



Jeanne Greenhalgh

Hello. I was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, to Rose and Conrad La Montaine. I was born at home, in 1943. Came from a French family. My mother, Rose, was one of 14 children. She was number 12 of the 14 children. Needless to say, we had a large French family living in the greater New Bedford area. We had French gatherings every Saturday night at our home. We lived in a tenement house in the north end of New Bedford. My aunt and uncle lived downstairs, and they had six children, and we lived upstairs, and at the time we had five children. One other came later, when we moved to another area in New Bedford.

Needless to say again, there were 11 children in the household, and we had many friends. Nearly every Saturday night was a gathering with aunts and uncles and cousins. We had a grand time. I went to French Catholic schools in the greater New Bedford area, and later became an Episcopalian, after meeting my husband, Richard. We have been members of Grace Church for over 50 years. It is a place where we are welcome, a place where we have enjoyed the family, the church family, have enjoyed worshipping with them and have found peace and joy.