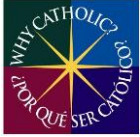


## “Why Catholic?” Corner



The topic for 2012 was **PRAYER**. What other topics are being covered in this program in the next two years?

In 2013, the topic is entitled **BELIEVE**. These sessions examine our Profession of Faith and how what we proclaim each Sunday relates to our daily lives.

In 2014, we will **CELEBRATE**, by studying the Sacrament of our faith and how a better understanding, especially of those sacraments we receive frequently, can touch our lives at a deeper level.

In 2015, **LIVE** will help us examine Christian Morality and Social Justice, the concrete ways in which we order our lives in the light of the teachings of Jesus.

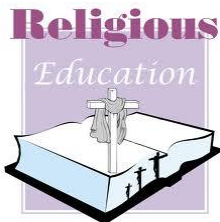
## SJA Accepting Applications



Are you interested in having your child attend Ste Jeanne d'Arc School? We are still accepting applications for the 2013-2014 school year. Ste Jeanne d'Arc School is a K1 – 8 Catholic independent school located in Lowell,

Massachusetts. We offer accelerated classes, a 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.sjarc.org](http://www.sjarc.org). Parents interested in applying can download an application from our website or request an admissions package by contacting the Admissions Office at 978-453-4114.

## 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!

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

## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In fiscal 2012, lottery sales in the United States averaged approximately \$250 per person.

Forty-three states and the District of Columbia accounted for that \$78 billion in sales. It was in March 2012 that the largest prize to date (\$656 million) was split between three winners. While it is clear that many people enjoy playing the lottery recreationally, a question that is often asked is, "What does someone do with all that money?" Of course, that particular problem has not seemed to bother those who play regularly. Indeed, the largest jackpots, far from being a deterrent, end up provoking an even greater number of players, who seem intent on turning a single dollar into a large fortune.

The Gospel this weekend offers a perspective on the material world. While possessions are needed, Jesus says, "One's life does not consist of possessions" (Lk 12:15). This comment by Jesus is not something new to any of us. We have heard this all before. But we also know that there is wisdom in storing up for ourselves. As a matter of fact, saving for the future is an act of personal responsibility. We are constantly told to save for retirement, to have a rainy-day fund, to set aside something for a vacation instead of going into debt to take one. All of these actions are so we don't become overly dependent on the social fabric and cause an undue burden on others.

There is a difference between having a sufficiency and having an excess. When our desire for an excess outstrips our reasonableness and our need, then we are flirting with greed, the very thing that the Gospel warns against. Yes, we may work hard, and save for the future. We may even win the lottery. But when we have more than we need the Lord expects that we use it not just for ourselves but also for others. What we do with the blessings we have makes all the difference.

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## Sincere Thanks

I would like to thank all the parishioners who kept me in their prayers and sent me get well cards while I was out on sick leave. Your caring and thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated! May God bless and be with you always.

Paul Tousignant  
St. Rita Parish Property Manager

**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.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  
(RCIA)**

This is a program of religious formation for persons who wish to be baptized in the Catholic Church; persons who were baptized in another Christian church, but wish to become Catholic; persons who were baptized but never received the other sacraments, especially Confirmation; or any person who wants a refresher course in the Catholic faith. Do you know anyone in any of those groups? If so, please speak to them about becoming part of the RCIA. These sessions begin in September through to Easter, every Monday evening from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. To be eligible for reception of the sacraments, participants must attend the entire program. Interested persons are invited to call the Parish Office at 978-452-4812 and leave their name along with the best way to be reached and someone from the team will contact them to provide additional information.

**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.

**Parish Support**

Weekly Offertory needed to meet budget	\$5,000.00
Offertory Collection July 27/28	\$4,427.00
On-Line Giving	\$185.00
Collection Under Budget	(\$388.00)

Fiscal Year Needed to date	\$20,000.00
Fiscal Year Collected to date	\$17,578.00

Seating Capacity 450 X 3 masses	1,350
Mass Attendance last weekend	387

**Second Collection**

This weekend's second collection for Catholic Relief Service supports emergency relief, human development and peace initiatives in 99 countries around the world, where nearly half the population lives on less than \$2.00 a day. The collection funds the ministries of five Catholic Church organizations: Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), Migration and Refugee Services (MRS), Social Development and World Peace (SDWP), and The Holy Father's Relief Fund. For more information, please visit [www.usccb.org/crscollection](http://www.usccb.org/crscollection)

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

**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.

*AUGUST 4, 2013*

## **The Week Ahead**

### **Saturday, August 3rd**

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

### **Tuesday, August 6th**

- 9:30 “Why Catholic?” – St. Rita Room
- 3:30 LeCercle Jeanne Mance – Parish Hall

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

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

### **Sunday, August 11th**

- 11:30 Baptism Preparation - Church

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Celebrant</b>	<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Celebrant</b>
<b>August 3/4</b>		<b>August 10/11</b>	
4:00PM (SR)	Fr. Chris	4:00PM (SR)	Fr. Peter
4:00PM (SM)	Fr. Peter	4:00PM (SM)	Fr. Marc
7:00AM (SR)	Fr. Peter	7:00AM (SR)	Fr. Marc
8:30AM (SM)	Fr. Chris	8:30AM (SM)	Fr. Cormier
10:00AM (SR)	Fr. Peter	10:00AM (SR)	Fr. Marc
11:30AM (SM)	Fr. Cormier	11:30AM (SM)	Fr. Peter

\*Anticipated celebrant may change without prior notice

## **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!

*AUGUST 4, 2013*

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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### ***Saturday, August 3rd***

8:00

4:00 Bernard McMahon (Dec.) Martin & Kim McMahon

### ***Sunday, August 4th – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

7:00

10:00 Joan I. Martin (5th Ann.) by husband & family

### ***Monday, August 5th***

9:00 Michael Szufnarowski (Dec.) by the family

### ***Tuesday, August 6th***

9:00 For the members of the parish

### ***Wednesday, August 7th***

No Mass

### ***Thursday, August 8th***

No Mass

### ***Friday, August 9th***

9:00 Sr. Clemence Watier (Dec.) by Sisters of Charity

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

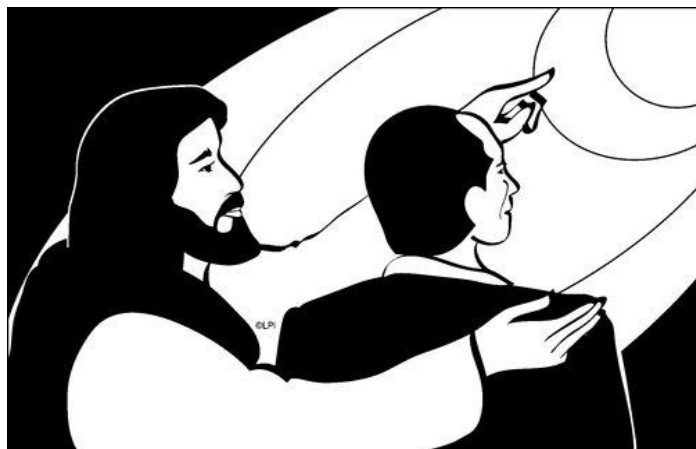
8:00 Sr. Marthe Faucher (Dec.) by Sisters of Charity

4:00 For the members of the parish

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

7:00 Blessed Frederic Ozanum

10:00 Jeannette Dunn (21st Ann.) by the family



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