

The Most Holy Trinity +++ June 7, 2020

Readings: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 + 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 + John 3:16-18

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Jun 06- Saturday	4:00 PM Beatrice Beaudry by her son, Richard
Jun 07 – Sunday	7:30 AM Richard Fugere (1 st Ann) by Monique Morin
Holy Trinity	9:00 AM George & Alma Chartier and George & Doris Bessette by the family 11:00 AM William J Martin (11 th Ann) by Darlene 4:00 AM Alice & Maxime Houle by the family
Jun 08 – Monday	7:00 AM Pamela “P.J.” Pelletier by Jo Geissler
Jun 09 - Tuesday	7:00 AM Germaine Lacoste by Louise & Edward Osetek
Jun 10 – Wednesday	7:00 AM Roland Lussier (B'day) by Normand & Denise ~~ Re-sked from 3/18/20
Jun 11 – Thursday	7:00 AM Roland Lacoste by Louise & Edward Osetek
Jun 12 - Friday	7:00 AM Elizabeth Thomas by her family
Jun 13 – Saturday	4:00 PM Don (15 th Ann), Scott (B'day), Stephen, and Patrick (6 th Ann) Justice by wife & mother ~~ Combined and re-sked from 3/21 and 5/11/20
Jun 14 – Sunday	7:30 AM John Zwiercan by his daughter, Kathy
Corpus Christi	9:00 AM Marie Brackenhoff (5 th Ann) by Dawn Lawlor & family 11:00 AM Marguerite Geoffroy by Donald & Jeannine 4:00 PM Terry Tetreault (1 st Ann) by her mother, Jeannine Tremblay

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 5/31/2020 \$14,190.00 ~~ Additional Easter Offering \$260.00

Additional Ascension offering \$123.00 ~~ Thank you for your support!

SJA BOOSTER CLUB Weekly drawing: 5/31/20 #45 Al & Diane Bissonnette

Fr. Bill's 12th Letter

Dear Parishioner...Around & About Ste. Rose,

Sunday Offering May 30, 2020

The Sacrificial Offering was \$14,190.00; additional Easter Offering \$260.00; additional Ascension offering \$123.00. Total contributed \$14,573.00. Thank you! Thank you! Merci Beaucoup!

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

As of May 28, 2020, there are 379 contributors from Ste. Rose to the ACA for a total contribution of \$41,700.00. The average contribution is \$110.00. All contributions to the ACA, whether great or small, will be appreciated greatly to this annual campaign. You may log on to www:diospringfield.org and click onto the 150th Anniversary Banner and make an on-line contribution. Your generosity is appreciated.

Graduating Class of 2020 from St Joan of Arc School

Congratulations are in order for the Eighth Grade of SJA!!!! To be sure, the year 2020 will be remembered for the COVID 19 pandemic that closed schools throughout the Commonwealth. The accomplishments of the Class of 2020 will not be forgotten. The parish family of Ste. Rose de Lima congratulates you and prays for your continued success as you enter the next stage of your educational career. Have a great summer and enter High School with peace and joy. A Mass was celebrated Friday, June 5, 2020 in Ste. Rose de Lima Church to honor, with prayer, their academic and personal achievements.

Re: Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and The RCIA Candidates

Baptism: The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated by appointment only, and with one family at a time, to ensure social distancing, versus the multiple baptisms process employed in the parish for so many years. Baptism will be on any Sunday of the month; however only one celebration per day thereby enabling the church to be disinfected prior to the Sunday 4:00 PM Mass. Please limit the attendees to immediate family to alleviate multiple pews that would otherwise need to be disinfected.

Confirmation: Bishop Mitchell Rozanski has given permission to pastors to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. The parish will plan for a date in September.

R.C.I.A Candidates The candidates to be received into the full communion of the Church will not need to wait until Easter 2021. A date in September will be chosen to celebrate this special occasion.

Observations after the first week of reopening for Sunday Mass

I presume there were many smiles upon the faces of those who chose to return to Sunday Mass on May 29-30, 2020. With everyone wearing a mask, smiles were impossible to be seen! Attendance was what I expected it to be - minimal. I fully understand the hesitancy to return to Mass due to the spread of COVID 19. While the number of cases continues to decline, more persons are being diagnosed the virus. Bishop Rozanski has reiterated that the “general dispensation” is applied to everyone from attending Sunday Mass due to the virus and the apprehension that still exists. The total attendance for the weekend was approximately 200 persons.

Again, if you are in the vulnerable category and are afraid of being in the church, there is no need to put yourself in jeopardy. The parish will continue to record Sunday Mass which may be viewed from either the parish website: www.sterose.org or on Facebook.

And finally,

It was obvious throughout last weekend's Masses, that you, the parishioners of Ste. Rose de Lima, have been reading the "on-line" bulletin. All persons seemed to be familiar with the new protocol for attending Church. Just a few reminders:

- 1. All persons must enter through the front doors on Grattan Street. All exits; however, may be used to ensure social distancing upon leaving the church. The elevator door is open but limited to one person at a time unless folks are living in common. The bathrooms remain closed.*
- 2. The Sunday Offering baskets are in front of the "last pew" on either side of the church. This eliminates the need of "passing the basket" and maintains the 6-foot distance protocol.*
- 3. For enhanced seating capacity, please remember that the LEFT SIDE of the pews are for families and the RIGHT SIDE is for individuals.*
- 4. All persons must leave the church with the reception of Holy Communion. While this practice is not the "best practice" it is a practice that is considered "temporary."*
- 5. For the reception of Holy Communion, upon leaving the pews, please leave the kneelers in the DOWN POSITION. By doing so it indicates which of the pews have been used and need disinfection.*

Once again, I have been edified by the people of Ste. Rose de Lima Parish with the many kind notes written "by hand" as you sent in your Sacrificial Gifts. You are so encouraging, supportive, and concerned for me and my well-being during this pandemic. I assure you that I am very well and staying safe. Last week the Bishop convened a meeting of the Presbyteral Council – of which I have been appointed – and as each member entered the building our temperatures were taken. Mine was 97.3 degrees – healthy!!! I am planning to stay that way, too! Also, you have read that I serve now on the Independent Task Force assembled by Jeffrey Trant to review Judge Peter Velis' report concerning the diocesan handling of the misconduct allegation against the deceased Bishop, Christopher J. Weldon. I am honored to serve on the I.T.F. and hope to contribute to formulating good policy of how to respond to misconduct allegations with dignity and respect. The I.T.F. is a temporary task force. Upon "doing our job" the task force will disband.

As a priest is assigned to a parish, many priests are asked to serve the diocese in different capacities. I am humbled that I have been asked to be of service to Bishop Rozanski. Please pray for the Bishop as he leads our diocese in extremely trying times and remember to pray for all members of the I.T.F. so that good work will be accomplished and rid our Church of the issue of misconduct.

Fr. Bill

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Please note:

THE DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO JUNE 30TH TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR THE REV. FRANCIS SHANNON SCHOLARSHIP

For High School graduates who belong to Ste. Rose de Lima Parish and wish to further their education, applications are available at the Ste. Rose de Lima Pastoral Center (call 413-536-4558, Mon-Fri 9-5) or from Mary Rider, Chairperson 533-2437. This scholarship is a one-time grant. Completed applications must be returned to the Chairperson by the new extended deadline of June 30, 2020, accompanied by an official transcript of H.S. or College grades and a letter from their Pastor stating that the applicant is an active and participating member of the Parish. Former members of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Willimansett, who were enrolled in the CCD Program at the time the church was closed, may apply.