



**Saturday, November 14**

9:00am George Rauseo (*4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*)  
4:00pm Richard Sawyer, Sr. & Richard Sawyer, Jr  
(*Anniversary*)

**Sunday, November 15**

8:00am Raymond J. Maher, Sr. (*20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*)  
& Lillian T. Maher (*Memorial*)  
10:00am Maurice Beaulieu (*Memorial*)  
11:30am Lindsay Bastien (*12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*)  
5:00pm George Ramsey (*Memorial*)

**Monday, November 16**

9:00am Lyle Connors (*Month's Mind*)

**Tuesday, November 17**

9:00am Jeannette (Trudel) Levas (*Month's Mind*)

**Wednesday, November 18**

9:00am Maurice Beaulieu (*Memorial*)

**Thursday, November 19**

9:00am

**Friday, November 20**

9:00am Mike Boutin (*Memorial*)

**Saturday, November 21**

9:00am Claire Flaherty (*1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary*)  
4:00pm Roland Jacques (*Memorial*)

**Sunday, November 22**

8:00am Mae Caron (*7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*)  
10:00am Walter J. Vengren (*10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*)  
11:30am Robert Latour (*Anniversary*)  
5:00pm Thomas Bertini (*11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*)

**Weekly Offertory**

*November 8, 2009*

**OFFERTORY: \$5,758.50**

**CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT:**

**\$2,016.50**

**CPL: \$4,050**

**GRAND ANNUAL (TO DATE): \$30,223**

The second collection *next weekend* is for the  
Retired Religious Sisters.

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

**Thanksgiving Mass Schedule**



We ask you to make a special effort to invite family, friends and neighbors to our special prayer moment to be celebrated at **7:00pm on Wednesday, November 25, 2009**. This is the perfect opportunity to thank God for all His gifts to us. As a sign of gratitude, we ask people to share their gifts with those who are in need by bringing non-perishable food items for the Dracut Food Pantry. Also, as a sign of unity, you will receive a blessed loaf of bread to share with your loved ones at Thanksgiving dinner. Please join us!

**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.

**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 two more spots left.

**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.

**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.

**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 21<sup>st</sup>**. 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 13<sup>th</sup>.

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!

**St. Vincent de Paul**

The Gospel predicts end times; our challenge, though, is to live faithfully now. When we live in conformity to the Word, hearing Jesus' words and living them out, the future holds no fear for us.

**As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are hearing the words of Jesus and living them out.**

**Spiritual Life Commission**

The Spiritual Life Commission will meet again on **Monday, November 16 at 6:45pm.** Please let Kathy know if you are unable to attend.

**In Remembrance...**



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

**Memorial Service for all Deceased Priests**  
*An invitation for this week*

The Very Reverend Arthur M. Coyle, Regional Vicar of the Merrimack Region of the Archdiocese of Boston, invites you to join with him, the priests and faithful of the Region at one of two Memorial Services for all deceased priests to be celebrated on this **Tuesday 17 November at St. John the Evangelist Church, 115 Middlesex Street, Chelmsford, and on this Thursday 19 November at Saint Michael Church, 196 Main Street, 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. This will be a graced opportunity for us to join together not only remembering those priests who have gone before us in faith but also to pray for all of our current priests, seminarians, and also for vocations to the priesthood. We hope that you can be with us on Tuesday or Thursday evening!

**"Catch the Spirit" 2009**  
Holiday Gathering at St. Francis Parish  
**Saturday, November 21, Noon-6pm**  
**Sunday, November 22, 8am-2pm**



The excitement of the holidays is in the air! Come to our annual holiday gathering and find:

- Holiday baskets for raffle and for sale (great for gift-giving!)
- Homemade goodies at our "Gingerbread Lane" bake sale and Holiday Café
- Kids can enjoy a movie with popcorn and a visit from Mrs. Claus
- Take a chance to win some holiday cash from our 50/50 raffles

Join us for the festivities and bring a friend! Kick off the holiday season and "catch the spirit"!

Save the Dates—Volunteers needed!

*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](mailto:stfccd4@comcast.net).**

### 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!

### VOCATION RETREAT

#### God Calls...We Respond

November 20-22, 2009

*Sponsored by the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary  
Marie Joseph Spiritual Center in Biddeford, Maine*

This weekend retreat will offer thought-provoking questions to help us discern God's call. How can I respond to God's call? What am I to offer: my talent, my skills, my entire being? We have all been chosen by God to respond to our vocation. Trusting in God's grace we will explore the call to discern a vocation to religious life. Take time with God and others to explore your vocational call. The time is right; God is waiting for you.

Who?: Single Women 18-35

Time: Friday arrival for 6:30 and depart Sunday at 1:00

Cost: \$135.00 (Scholarship assistance available)

Contact: Sister Susan at: [srsusanpma@yahoo.com](mailto:srsusanpma@yahoo.com) or at 978-689-3746

### St. Francis Parish Ultreya

Join us for our next Ultreya—an evening of prayer, sharing and song—on **Friday, November 27 at 7pm** beginning in the Church. All are welcome!



## Rest in Peace

**Henri J. Ostiguy,**

*Father of Jeanne LeBlanc, John and Robert Ostiguy*

### 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. 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](mailto:stfccd4@comcast.net) with any questions.

### CATHOLICS CAN LEARN ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH ONLINE ANYTIME AT CATHOLICTV.COM

Catholics now have an online source for Catholic catechesis available to them at anytime at [www.CatholicTV.com](http://www.CatholicTV.com). CatholicTV.com offers many shows which aim to teach about the Catholic faith. These catechetical shows include a retreat based on the Ignatian Discernment of Spirits, a series on the Old Testament prophets, a Catechetical game show, a Catholic discussion show produced by teenagers, a show on Catholic marriage, and many others.

CatholicTV is a nationally-broadcasted television network headquartered near Boston. CatholicTV streams its broadcast simultaneously, 24 hours a day at [www.CatholicTV.com](http://www.CatholicTV.com)

CatholicTV.com has over 60 shows for Catholics who are interested in learning more about their faith and growing closer to God. CatholicTV produces about 40% of its programming and all of the shows by CatholicTV have archived episodes viewable anytime.

### Generations of Faith Festival

Where is Peace?



All families are welcome to join us for the next Generations of Faith Festival being held on: **Tuesday, December 1, 5:30-7:30pm; Thursday, December 3, 5:30-7:30pm; Saturday, December 5, 4-7pm or Sunday, December 6, 11:30am-2:30pm**. The menu will include pasta, rolls and dessert. Fill out a form in the parish hall, e-mail Dawn Bastien at [dbastien@saintfrancis.net](mailto:dbastien@saintfrancis.net) or call the office at (978) 453-4460 to sign up. All Religious Education families are encouraged to attend.

## THIRTY-THIRD 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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