

January 17, 2010
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

4:00 PM Doreen, Joseph & Pauline Dupont
 by Joseph & Virginia Dupont

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

8:00 AM Debora Patterson by Tom & Mary Lou Forand
 9:30 AM Anna Fernandes by her family (3rd anniversary)
 11:00 AM Horacio Ferreira by his family (21st anniversary)

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

9:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Fortin by their daughter, Collette

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

9:00 AM Joanne F. Silva by Joanne Campos

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

9:00 AM Robert Peloquin by his family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

9:00 AM Irene Fairhurst by her family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

4:00 PM Paul Boulay by his family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00 AM MM John Leary by their daughter, Claire McMahon
 9:30 AM John Carvalho by his wife and children
 11:00 AM Nelson C. Mello by his parents.
 Augustine & Laudalina Mello

January Memorial Candles

Sanctuary Lamp in memory of Henry and Adele Dion by their daughter, Jeannine

Altar Candles in memory of Norman Beaulieu by his wife, Ruth

Tabernacle Candles in memory of Paul Boulay by his wife, Lorraine and family

Collection January 10th

Budget.....	\$ 4,341.53
I.M.E.....	\$ 1,591.00
Initial Offering for Envelopes.....	\$ 394.00

***"Thank You" to all who continue to
 Generously support our parish!***

Please remember Not to forget St. Francis of Assisi Parish in your Will.

50 Week Club – Congratulations to the January 17th winner.....David Miranda



The next meeting will be **TONIGHT Sunday, January 17th** at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall. Please contact Monica Valenti if you have any questions. Bring a friend!

BAKE SALE - Our Youth Group will be hosting a bake sale after all masses today.

All proceeds from the bake sale will be used to defray the cost of a Leadership Retreat they will be attending Feb.14-16, at the Mello Retreat Center in Jacksonville, VT operated by Dave and Terry Dumaine. Please stop by the church hall after mass and choose from a delicious assortment of homemade goodies to take home and enjoy!

**St. Francis of Assisi CCD
Christmas Food Drive 2009-2010
 December 6th – January 24th
 January 24th – Organizing and Packing in
 the Church Hall from 12:00-1:00**

- ◆ The CCD Program at St. Francis of Assisi welcomes all classes and families to participate in our holiday food drive. The intent is to collect as much food as possible, and donate it to the Catholic Social Services, St. Vincent de Paul Society, and members of our Parish Community.
- ◆ On Sunday, January 24th 12:00 until 1:00, we will be meeting to organize and box any of the food delivered. (Snow Date: Tuesday, January 26th from 4:00-5:00)
- ◆ Please bring/send your donated item(s) in to your CCD class between December 6th and January 24th.
- ◆ Any questions...call Matt Talbot at 774-930-6259. Thanks for any and all help!

Altar Servers, Lectors, Special Ministers of the Eucharist – If you have any scheduling issues for the upcoming months (i.e. vacations plans), please contact Judy Roderigues at 508-679-8212.



Life in the Spirit Seminars here at St. Francis.

*This could be an awesome event
in your life!*

If you desire a deeper personal encounter with Jesus Christ, and would like to experience the Father's love through the Holy Spirit, we encourage you to attend a "Life in the Spirit Seminar".

This seven week seminar will give you a new or renewed desire for prayer and reading of the Scriptures. Everyone is encouraged to attend, any age, any level of commitment. All you need is a desire for "more" of God in your life.

**Seven Thursdays beginning February 4 to
March 18---7:30 PM to 8:30 PM.**

I would like everyone in the parish to attend. Please call the rectory and let us know if you are planning to attend. Renown speakers Don and Pat Turbitt will present the seminars

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Weather permitting, our next workshop will be on Tuesday, January 19th at 1:30 p.m. in the church hall. Do you know of anyone needing comfort and prayers? We have shawls, lap robes and also chemo caps for those undergoing chemo treatments. Also, in this extreme cold, some of our elderly or sick parishioners may need extra warmth to be comfortable. Don't be shy, please call Claire Morissette at 508-672-0104.

Family Life Corner

The Family Life Committee is looking for faith-filled, generous people who are willing to share ideas, talents and faith to enrich St. Francis of Assisi parish. Our goal is to transform our parish community into a vibrant, active and welcoming home, where we all feel treasured and loved. To do this, ***we need you!*** Our membership is growing, but we still need more people to continue to do things which make our parish awesome. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall, Please join us for some fun and fellowship. For more information please call Christine Patota at 508-677-0804.

Upcoming Events

**Sunday, February 14th
Valentine Day Breakfast**

Additional information will be provided in next week's bulletin.

Parish Registration

Many people consider themselves members St. Francis of Assisi Parish although they have never registered with our parish office. In order for us to better serve you and your family members, it is important that you register in the parish. ***If you do not receive any mailings from the parish, or do not receive budget envelopes, you are probably not in our computer as a current member of the parish.*** This poses a problem when we are asked to provide sponsor forms for baptism or confirmation sponsor/godparents or letters of recommendation from Fr. Michael for Catholic high schools. Often we are unable to contact a family regarding a particular situation simply because we have no information regarding them. Our faith community depends on the sharing of time, talent and treasure of its parishioners. We hope that you consider St. Francis your home and register your family as a member of ours. Registration forms are available at the parish office. Thank you.

March for Life, Washington

Massachusetts Caucus in D.C. before the March for Life, sponsored by Massachusetts Citizens for Life, January 22, 2010 from 9:30-11:30 AM at the Russell Senate Office Building room 325. We will have coffee, speakers including Prof. Michael New; expert on pro-life statistics; Constitutional Law Professor Dwight Duncan; and Professor Mark Rienzi, the counsel of record on our Buffer Zone Appeal. For further information or the bus schedule to DC please contact: Mass Citizens for Life (617) 242-4199, visit

<http://www.masscitizensforlife.org>, or email us at MCFL@masscitizensforlife.org

Assembly for Life

Massachusetts Citizens for Life Annual Assembly for Life, Sunday, January 24, 2010, 2-4PM, Faneuil Hall. The keynote speaker is Michael Clancy whose photo of "Baby Samuel" reaching out of the womb to grasp the doctor's hand has saved many unborn lives and changed Clancy's life completely. MCFL will be honoring Bishop Thomas J. Tobin of Providence and expects, among others, Cardinal Sean O'Malley and young songwriter Michael Maloney

INTERESTED IN ADULT CONFIRMATION?

If you are an adult interested in being confirmed, please contact the parish office (508-673-2808), **by February 1st**, to register for Adult Confirmation Classes.

Emmaus Retreat Weekend - February 12-14 Cathedral Camp, E. Freetown, MA

A heartfelt invitation is open to join us on our next Emmaus weekend! Emmaus is a weekend retreat program for people who are seeking to grow in their relationship with Christ, regardless of their present level of faith and practice. The purpose of the weekend is to give participants an opportunity to reflect upon themselves and their relationship with God and their community. You will build valuable relationships through friendship, encouragement, prayer and the awesome power of God.

Emmaus is a Catholic retreat program that is open to people of all Christian faiths.

For more information please contact Debbie Sousa at 508-646-3902 or visit our website at www.emmausretreats.com.

NOTICE FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

It has come to our attention that a document is being circulated as a voter education piece that is entitled: "Voting for the Common Good – A Political Guide for Conscientious Catholics." It appears that the document is produced by the Catholic Alliance for the Common Good.

Please be advised that this document is not sanctioned by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) nor by any of the Massachusetts dioceses, nor by the Massachusetts Catholic Conference (MCC). At this time the MCC has not prepared or sanctioned any voter guides.

The political activity guidelines produced by the General Counsel's Office of USCCB, available online at <http://www.usccb.org/ogc/guilelines.shtml>, state that "Catholic organizations should be wary of outside groups seeking to distribute "voter education" materials. Outside voter education materials should be approached with extreme caution....the fact that it may be permissible for the preparing organization to distribute a voter guide does not make it appropriate for Catholic organizations to do so."

The Administrative Committee of USCCB recently adopted the following motion without dissent regarding voter guides from outside groups, "to urge parishes not

to distribute voter education materials that are not authorized and distributed by the dioceses, the State Catholic Conference or this Conference."

If you have any questions, please contact your diocesan attorney or MCC at www.macathconf.org or call 1-617-367-6060.

NOTICE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

The Political Action Committee of Mass Citizens for Life may attempt to hand out political leaflets or leave them on the windshields of worshippers' cars during Mass. These leaflets have to do with voting for the upcoming special election for U.S. Senate. **These leaflets have no connection to the Church at all, nor do they speak for the Church.** No one was given authorization from the Bishop, the Diocesan Pro-Life Office, or the Pastor, to distribute these leaflets on or near parish properties.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 17, 2010

"There are different gifts but the same Spirit; there are different ministries but the same Lord; there are different works but the same God who accomplishes all of them in everyone. To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good."

As members of a vibrant church community it is easy to recognize the giftedness of so many people. Our worship comes alive through the commitment of readers, musicians. Our education efforts for adults and children reflect the firm faith of others, ready to transmit what they believe. The outreach to those in need continues to be an expression of Christ's love for others, through the pantry or hospital visits. The person who welcomed you at the door of the church made you feel welcome..

May we pause for a moment and look around. What still needs to be accomplished to build His kingdom here? Maybe it's something that has never been tried before, but it can answer a great need. Do I know where someone can get a job? Is there someone who needs a visit and a prayer? Is a visit to a terminally ill person possible, so a caregiver can have a respite or get to the store?

May I pause for a moment and look inside. Quietly look at your hands. What gift do I see I have that can touch the life of someone else? Pope Benedict certainly spoke about our ability to serve the common good. Maybe my gift is the only thing someone needs to change his or her life. Use it.

As an example look at what happened at Cana. Mary's last words in the bible 'do whatever he tells you' certainly helped the new family and strengthened the belief of others.

