

## Dear Faith Family,

This past week our faith family was shocked to learn of the incident involving Msgr. Arthur Coyle, a resident of the St. Rita Parish Rectory. I would like to point out, that over the last week I have been continually edified by the support of Fr. Chris, the pastoral staff and the support I received from parishioners, local clergy and the care and concern of Cardinal O'Malley, as expressed through the many calls from his offices. I wish to thank all for their support and to ask you to pray for healing of this matter through the intercession of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and His Divine Mercy.

**In Christ,  
Fr. Marc**

The following is the official Statement made by the Archdiocese on behalf of His Eminence Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley, OFM Cap.:

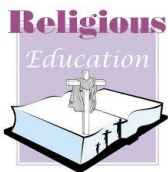
Statement Regarding  
Rev. Monsignor Arthur M. Coyle

(Braintree, Mass.) August 5 2013...The Archdiocese of Boston today announced that Rev. Monsignor Arthur M. Coyle has taken a voluntary administrative leave from his assignment, as a result of his arrest on charges related to sexual misconduct involving an adult. Msgr. Coyle has been serving as Episcopal Vicar of the Merrimack Region for the Archdiocese since 2008.

While on administrative leave, Msgr. Coyle is prohibited from performing any public ministry. These restrictions will remain in place pending the outcome of the case. The steps taken today do not represent a determination of Msgr. Coyle's guilt or innocence as it pertains to these charges.

The Archdiocese asks for prayers for all impacted by this matter.

## Religious Education New Registration



Registration for our 2013-2014 Religious Education Programs has begun. **You only need to register if you are new to the program (Grade 1, Grade 2 – Sacramental Preparation or Catholic High School Confirmation I or II program).** Please contact our Parish Office at (978)452-4812 and we will be happy to help you with your registration.

Please note that registration for our 2013-2014 Religious Education Programs ends on September 1, 2013 so be sure to register soon. Thank you!

## "Why Catholic?" Corner



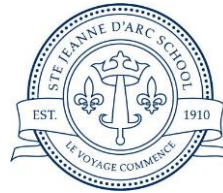
**Where do the "Why Catholic?" groups meet?** Both parishes offered venues for groups to meet during Lent: one group met in the Ste Marguerite d'Youville Parish Center, and two groups met in the Parish Offices.

Three groups met in the meeting rooms at St. Rita Parish and three groups met in the leader's home.

Should any leader or participant wish to offer his or her home for the meetings, this would certainly be welcome, if the group is agreeable.

To create a comfort level, it has been found that groups of 8 to 10 people are probably best.

## SJA Accepting Applications



Ste Jeanne d'Arc School located in Lowell, MA is now accepting applications for the 2014-2015 school year. We are a K1 – 8 Catholic independent school offering accelerated classes, K-8 French program, extensive athletic programs, extra-curricular activities and an Extended Day Care Program. A 2010 National Blue Ribbon School, we invite you to see what we have to offer. To learn more, visit our website at [www.sjdarc.org](http://www.sjdarc.org). To inquiry about enrollment or request an admissions package, please contact the Admissions Office at 978-453-4114.

## Summer Reminder

Now that summer is officially here, we would like to remind everyone about the need to take special care that what you wear in church is appropriate and modest. There is a tendency to wear clothing which may be suitable for the beach or lounging in one's backyard by the pool but which is very unacceptable in the place of worship.



Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors should be especially aware of the need to appear in neat and modest clothing - no tank tops, short shorts or tight fitting clothing. Kindly be aware that you are coming into the Holy Presence of the Lord not only in the tabernacle but also in yourself and everyone who is present.

***The Sanctuary Light will burn this week for  
A Special Intention.***

### Holy Day Mass Schedule

Thursday, August 15th, *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, is celebrated as a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses will be celebrated as follows:

#### **Saint Rita:**

Wednesday, August 14th at 7:00 pm  
Thursday, August 15th at 9:00 am

#### **Ste Marguerite d'Youville:**

Thursday, August 15th  
7:30 am and 4:00 pm

### Altar Server Appreciation Event

Saint Rita's and Ste Marguerite's Parishes would like to thank our altar servers by inviting you to join us for a trip to "Roller Kingdom" in Tyngsboro on Friday, August 23rd from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

This fun-filled afternoon will feature activities including roller skating, arcade, laser tag and pizza!

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by Sunday, August 11th. You may RSVP by emailing Fr. Chris at FrChris1340@gmail.com or by calling the Parish Offices at (978)452-4812.

You must fill out a permission slip, which are located at the back of the Church, to go on the trip. Please indicate whether you need transportation or if you will have your own transportation.

Adult chaperones go free! So if you are an adult interested in going, please consider joining us. For more information, please visit Roller Kingdom's website: <http://rollerkingdom.drupalgardens.com>.

Thank you for serving at the Altar of God!

### Attention: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Do you know somebody who is a homebound parishioner who is unable to come to Mass? Do you have an elderly or disabled friend or family member who would like to receive a home visit by one of our parish priests? Do you feel like the Lord may be calling you to serve the Church as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

Saint Rita's and Ste Marguerite's Parishes are currently updating our records. So if you've answered "YES" to any of these questions, please contact Fr. Chris at the Parish Office (978)452-4812 or frchris1340@gmail.com.

### Parish Support

Weekly Offertory needed to meet budget	\$5,000.00
Offertory Collection August 3/4	\$4,943.00
On-Line Giving	\$125.00
Collection Over Budget	\$68.00

Fiscal Year Needed to date	\$25,000.00
Fiscal Year Collected to date	\$22,646.00

Catholic Relief Service	\$910.00
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Seating Capacity 450 X 3 masses	1,350
Mass Attendance last weekend	428

**The Second Collection this weekend is for our Monthly Parish Utilities.**

### Special Collection

The weekend of August 24th and 25th we will be taking up a special collection to assist Fr. Peter in his missionary work in Africa. Fr. Peter, thank you for serving us this summer!

### Summer Collection Reminder

This time of the year many are going away during the weekends or are making plans for the summer. We ask you to please remember that we need your financial support throughout the summer months. Thank you for mailing in your donations when you are unable to attend Mass here at St. Rita's. Your efforts make a considerable difference in helping us maintain our weekly budget. Thanks for your continued support.

### Feast of Our Lady of Beauraing

Please join us in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Beauraing on Thursday, August 22nd at 6:30 pm at Ste Marguerite d'Youville Parish. Rosary, Presentation and Benediction. Guest Speaker: Rev. Eugene J. Tremblay, O.M.I. from St. Joseph the Worker Shrine. Refreshments to follow with a brief explanation of the Icon of Our Lady of Beauraing. For more information, please call (978)649-1813.

### Bean Supper

Saint Rita's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is organizing a Bean Supper, which will be held on Saturday, October 26th, after the 4:00 pm Mass in Saint Rita's Parish Hall. More information will appear in future publications of the parish bulletin.

## ***The Week Ahead***

### **Saturday, August 10th**

8:30 Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel  
8:30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Chapel  
11:45 Benediction – Chapel

### **Wednesday, August 14th**

**7:00 Holy Day Mass**

### **Thursday, August 15th**

**9:00 Holy Day Mass**

### **Saturday, August 17th**

8:00 Boy Scouts Planning Meeting – Parish Hall  
8:30 Sacrament of Reconciliation - Chapel  
8:30 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – Chapel  
11:45 Benediction – Chapel

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Celebrant</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Celebrant</b>
<b>August 10/11</b>		<b>August 17/18</b>	
4:00PM (SR)	Fr. Peter	4:00PM (SR)	Fr. Marc
4:00PM (SM)	Fr. Cormier	4:00PM (SM)	Fr. Chris
7:00AM (SR)	Fr. Marc	7:00AM (SR)	Fr. Peter
8:30AM (SM)	Fr. Cormier	8:30AM (SM)	Fr. Chris
10:00AM (SR)	Fr. Marc	10:00AM (SR)	Fr. Marc
11:30AM (SM)	Fr. Peter	11:30AM (SM)	Fr. Cormier

\*Anticipated celebrant may change without prior notice

## **Did You Know?**

Did you ever wonder what to do with prayer cards, extra rosaries, statues, medals and other miscellaneous religious items (no books please) that you receive? Well, you can bring them here to the Parish Offices. A wonderful parishioner brings them to nursing homes, St. Louis School, and sends them to foreign countries. Her supply of these items is low so anything that you could bring in to us would be appreciated. Thank you!



**Year of Faith**  
— 2012 - 2013 —  
*Archdiocese of Boston*



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### ***Saturday, August 10th***

8:00 Sr. Marthe Faucher (Dec.) by Sisters of Charity  
4:00 For the members of the parish

### ***Sunday, August 11th – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

7:00 Blessed Frederic Ozanam by SVDP  
10:00 Jeannette Dunn (21st Ann.) by the family

### ***Monday, August 12th***

9:00

### ***Tuesday, August 13th***

9:00

### ***Wednesday, August 14th***

7:00 Holy Day Mass

### ***Thursday, August 15th***

9:00 Holy Day Mass

### ***Friday, August 16th***

9:00 For the members of the parish

### ***Saturday, August 17th***

8:00  
4:00 Anne Welcome (10th Ann.) by the family

### ***Sunday, August 18th – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

7:00 Hanna Savlyak (Living/Birthday) by the family  
10:00 Jeanne Martin (Dec.) by the family



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