

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 23, 2014



*Christ the
King*

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The Parish Communities of
Ste Marguerite d'Youville - Dracut
St Rita - Lowell



STE MARGUERITE

1340 Lakeview Avenue, Dracut, MA 01826
www.stemargueritedracut.org
978-957-0322



ST RITA

158 Mammoth Road, Lowell, MA 01854
www.stritalowell.org
978-452-4812

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: Mon. to Fri. 7:30 a.m.
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
Holy Days: 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: Mon.-Tues.-Fri. 9:00 a.m., Sat. 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Holy Days: Vigil: 7:00 p.m. Day: 9:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:10 to 3:45 p.m. or by appointment Saturday: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. or by appointment

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Mandatory preparation class required prior to Baptism.
Second Sunday of Month at 1:00 p.m. Second Sunday of Month at 2:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. A Pre-Cana class is required. Please contact the Parish Office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND PASTORAL CARE

Please contact the Parish Office when a parishioner is seriously ill, undergoes surgery or is admitted to the hospital.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Adults interested in Baptism or joining the Catholic Church should contact the Parish Office.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

Help us to assist the poor and the hungry of our parish. "Poor Boxes" for your donations are located at the church entrances.
If you need assistance from this organization, please contact the Parish Office.

OFFICE HOURS/ PASTORAL STAFF

Email addresses can be found on the parish website

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday and Holidays Closed

Pastor
Parochial Vicar Fr. Christopher Wallace Ext. 308
Assisting Clergy Fr. Leo Cormier
Permanent Deacon Deacon Everett Penney, Jr.
Business Manager Mrs. Andrea Sevigny Ext. 301

Administrative Assistant Mrs. Paula Stewart Ext. 300
Bulletin Editor/Secretary Ms. Joanne Lamothe Ext. 309
Pastoral Associate Mrs. Joan Donnelly Ext. 302
Faith Formation Director Mrs. Jamie Deignan Ext. 306
Faith Formation Assistant Mrs. Karen Mercurio

ST. LOUIS SCHOOL

77 Boisvert Street, Lowell, MA 01850
Principal: Dr. Linda Trouville
978-458-7594 www.saintlouisschool.org

STE JEANNE d'ARC SCHOOL

68 Dracut Street, Lowell, MA 01854
Principal: Sr. Pr scille Malo, SCO
978-453-4114 www.sjdarc.org

MASS INTENTIONS

STE MARGUERITE d'YOUVILLE

Saturday, November 22nd
 4:00 p.m. Raymond & Richard Belanger (Dec.)

Sunday, November 23rd
 8:30 a.m. Mary & Stanley Swerchesky
 11:30 a.m. Gerry Larose (21st Ann.)

Monday, November 24th
 7:30 a.m. Special Intention

Tuesday, November 25th
 7:30 a.m. Ray Berard (Dec.)

Wednesday, November 26th
 7:30 a.m. Lorraine Chandonnet
 (Birthday Remembrance)

Thursday, November 27th - Thanksgiving Day
 7:30 a.m. Christopher Dalphond (Dec.)

Friday, November 28th
 7:30 a.m.

Saturday, November 29th
 4:00 p.m. Gerard Proulx (9th Ann.)

Sunday, November 30th
 8:30 a.m. Edward Fauvel (Dec.)
 11:30 a.m. Jay Hanson (Dec.)

ST RITA

Saturday, November 22nd
 4:00 p.m. Harold Tessier (8th Ann.) by family

Sunday, November 23rd
 7:00 a.m. For the people of the parish
 10:00 a.m. Joan I. Martin (Dec.) by her husband & family

Monday, November 24th
 9:00 a.m. Special Intention for Robert &
 Emily Tremblay & family

Tuesday, November 25th
 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 26th
NO MASS

Thursday, November 27th - Thanksgiving Day
 9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of SVDP

Friday, November 28th
 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 29th
 4:00 p.m. Christopher Connerton (2nd Ann.) by family

Sunday, November 30th
 7:00 a.m.
 10:00 a.m. William & Anna Morrison (Dec.) by family

PARISH SUPPORT

Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget	\$ 5,100.00	Weekly Offertory Needed for Budget	\$ 5,000.00
Offertory Collection November 15/16	\$ 3,415.00	Offertory Collection November 15/16	\$ 3,902.00
On-Line Giving & back envelopes	\$ 2,099.00	On-Line Giving	\$ 915.11
Collection over budget	\$ 414.00	Collection under budget	\$ (182.89)
Grand Annual to date	\$ 23,970.00	Grand Annual to date	\$26,775.00
Fiscal Year Needed to Date	\$102,000.00	Fiscal Year Needed to Date	\$100,000.00
Fiscal Year Collected to Date	\$ 89,070.92	Fiscal Year Collected to Date	\$ 87,718.23

Today's Second Collection

A moment of thanks for a lifetime of Service - The Archdiocese is taking up the *Collection for Retired Sisters at both parishes* today. This collection provides needed financial support for Sisters, now retired, who have served the Archdiocese of Boston in countless ways through the ministries of education, health care, and social service. Please give generously in recognition of the Sisters' many years of dedicated service.

For more information, please contact Sister Marian Batho, CSJ, Delegate for Religious at 617-746-5637 or Sr_Marian_Batho@rcab.org



Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day.

Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers.

F.A.I.T.H.

The next F.A.I.T.H. Festival will be held on Sunday, December 7th at both parishes from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m.



Discipleship (Confirmation)

The next Discipleship meetings will be held at both parishes from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- Ste Marguerite on Tuesday, December 9th
- St. Rita on Thursday, December 11th

Monthly Community Dinner

A Turkey Dinner will be served on Friday, December 19th from 5 to 6:00 p.m. at Ste Marguerite Parish Hall. All are welcome! If you'd like, bring a dessert to share!

Youth Group: All students in grade 6 - 8 are invited to share in this turkey dinner and stay until 8 p.m. for messy games, great music and new friendships!

F.A.I.T.H. Turned UP

The next meeting for all high school aged teens will be held on Monday, December 15th at St. Rita's from 7 to 9:00 p.m. Join us for this leadership gathering. Monthly we gather to pray, plan and prepare to share FAITH with our peers!

Bishop Cheverus Medal

His Eminence Seán Cardinal O'Malley has announced the recipients of this year's Bishop Cheverus Medal recognizing faithful and generous men and women of the Archdiocese. This annual award recognizes Catholics for their exemplary service given in the name of the Lord.

Mrs. Joan Donnelly of Ste Marguerite d'Youville and Paul Tousignant of St. Rita's, both dedicated and long-time staff members who also volunteer in our parishes, have been chosen to receive this award for their selfless commitment and contributions in advancing Christ's mission in the Church.

The award will be presented during a Solemn Vespers Service of Evening Prayer this Sunday, November 23 at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Light refreshments will follow.

We offer our sincere congratulations to Joan and Paul in receiving this honor.



Thanksgiving Liturgy

Ste Marguerite's - Wed., November 26 at 7 p.m.
St. Rita's - Thurs., November 27th at 9 a.m.

All are invited to give thanks to God during Mass for all the blessings He has given us. As a sign of our gratitude, we are encouraging all parishioners to place a canned good, non-perishable food item, or undergarment (socks, etc.) in or near the baskets at the front of the Church.

At the end of the Mass, bread that you may share with family and friends at your Thanksgiving table will be blessed and distributed (one per family please).

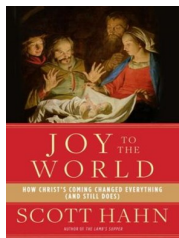
Feel free to share this invitation to your family and friends at our Thanksgiving Mass of Worship.

Thanksgiving Holiday

The Parish Office will be closed beginning on Wednesday, November 26th and reopening on Monday, December 1st.

Fr. Brian Mahoney, Fr. Leo Cormier, Fr. Chris Wallace, Deacon Penney, and all office staff want to wish our parishioners a blessed, peaceful and restful Thanksgiving weekend.

Advent Formation Group



Advent derives from the Latin word "Adventus" which means "arrival". It is a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus' birth. Join us as we begin this newest formation, eagerly awaiting this holy season of Christmas.

Scott Hahn's new book, destined to become another classic, walks us through the very important roles of each member who witnessed this pinnacle event in history. Hard cover book is provided (suggested donation of \$20).

Beginning on December 4th, Thursday evenings from 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Ste Marguerite's – Upper Church.

Questions? Call Mary Dumont at 978-771- 4288.

F.A.I.T.H. Christmas Choir



ALL parishioners from both St. Rita's and Ste Marguerite d'Youville Parishes are invited to join our new *Family of F.A.I.T.H. Christmas Choir*.

We meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Ste Marguerite's Choir Loft. Music practice has just begun in preparation for our Christmas Concerts. No formal registration is required - please just come up to the choir loft and feel welcome. There are songs and places for all ages: children, teens, and adults. Please consider sharing your voice with us!

Christmas Concert Performances

*Ste Marguerite's on Sat., Dec. 20th at 5:15 p.m.
St. Rita's on Sun., Dec. 21st at 3:00 p.m.*



O Holy Night

**Thurs., Dec. 4th thru Sun., Dec. 7th
Ste Marguerite's Parish Center
33 Goodhue Ave., Dracut**

Thursday, December 4th - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Friday, December 5th - 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 6th - 3:00 pm to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 7th - 12:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Admission is free. All are welcome to enjoy this beautiful display of over 100 Nativity Sets and depictions of Jesus' Birth.

Advent Opportunities for Giving

Many of us are blessed with health, family, love, and prosperity. However, many others are less fortunate. Listed below are some giving opportunities which are available to all parishioners during the upcoming Season of Advent.



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Giving Trees

Won't you consider making Christmas a happier time for those children and families who may find themselves in need during this continuing difficult economy? Ste Marguerite's is teaming with Catholic Charities and St. Rita's is working with Brigid's Crossing by providing much needed help for families in need.

Both parishes will continue their annual tradition of "Giving Trees" beginning next weekend. Parishioners may choose a tag or two from the trees, purchase, wrap the gift(s), and attach the tag to the gift. Please bring your gift to Church on the weekend of December 13/14th. You will be asked to bring the gifts up to the sanctuary following the Offertory during Mass.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and participation in these outreach opportunities.

Adopt a Family

If anyone is interested in the SVDP of St. Rita's *Adopt a Family for Christmas* by providing presents, please call the Parish Office and leave your name and phone number **by December 1st**.

Annual Senior Christmas Party

On Sunday, Dec. 7, the SVDP Society will be hosting their 14th Annual Christmas Dinner for the shut-ins and St. Rita's parishioners. It will be held in St. Rita's Parish Hall from 11:30 to 4:30 p.m.

If you would like to attend, please call the parish office by **Friday, November 28th**.

Snow Cancellations

Please be advised that in the event of snow, ice, delayed or cancelled school days, there will be no morning Mass at either parish. The intentions for that day will be rescheduled.

The safety of our parishioners, celebrant, ministers, and our employees takes first priority.

No-Shave November

Ste Marguerite d'Youville and St. Rita Parishes continue to grow our outreach efforts to the youth in our parish communities. We are well underway with our new and revitalized religious education program called F.A.I.T.H. along with many Youth Ministry events including but not limited to retreat programs for Confirmation and First Communion.



As our next fundraiser for this ministry, Fr. Brian Mahoney of St. Francis and Fr. Chris of our parishes are competing for the label of the hairiest priest! Every parishioner can join in the fun by donating a lump sum or pledging a dollar amount for each day that they go without shaving (max of 30 days).

Please pick up a form at the back of the Church!

Holiday Sweeps Raffle Calendars

Ste Jeanne d'Arc School's Holiday Sweeps Raffle Calendars are on sale NOW through Thursday, December 18th. Purchase a calendar for your chance to win daily prizes beginning Christmas Day and continuing through January 31st. Each \$10 calendar qualifies you for 38 chances to win cash and prizes totaling \$4,000!

Please contact Jacqueline Schnackertz at the SJA Advancement Office for raffle calendars:

Tel. [978-454-7038](tel:978-454-7038) or jschnackertz@sjdarc.org.

Thank you for your support.

**Ste Jeanne d'Arc
School**

**OPEN HOUSE
December 3, 2014
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

www.sjdarc.org 978.453.4114

Weekly Intentions



The Sanctuary Light and the Bread & Wine at Ste Marguerite's is for a Special Intention.

Flowers of Remembrance at Ste Marguerite's is in Memory of Doris (Gendreau) Bronk.



Children's Christmas Party



Ste Marguerite d'Youville Parish Club is once again sponsoring their Annual Children's Christmas Party for children of the parish. *Infants through children 7 years of age* are invited to attend:

Sunday, December 7, 2014 from 2 - 4:00 p.m.

Ste Marguerite's d'Youville Parish Hall

Party begins promptly at 2:00 p.m. with Sign-In, followed by music, song and age appropriate crafts. Don't miss out and don't be late as Santa pays his visit. Watch as the excitement mounts as he calls out your little ones name. Be sure to bring your camera!

Children must be registered and present to receive a gift.

NO PHONE REGISTRATIONS will be accepted.

(PLEASE PRINT)

Parishioner's Name: _____

Phone #: _____

RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD(REN) LISTED BELOW:

Child's Name _____ Age _____ **(Circle One)** Boy Girl

Child's Name _____ Age _____ Boy Girl

Child's Name _____ Age _____ Boy Girl

In order to facilitate the planning of this event, **Registration Forms must be received NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 24th** in the Parish Office.

Bingo!



St. Louis School BINGO is held on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for those individuals who like to settle in and eat supper before the games begin. Come join us for some nights of fun and fellowship. The games are held in the school cafeteria. The Early Bird and Special Games begin at 6:30 p.m.