

The Body & Blood of Christ +++ June 14, 2020

Readings: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a + 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 + John 6:51-58

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Jun 15 – Monday	7:00 AM Deceased Archambault & Cote families by the family
Jun 16 - Tuesday	7:00 AM Richard Henault by his wife & daughters
Jun 17 – Wednesday	7:00 AM Evangeline Roy by the Franco Women's Association
Jun 18 – Thursday	7:00 AM Lionel & Therese Lemieux by Susan
Jun 19- Friday	7:00 AM Donat (55 th Ann), Annette Plasse & deceased children by dau. Rachel Nunes
Jun 20- Saturday	4:00 PM Napoleon & Cora Boisvert by Shirley, Joyce & Lorraine
Jun 21 – Sunday	7:30 AM Robert Dame (1 st Ann) by Bill & Gail
12 th Ordinary Sunday	9:00 AM Umberto Manno by his family 11:00 AM Frank Pronovost (4 th Ann) by his wife & daughters 4:00 AM Donald Ringuette by his children, Linda & Roger

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 6/07/2020 \$10,423.85 ~~ Thank you for your support!

SJA BOOSTER CLUB Weekly drawing: 6/07/20 #88 Jeannette Bilodeau

Fr. Bill's 13th Letter

***Dear Parishioner...Around & About Ste. Rose,
Sacrificial Offering for Sunday, June 7, 2020***

The Sacrificial Offering for last weekend was \$10,423.85. Thank you very much for your generosity especially during these unprecedented days of COVID 19.

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

As of June 4th, the people of Ste. Rose de Lima (393) have contributed \$45,215.00 to this year's appeal. In the name of the Diocese I thank you for your generosity. If you have not yet contributed, you may make your donation by either using the ACA materials received in the US Mail or log onto the diocesan website: www.diospringfield.org and click on the 150th Anniversary Banner. If using the website be sure to claim Ste Rose de Lima as your parish thereby adding to the above-mentioned total number of contributors as well as the amount contributed. Thank you!

The Appointment of Archbishop-elect Mitchell T. Rozanski to St. Louis, MO

Wednesday, June 10, 2020 was to begin with a very surprising announcement that Bishop “Mitch” was elevated to become the 10th Archbishop of The Diocese of St. Louis, MO. After a short six years as Bishop of Springfield, I believe, he made a significant impact in our Catholic Community of Western Massachusetts. His warm and welcoming personality quickly endeared him to our diocesan Church. While, perhaps, some issues were controversial, he was available to listen to the concerns of the clergy and the laity alike. Understanding the climate the Church is presently experiencing, I do not believe any one bishop would or could resolve all issues with 100% agreement amongst the clergy, religious, and laity. I believe Bishop “Mitch” in six years accomplished much. From my point of view, as a priest for 40 years and a pastor for 30 years, Bishop “Mitch” is one of the most approachable bishops that I have ever experienced. Since my seminary years began in 1976, the Diocese of Springfield has had seven bishops, and soon to welcome the eighth bishop since that time. I wish to publicly thank Bishop “Mitch” for his efforts and wish him all the spiritual benefits that he will need as he assumes the position of Archbishop of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, MO. *“Ad multos Annos!”*

The Next Bishop of Springfield

Bishop Mitchell Rozanski arrived in Springfield from his home Archdiocese of Baltimore, MD. Who would have suspected his appointment to our diocese? Absolutely no one! Yet, this previously unknown individual proved himself a good and worthy person. I pray that we as a diocesan family, awaiting the news of whom Pope Francis will appoint as our new bishop, will wait, not anxiously, but in a spirit of prayer and anticipation that the right person be chosen to lead our Catholic community in Western Massachusetts. Western Mass has many issues which confront it: poverty, unemployment, racism, parish closures, dwindling participation of Catholics in parish life, and the response to clerical abuse just to mention a few. Amid the COVID 19 pandemic, I ask that the people of God in this diocese be of one mind and heart in our daily prayer during this period of transition. May God bless us and may St. Michael the Archangel, our diocesan patron, protect us from fear and anxiety. Amen.

And finally,

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you, the good people of Ste. Rose for the wonderful and inspiring way you have maintained your continued commitment to your parish and your pastor. As we slowly begin to reopen our society, I encourage

“all of us” to be not fearful of COVID 19 but, rather, to be respectful of the virus while each of us does our part to stop the spread of this horrific virus. May Ste. Rose de Lima be our intercessor and example of prayer. As the days of summer are now upon us, I wish our families, especially those with children, to have a safe, restful, and peaceful experience.

God bless you!

Fr. Bill

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Bulletin news:

Remember the SAVERS FUNDrive? Well, it’s back on and scheduled now for Saturday, September 19, 2020. So please hold on to all the items you were planning on donating for just a little bit longer. September will be here before you know it. Meanwhile, have a safe and enjoyable summer. More details about the FUNDrive to follow.

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.