

“Why Catholic?” Corner



What kind of commitment is expected of the “Why Catholic?” participants? Each session lasts approximately 90 minutes. It is hoped that, as much as possible, those who do sign up attend all six sessions.

Since each participant has the material for the next meeting in hand, he/she is encouraged to read ahead and come prepared to reflect together and share.

The book serves as a personal resource which can be kept for future reflection, so participants are asked to purchase the book for the 12 sessions of each year. The cost is \$12.00, which amounts to \$1.00 per session and covers both 6-week periods. However, no one would be refused should the cost of the book prove burdensome.

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.sidarc.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.

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.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In any household with more than one child, parents have to deal with sibling rivalry. The more benign forms find expression in simple competition, in which one child strives to do better than another in contests or sports. At other times, the rivalry shows itself in a negative light, offering up comments on who's not doing what, whether that is schoolwork or household chores. The supposedly aggrieved child has a heightened sense of justice, often proclaiming that the other child seems to get away with doing less.

It almost seems as though this is what is playing out in the Gospel story today between Martha and Mary. Martha wants Jesus to be the arbiter of the dispute, much as if she would be running to Mom or Dad. Mary seems to have found the sweet spot, sitting at the Teacher's feet. Plenty of German-inspired stained glass windows show exactly that, portraying Mary with an almost beatific quality to her face, while Martha stands in the background with a rather sour grimace. Jesus sits between them as though he is the referee between the two feuding sisters.

Since the time of Augustine the story of Martha and Mary has often been interpreted as a commentary on the difference between the active and contemplative life-with the contemplative winning out. It's hard to imagine that a Gospel such as Luke's, so filled with stories of compassion and assistance, would profess that view. It is Luke's Gospel that includes the story of the good Samaritan, the classic example of active love of neighbor. Maybe a better way for us to understand the story of Martha and Mary is this: Mary's example is a reminder that we must clearly hear what Jesus is teaching. We cannot just run about acting as we always have. Rather, we need to take his teaching to heart, and in that way ensure that our actions are based on his commands.

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Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.” — Lk 10:38-40

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You may have noticed a slight change to the Eucharistic Prayers at Mass recently, with the addition of "with blessed Joseph, her spouse" being added to the second, third and fourth Eucharistic Prayers. Pope Francis has added these fruitful and poignant words to the prayers as the following decree states:

Exercising his paternal care over Jesus, Saint Joseph of Nazareth, set over the Lord's family, marvelously fulfilled the office he received by grace. Adhering firmly to the mystery of God's design of salvation in its very beginnings, he stands as an exemplary model of the kindness and humility that the Christian faith raises to a great destiny, and demonstrates the ordinary and simple virtues necessary for men to be good and genuine followers of Christ. Through these virtues, this Just man, caring most lovingly for the Mother of God and happily dedicating himself to the upbringing of Jesus Christ, was placed as guardian over God the Father's most precious treasures.

Therefore he has been the subject of assiduous devotion on the part of the People of God throughout the centuries, as the support of that mystical body, which is the Church. The faithful in the Catholic Church have shown continuous devotion to Saint Joseph and have solemnly and constantly honored his memory as the most chaste spouse of the Mother of God and as the heavenly Patron of the universal Church. For this reason Blessed Pope John XXIII, in the days of the Most Holy Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican, decreed that Saint Joseph's name be added to the ancient Roman Canon. In response to petitions received from places throughout the world, the Supreme Pontiff Benedict XVI deemed them worthy of implementation and graciously approved them. The Supreme Pontiff FRANCIS likewise has recently confirmed them. In this, the Pontiffs had before their eyes the full communion of the Saints who, once pilgrims in this world, now lead us to Christ and unite us with him...

**As regards the Latin text, these formulas are hereby declared typical. The Congregation itself will soon provide vernacular translations in the more widespread western languages; as for other languages, translations are to be prepared by the Bishops' Conferences, according to the norm of law, to be confirmed by the Holy See through this Dicastery. All things to the contrary notwithstanding.*

From the offices of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 1 May 2013, on the Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker.

Antonio Card. CAÑIZARES LLOVERA
Prefect

Parish Support

Weekly Offertory needed to meet budget	\$4,488.00
Offertory Collection July 13/14	\$3,659.50
On-Line Giving & Back Envelopes	\$425.00
Collection Under Budget	(\$403.50)
Fiscal Year Needed to date	\$8,976.00
Fiscal Year Collected to date	\$9,041.50
Utilities Collection Needed for Budget	\$1,800.00
Utilities Collected Last Weekend	\$1,470.00
Utilities Collection Under Budget	(\$330.00)
Utilities Collection Needed to Date	\$1,800.00
Utilities Collection Collected to Date	\$1,470.00
Seating Capacity 450 X 3 masses	1,350
Mass Attendance last weekend	409

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.

Catholic Appeal Update

The 2013 Catholic Appeal campaign is well underway at Saint Rita and Ste Marguerite d'Youville Parishes. At Saint Rita's, 93 parishioners have participated and have raised \$19,291.00 toward the parish campaign goal of \$23,834.00. At Ste Marguerite d'Youville's, 133 parishioners have participated and have reached their parish campaign goal of \$27,634.00.

Thank you to all who participated up to this point. Your generosity will benefit hundreds of pastoral, charitable, and educational programs at work within the Archdiocese of Boston, and at Saint Rita and Ste Marguerite d'Youville Parishes. **With \$4,543.00 left to raise at Saint Rita Parish, we need the participation of every parishioner.** Your gift to the Catholic Appeal brings to life the parable of the Good Samaritan and is an important way we as a parish community join together in the Church's universal work to serve others.

If you have yet to participate in the 2013 Catholic Appeal, please take a pledge form which is available in the back of the Church or visit our website at www.BostonCatholicAppeal.org. Please note that you may make a pledge payable in monthly installments up until January 31, 2014. For more information, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

JULY 21, 2013

The Week Ahead

Saturday, July 20th

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

Sunday, July 21st

- 2:00 Sacrament of Baptism - Church

Monday, July 22nd

- 7:00 Boy Scout Committee Meeting – SJA Room

Thursday, July 25th

- 7:00 Prayer Group - Chapel

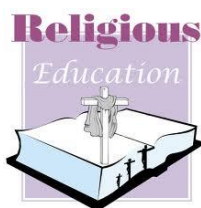
Saturday, July 27th

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

Date/Time	Celebrant	Date/Time	Celebrant
July 20/21		July 27/28	
4:00PM (SR)	Fr. Peter	4:00PM (SR)	Fr. Peter
4:00PM (SM)	Fr. Cormier	4:00PM (SM)	Fr. Chris
7:00AM (SR)	Fr. Peter	7:00AM (SR)	Fr. Chris
8:30AM (SM)	Fr. Chris	8:30AM (SM)	Fr. Peter
10:00AM (SR)	Fr. Peter	10:00AM (SR)	Fr. Chris
11:30AM (SM)	Fr. Chris	11:30AM (SM)	Fr. Cormier

*Anticipated celebrant may change without prior notice

Religious Education New Registration

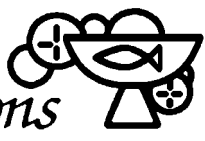


Registration for our 2013-2014 Religious Education Programs has begun. **You only need to register if you are new to the program (Grade 1, Grade 2 – Sacramental Preparation or Catholic High School Confirmation I or II program).**

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!

JULY 21, 2013

*Mass for the
Intentions*  *Week*

Saturday, July 20th

8:00

4:00 Mary Doucette (15th Ann.) by her daughter

Sunday, July 21st – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00

10:00 Joan I. Martin (Dec.) by her husband & family

Monday, July 22nd

9:00 Jeannine Lyle (Dec.) by her husband

Tuesday, July 23rd

9:00 For the members of the parish

Wednesday, July 24th

No Mass

Thursday, July 25th

No Mass

Friday, July 26th

9:00 For the members of the parish

Saturday, July 27th

8:00 Gerard Lambert, Jr. (Dec.) by the family

4:00 Cornelius Finnegan (Dec.) by the family

Sunday, July 28th – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Hanna Savlyak (Living/Birthday)
by her family

10:00 John "Jack" Lyons (Dec.)
by Elaine & Fred Drewniak



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