



Saturday, November 28

9:00am For the intentions of the St. Francis
Prayer Line
4:00pm Dorothy Keaton (*Memorial*)

Sunday, November 29

8:00am Rose Blanchette (*Anniversary*)
10:00am Virginia Facendola (*9th Anniversary*)
11:30am Florence LaVoie (*Anniversary*)
5:00pm Paul Lynn (*4th Anniversary*)

Monday, November 30

9:00am Stephanie A. Jenoski (*Month's Mind*)

Tuesday, December 1

9:00am Madeline Libera (*Memorial*)

Wednesday, December 2

9:00am Lina & Ernest Verville (*Memorial*)

Thursday, December 3

9:00am Stephanie Jenoski (*Month's Mind*)

Friday, December 4

9:00am

Saturday, December 5

9:00am Doris & Henry Gaillardetz (*Memorial*)
4:00pm Nancy Kramer (*Anniversary*)

Sunday, December 6

8:00am Yvonne Saindon (*Memorial*)
10:00am Maurice Beaulieu (*Memorial*)
11:30am Louis & Eunice LaVoie (*Memorial*)
5:00pm *Benefactors & Deceased members of
St. Francis Parish*

Weekly Offertory

November 22, 2009

OFFERTORY: \$6,424

RETIRED RELIGIOUS SISTERS: \$2,919

CPL: \$2,259

GRAND ANNUAL (TO DATE): \$46,238

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

Thank you for your generosity!

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.** There promises to be some very delicious food! Fill out a form in the parish hall, e-mail Dawn Bastien at dbastien@saintfrancis.net or call the office at (978) 453-4460 to sign up. All Religious Education families are encouraged to attend.

Joint Parish Advent Retreat



Take some time for God during this joyous Advent season and join us for our Joint Parish Advent Retreat on **Monday, December 14 and Tuesday, December 15. Both nights will begin at 7pm.**

On **Monday**, our time will begin at **St. Marguerite Parish** with a Reconciliation Prayer Service and time for individual confessions. On **Tuesday**, join us at **St. Francis Parish** for an Evening of Prayer and Celebration of God's coming into the world. Refreshments to follow. We hope to see you there!

St. Francis Parish Giving Tree



St. Francis Parish has set up its annual Giving Tree! 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!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Message from Fr. Bob



A HEARTFELT THANKSGIVING TO YOU: As we focus on Thanksgiving during these days, and family into the Advent/Christmas Season, I want again to thank everyone in the parish that has prayed, supported and helped not only me, but the staff as well. I am so grateful for the Staff of both parishes that have kept things going. I have to keep reminding myself of how lucky I am for them. My mother is getting settled in her new "home" and I am so happy to have her closer to me. Advent begins this weekend.... Let us welcome the Lord into our lives.

Also, I want to thank Dave and Celeste Allard and everyone who helped to make this past weekend's event such a great success. The food was delicious, the baskets were wonderfully filled and arranged, and the opportunities to win were many. God bless everyone for all their work out in "front" and in the "background." We need both for a success and all of you were terrific.

Fr. Bob

"Catch the Spirit"



To all those who helped with this year's holiday basket raffle/fair - THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! It is your help that makes our event a success. **We raised \$5,593.55 total!** Merry Christmas to all.

The Christmas Committee

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.

Joint Christmas Concert

The combined choirs of St. Michael and St. Francis parishes will hold a Christmas concert here at St. Francis on **Sunday, December 13 at 2pm in the church.** Take a chance to slow down and savor the joy of the season! Come hear some wonderful traditional and contemporary Christmas music and join us afterward for refreshments in the Parish Hall. Hope to see you there!

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.

St. Marguerite d'Youville's Youth Ministry Presents

O Holy Night

A beautiful display of Nativity Sets, Scenes and Depictions



December 2-5, 2009

St. Marguerite's Parish Center – 30 Goodhue Ave.

Dracut, MA

Wed.-Fri. 10am-2pm & 6pm-9pm

Sat. 9am-3pm & 5pm-9pm

Treat yourself, your family, friends & neighbors! Enjoy a lovely stroll and view various nativity sets, ornaments, picture cards, and other displays of the birth of Jesus. Spend an hour or ten minutes, relax and enjoy the sounds, the smells and the peace of Christmas. Hot beverages, snacks & crafts will be available for sale. Free will offerings are accepted. Join us!

Childrens Christmas Choir



Do you love music? Come and join us for the Children's Christmas Choir! We will sing at the **6pm Christmas Eve Mass.** Simply come to rehearsal if you would like to join! **Our rehearsal dates are Saturday, December 5 from 11:30am-1pm and Saturday, December 19 from 11:30am-1pm.** Please join us!

Spiritual Life Commission Meeting

The next meeting of the Spiritual Life Commission will be held on **Monday, December 7 at 6:45pm.** See you then!

Men's Spirituality Breakfast

All men 18 and older are welcome to join us on **Saturday, December 12 from 7-9am** for the Men's Spirituality Breakfast in the Parish Hall. Our morning includes fantastic food, excellent fellowship, a spiritual speaker and daily Mass in the church at 9am. Please join us!

A BIG THANK YOU!



Thank you to all who donated children's coats for the Iraqi Children's Fund. We collected nearly 100 coats to donate! Your generosity is greatly appreciated. God bless you!

**Book Discussion Group
90 Minutes in Heaven**



Brought to you by popular demand, join us as Fr. Bob and Kathy discuss 90 Minutes in Heaven by Don Piper with you. Simply purchase and read the book and call the Parish Office to sign up for this event being held on Saturday, **January 9 from 9:30-11am**. Looking for a Christmas gift for someone? 90 Minutes in Heaven makes a meaningful and thought-provoking gift. Give it to a loved one and then bring him or her along to our discussion! Don't miss this chance to "see life's troubles in a whole new light". Sign up today!

St. Vincent de Paul

As we begin Advent, we are called to "await" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Mass Schedule**

Tuesday, December 8, 2009



Masses: 9:00am and 7:00pm

Widow & Widowers Christmas Party

The Widow and Widowers Social Support Group will hold its Christmas party on **Saturday, December 12 from 11:30am-3:00pm in the Parish Hall**. All are welcome!



Rest in Peace

Richard Bradley,

*Husband of Doris Bradley; Father of Rick, Steven,
David, Michael and Robert Bradley*

Margaret Famosi,

Mother of Brenda Stafford

Josephine Grailich,

Mother of Ed Grailich

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. 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

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.

Pray for your Priests?

During this Year for Priests, The Vocation Office is happy to announce that the Serra Boston Vocation Club is initiating the "Adopt-a-Priest Apostolate" where Faithful throughout the Archdiocese spiritually adopt a priest presently working in the Archdiocese of Boston for one year.

Those participating are given (by random in a sealed envelope) the name of a priest presently living or working in the Archdiocese, prayer cards and a prayer booklet and are asked to pray for the particular intentions and ministry of that priest.

This is a great way to support our Priests and to promote a Culture of Vocations. Would you please consider this important prayer mission?

For more information or to be assigned a priest of the Archdiocese to pray for on a daily basis, please call 978-462-1057 (ask for Loretta Gallagher-President of Serra) or go to: www.serraboston.org or www.vocationsboston.org.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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