



Saturday, November 7

9:00am Mary, Victor & Lee Pimentel (*Memorial*)

4:00pm Betty Letendre (*Anniversary*)

Sunday, November 8

8:00am Richard L. & Frances E. Gerst (*Memorial*)

10:00am Marc R. Beauregard (*Memorial*)

11:30am Janice Howey (*10th Anniversary*)

5:00pm Vincent and Stephanie McCarthy Abraham
and Winnie Albis (*Memorial*)

Monday, November 9

9:00am William Libera (*5th Anniversary*)

Tuesday, November 10

9:00am

Wednesday, November 11

9:00am

Thursday, November 12

9:00am Wanda Ann Casey (*1st Anniversary*)

Friday, November 13

9:00am

Saturday, November 14

9:00am George Rauseo (*4th Anniversary*)

4:00pm Richard Sawyer, Sr. & Richard Sawyer, Jr
(*Anniversary*)

Sunday, November 15

8:00am Raymond J. Maher, Sr. (*20th Anniversary*)
& Lillian T. Maher (*Memorial*)

10:00am Maurice Beaulieu (*Memorial*)

11:30am Lindsay Bastien (*12th Anniversary*)

5:00pm George Ramsey (*Memorial*)

Weekly Offertory

November 1, 2009

OFFERTORY: \$8,627

ONLINE: \$415

CPL: \$1,697

The second collection *this weekend* is for the Campaign
for Human Development.

Thank you for your generosity!

RCIA

RCIA has begun! We meet every Sunday **starting with the 10am Mass and a meeting to follow at 11am.** It's never too late to join! 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.

Mass of Remembrance



All are welcome to join us on **Wednesday, November 18 at 7pm in the Church** for our annual Mass of Remembrance, remembering and praying for all those who have died this past year. Refreshments will follow in the parish hall.

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.

During the Month of November

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: Please sign the Book of Remembrance of loved ones that will be remembered at all of our Masses during the month.

ALL SOUL'S DAY ENVELOPES: You are invited to include the names of loved ones on the All Soul's Day Envelopes available in the church. These envelopes will be placed on the altar during the month and all will be remembered.

FLOWERS IN MEMORY: We will have a small bouquet of fresh flowers each week on the Book of Remembrance table. If you would like to donate \$30 toward the bouquet, please drop off your donation at the office with the name of the persons to be remembered. We currently have one more spot left.



The bread and wine this week are given by
The Clarence Campbell Family in memory of
Keith Roy.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From Fr. Bob

Do you ever have one of the periods of time when life seems to just zip by so fast, sort of like a freight train you want to get on, but it is hard to “jump” in the car? That is happening to me right now. Gratefully, and I can’t say this enough, the Staff of the Parish – both parishes – have been incredible in keeping the “machine” working all this time. In the same way, so many parishioners and leaders of various groups have been fantastic in supporting the staffs, and all the programs are going forward beautifully and effectively. I am so grateful and really see this as a time when the community comes together to support one another – and builds up the Body of Christ, the Church, the Family, and one another. We are truly blessed. I know I feel that very much during this difficult time ...and it is not quite over.

In the next few weeks, I will be going on my scheduled 8-day retreat in NY State; then, I leave retreat to officiate at the wedding for my Godson in Brooklyn. I return to the parishes on the 15th and on the 17th I head down to Florida to bring my mother back “home” to New England; then, it is Thanksgiving. Good bye, November! While all this is going on in my hectic life, the parish, under the wonderful service of Fr. Chris and Fr. Lyons and the other priests, provides you with all the services you need. I am so thankful for their support during this time. Please continue your prayers for my mother and for me. I assure you that as you read this, I am on retreat and praying for you and the parish.

One of the most important projects going on right now is the Grand Annual Drive. The initial response has been slow, but I understand that with all that is going on in your life – especially financially – that it takes a bit of time to put it together. However, I do want to encourage you to make a generous contribution to the parish. We need the Grand Annual to fulfill our regular budget for the coming year. It supplements our programs and is essential to our fiscal responsibility. If you haven’t had a chance to make a contribution, I hope that you can do so in the coming weeks.

In the pews starting this week, you will find information regarding our Commitment to Parish Life program. This program has really taken off and we are getting such wonderful feedback from our parishioners that have begun to make a regular contribution through their bank, credit card or simply sending their contribution via mail. The simplicity of this program’s success is easy and I want to encourage you – not to be scared! – but to seriously consider making a commitment to the parish through this program. Take an envelope located in any pew, look over the material and prayerfully consider your commitment to the Parish. Your sacrifice and commitment really will be helpful to our financial development. Thank you.

November is for remembering those who have died and to be “thankful” not only nationally, but spiritually. I hope you will attend the Memorial Mass at the parish. I also strongly encourage you to attend one of the Masses being offered for deceased priests either at St. John the Evangelist in Chelmsford on the 17th or St. Michael’s, No. Andover on the 19th. Both begin at 7:30. So many priests have served you and your family through the years, and offering a Mass for them would be a great show of gratitude. God bless them all. During this Year For Priests, I personally am grateful for your prayers and support. May God continue to bless you and your family.

Fr. Bob

In Remembrance...



The remembrance table flowers this week are given in memory of:

Edwin Hughes

Memorial Service for all Deceased Priests

Is there a priest who has impacted your life? Is there a priest who was there for you when you were in need, both in moments of joy and sorrow? In the midst of this Year for Priests and this Month of All Souls, you are invited to join with priests and faithful from throughout the Merrimack Region of the Archdiocese of Boston at one of two regional Memorial Services for all deceased priests to be celebrated on **Tuesday 17 November at St. John the Evangelist Church, Chelmsford, and on Thursday 19 November at Saint Michael Church, North Andover**. Both services will take place from **7:30 to 8:30 pm** and will consist of Solemn Evening Prayer in the context of Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

“Catch the Spirit” 2009

Holiday Gathering at St. Francis Parish

It’s never too early to get that “just right” gift for your friend, teacher or neighbor. Come & browse our gift basket raffle rooms for some great choices and take a chance on winning one from our raffle. Also visit our tempting bake sale table and satisfy your sweet tooth. Take a break and relax at our holiday café while enjoying lunch or dinner on Saturday, or breakfast muffin on Sunday morning. Children can visit Santa’s Workshop to make crafts, play games and watch movies with popcorn. This year, they can enjoy a visit from Mrs. Claus while she reads Christmas stories. You can also take a chance at winning some extra holiday cash from our 50/50 raffles! Please take some time to enjoy the holidays and join us at our annual holiday gathering on **Nov. 21 and 22**. Come “catch the spirit”!

**Ste. Marguerite d'Youville's Youth Ministry
Will be hosting its 3rd Annual**

**Fall Festival & Christmas Craft Fair
Saturday, November 14, 2009**

8am-3pm ~ Rain or Shine

Parish Center ~ 30 Goodhue Ave. Dracut, MA

8 + rooms to shop (each room app. 21'x46')

Food & Beverages Available for sale (Food Court not
handicap accessible)

**All proceeds benefit Ste. Marguerite d'Youville's Youth
Ministry Program**

Save the Dates!



Saturday, November 21, 12 Noon-6pm

Sunday, November 22, 8am-2pm

It's that time of year again! Plans for the annual St. Francis Christmas Fair are in full swing. Featured this year are our famous basket raffles, bake sale, delicious food and children's activities for the Saturday crowd (complete with a fireside story told by our very special guest, Mrs. Claus!).

We are in need of enthusiastic volunteers for all of the above activities. If you are interested, please contact Delia Ayotte at 978-761-1678 or by email at stfccd4@comcast.net.



Rest in Peace

Stephanie Jenoski,

*Mother of Patricia Onanian, David, Raymond and
Michael Jenoski*

Robert R. Villandry,

Brother of Pauline Boudries

CHILDREN'S COAT DRIVE

The chilly weather is here, and many of us are cleaning out our closets and donating outgrown clothing. Please consider donating any gently used children's coats that you may have to the **Iraq Children's Fund**. One of our "hometown heroes", TSgt Christopher Burgess, is currently serving in the Air Force on another tour of duty in Iraq for six months. While there, Chris has become a part of the Iraq Children's Fund, which is made up of U.S. soldiers seeking churches and organizations in the U.S. to organize children's coat drives for the many, many poor children in war-torn Iraq. Donation bins will be available in the foyer for the next few weeks. Monetary donations are also being accepted to help cover the cost of shipping overseas. Monetary donations can be dropped in any collection basket or brought to the Parish Office. Please clearly mark your envelope. Thank you!

St. Francis "Thanks for Giving" Food Drive

Food donations during the month of November will benefit the **Dracut Food Pantry**, which has experienced an increase in demand while overall donations are lower in this difficult economy. All non-perishables are welcome to help restock for the holiday openings (Nov. 21 and Dec. 19). The following "Thanks for Giving" food items are especially appreciated:

Instant Mashed Potatoes -- Potato Sides -- Canned Potatoes -- Stuffing -- Gravy -- Cranberry Sauce -- Rice Sides -- Pasta Sides -- Cake, Cookie, Bread & Brownie Mixes -- Pie Fillings/Crusts

With our sincere thanks for your continued generosity,

The Dracut Food Pantry

St. Francis Parish Giving Tree



As Christmas approaches, St. Francis Parish will be setting up its annual Giving Tree on **November 21st**. This Christmas tree is placed at the rear of the church and is decorated with gift tags showing needed or desired Christmas gifts for someone in need. Parishioners take the tags and return the gifts to St. Francis. The gifts should be wrapped with the gift tags firmly attached, no later than December 13th.

In previous years, thanks to your kindness and generosity, you have made Christmas much happier for many families needing assistance at this time. Thank you for helping!

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

We are looking for bakers for this year's Christmas Fair to be held the weekend of **November 21-22**. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer at the back of the church at all Masses this weekend and next weekend as well. There are also sign-up sheets for those of you that wish to volunteer in another way. If you could help us, that would be wonderful. As always, your generosity and hard work is greatly appreciated. Please call Delia Ayotte at 978-761-1678 or email at stfccd4@comcast.net with any questions.

Please stop by and visit the:

**St. Louis School Christmas Fair
Saturday, November 14, 2009**

9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the St. Louis School Center
Santa will be arriving at 11:00 am and Activities include:

Pictures with Santa

Vendor and craft tables

Games, prizes, and food

Sweet Shoppe

Decorate your own gingerbread man

Many raffles including Celtics and Bruins tickets

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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.

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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