 1998. This may be our last chance to make "Choose Life" a reality in MA. **We need your help to obtain 214 more registrations in MA by Oct 31<sup>st</sup>!** If you are interested, log on to <http://www.machoose-life.org/index.htm> for a registration form and contact Joanna Bazzinotti, St. Francis coordinator, at (978) 835-5767 or [abazzinotti@hotmail.com](mailto:abazzinotti@hotmail.com). Sign up now!

**Upcoming Meetings**



**Monday, October 5:** Spiritual Life Commission, 6:45pm  
**Tuesday, October 6:** Grade 2 Parent Meeting, 6:45pm  
**Tuesday, October 13:** St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 7pm  
**Wed., October 14:** Baptismal Preparation Class, 7:30pm  
**Wed., October 14:** Bereavement Support Group, 7pm  
**Sunday, October 18:** Widow & Widowers Group, 2-4pm

**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).

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Religious Education Teachers 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 and a 5<sup>th</sup> grade Religious Education teacher at 6:30pm on either Wednesday or Thursday evenings. We also need a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at 4pm on Mondays. Please call Dawn in the Religious Ed office if you are interested at (978) 453-4460!

**Cards for Kathy Long**

We realize that many of our parishioners are worried and concerned about Kathy Long and her son Travis. The address below is for anyone who would like to send Kathy a note or card to let her know that you are praying for Travis and her family at this difficult time. I am sure she would love to hear from you as her days have been long and difficult being so far away from family, friends and home. Travis continues to make very slow progress; the family has a long road ahead of them. Please keep them in your prayers. Thank you!

**Providence Cancer Center**  
**Attention Marsh Tengwell for Kathy & Travis Long**  
**4805 NE Glison Street**  
**Cancer Support Services/1st floor N Tower**  
**Portland, Oregon 97213**

**PARACHUTE PLOP - 50/50**



It's time to "fall in" for a great day of fun. Come to the Harvest Festival to watch our 3 jumpers and see where they land. Please stop by the table on the plaza and purchase a chance to win money in our 2nd "Parachute Plop - 50/50". Good luck to all!

### 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.

**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.

### RCIA

RCIA will begin on **Sunday, October 18 with the 10am Mass** and a meeting to follow at 11am. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for any adults who wish to make their Confirmation or be baptized in the Catholic faith. Want more information? Call the Parish Office at (978) 452-6611 to find out more or to sign up.



*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

There is still time to join an ARISE small faith-sharing group. The groups begin **today, October 4<sup>th</sup>**, and many days and times are available. Call the Parish Office for more details and to sign up.

### 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!

### 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.

### A Message from Kathy Long

Today is day 23 in ICU with my son Travis and I am just coming up for air. Today the doctors assured us that Travis is out of the acute phase and into the recovery phase, which will be long but is really happening. He should be off the ventilator in two weeks or less and then moving to a regular floor in the hospital. Jesus and your prayers for Travis, the doctors and me have made it possible for me to write you this good news. I can never thank you enough for all your prayers and the emotional and monetary support during this most difficult time of my life; and I thank God that he sent me to St. Francis Parish -a parish full of goodness, kindness and where the love of God shines through to all. If all continues well, I hope to be home with you for the Harvest Fair and Confirmation. May the Lord bless all of you even more abundantly than He has blessed me.

*I remain the Lord's and your humble servant,  
Kathy*

## *TWENTY-SEVENTH 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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