

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time +++ August 2, 2020
Readings: Isaiah 55:1-3 + Romans 8:35, 37-39 + Matthew 14:13-21

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Aug 01- Saturday	4:00 PM Norman Lussier by M/M Alan Lussier
Aug 02 – Sunday	7:30 AM Claire Lavallee by her daughter, Suzanne Lavallee
18th Ordinary Sunday	9:00 AM Michael Goonan (1st Ann) by his wife, Ann & daughter, Judy
	11:00 AM Ronald Constant (4th Ann) by his wife, Peggy & family
	4:00 PM Raymond Hebert by his wife & family
Aug 03 – Monday	7:00 AM Claude Dion (B'day rem) by his wife Helene & daughters
Aug 04 - Tuesday	7:00 AM Roland Lacoste by Louise & Edward Osetek (Re-sked from 4/17/20)
Aug 05 – Wednesday	7:00 AM Trish Belisle (7th Ann) by Rob Jolly (Re-sked from 4/22/20)
Aug 06 – Thursday	7:00 AM Edward Cooper (5th Ann) by the family (Re-sked from 4/13/20)
Aug 07- Friday	7:00 AM Thomas Nallen (1st Ann) by Ann Goonan & Judy
Aug 08 – Saturday	4:00 PM Charles Allard (15th Ann) by his family
Aug 09 – Sunday	7:30 AM Julien Drapeau (2nd Ann) by his family
19th Ordinary Sunday	9:00 AM Estelle Gozgit (1st Ann) by Mary Rider
	11:00 AM Lucien Drapeau & family by M/M Levis Drapeau
	4:00 PM Donn Meade by Jim & Terry Mascia & family

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 7/26/2020 \$5,819.00 ~~ Thank you for your support!

Fr. Bill's 20th Letter

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

Sacrificial Giving

The Sacrificial Offering for Sunday, July 19, 2020 was \$6,245.00. The Offering for Sunday, July 26, 2020 was \$5,819.00 Thank you for your generosity during these hot and humid summer days during the COVID 19 pandemic. As a comparison of July 2019 vs. July 2020:

July 2019 total receipts = \$35,235 with 4 Sundays

July 2020 total receipts = \$34,604 with 4 Sundays

Difference (\$ 631)

Remember that the “loose cash” collected every weekend is greatly diminished because fewer persons are attending Mass on the weekend. With all sincerity, your generosity to Ste. Rose de Lima Parish is simply “outstanding!” Thank you! Merci Beaucoup!

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

As of July 24, 2020, Ste. Rose de Lima parishioners have contributed \$49,250.00. In the name of archbishop-designate of St. Louis, Mitchell T. Rozanski, I thank you

for your generous response to this year's appeal. It is never too late to contribute to the 2020 ACA. You may either use the campaign materials mailed to you from the Diocese, or you may log onto: www.diospringfield.org and click on the 150th Banner. Be sure to identify your contribution for St. Rose de Lima Parish. Thank you.

The 2020 Raffle for the benefit of St Joan of Arc School

By now, every member of the parish ought to have received the mailing for the 2020 Raffle. Again, due to COVID 19 the annual picnic is cancelled. Likewise, bingo has been shut down since February/March. With the shutdown of bingo, SJA School's financial prognosis is strained. Whatever you can do to sell raffle tickets this year will be greatly appreciated. The SJA Booster Club is another way to assist the school with its strained finances this year. The parish is so grateful to Joe & Sandy Chessey for stepping up and managing the club. There are some open numbers. So, if you're interested in being part of the SJA Booster Club, please give them a call. They'll be happy to assist you.

This & That

I had a COVID 19 test on July 22, 2020 with a "negative" result. I was relieved with the result. I have been very careful to follow the pandemic protocols. It seems to be paying off. On weekends, I do miss greeting you in the foyer of the church both before and after the celebration of the Eucharist. But, given the pandemic, it is the safest way to celebrate Mass, at least for now. With the report from Baystate Medical Center last week, that some 39 persons were infected with COVID 19 by one individual who went to "a hot spot" and did not self-quarantine upon their return, it's a painful reminder of how easily this virus can spread. Please continue to be vigilant with social distancing, wear a face mask, and frequently wash your hands and the surfaces around your home. Each of us needs to be not only responsible for ourselves but also toward each other. It is fair to say that "we" are tiring of the isolation; however, as the media continues to report the spike of the virus in many States, we ought to be encouraged to "stay the course."

Pastoral ministry is beginning to expand as hospitals and nursing homes evaluate the polices of visitation. Home visitations for the reception of the Eucharist is possible if there is no virus. A home visitation ought to be brief, but prayerful at the same time. As your parish priest, I will administer the Sacrament of the Sick as

requested with the understanding that COVID 19 is not present. In all respects of Pastoral ministry virus protocols need to be in place.

The Diocese is going to allow parish meetings to resume. Given the fact that it's summer, and most parish meetings are "in hibernation" anyway, when meetings do resume, all protocols must be strictly followed.

The Liturgy of Christian Burial has resumed for the recently deceased members of the parish. Given the size of our church building, the average funeral Mass does not exceed the social distancing mandate. Readers, eulogies, and gifts bearers are temporarily banned from participation at the funeral Mass. The placing of the funeral pall on the casket is relegated to the funeral directors. Most importantly, the Liturgy of Christian Burial is being celebrated thereby allowing families to celebrate death of a loved one in a near normal manner.

The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is also allowed. Again, given the protocols, families must call the Pastoral Center to make an appointment for the baptism. Baptism is celebrated on Sunday afternoon, either at 12:00 Noon or at 1:00 PM. Only one infant/child will be baptized at a time, unless those to be baptized are siblings. The limit of those who may attend is 10-20 persons.

Nuptial celebrations are allowed. Several brides and grooms have either re-scheduled their 2020 wedding plans or have down-sized" their wedding plans.

The Pastoral Center is open Monday – Friday with the hours of 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Should you need to make a trip to the office please be sure to wear a mask as you enter the building. "We'll get through this together!"

And finally, the bridges of the Mass Pike at Grattan Street & Granby Road are now completed! The traffic patterns have returned to normal. The bridges look so much better. Does anyone remember the last time they were painted? So, dear friends, with the heat and heat indexes of the past several days and those in the forecast, please drink plenty of water and stay in cool and air-conditioned places. Remember this weather in January and February!

In Charity & Love,

Fr Bill

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Other Bulletin news:

THE 2020 STE. ROSE PARISH RAFFLE:

The Annual Parish Picnic is cancelled for this year due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The Parish will, however, hold our famous Parish Raffle for the benefit of St. Joan of Arc School. The mailing has gone out this week. (*Thank you Community Life for stuffing the envelopes!*)

The Parish Raffle is awarding cash prizes totaling \$3,000.00 There will be One: \$1,000.00 prize donated by the St. Pierre-Phaneuf Aldenville Funeral Chapel. Two \$500.00 prizes Two \$200.00 prizes and Five \$100.00 prizes In addition, one prize of \$100.00 in Lottery Tickets (Donated by the Community Life Commission.)

The \$100.00 Seller's raffle will continue to be part of this year's benefit raffle. When making your raffle returns, you may mail them to St. Rose de Lima Parish, 15 Chapel St., Chicopee, MA 01020 or drop them off at the Pastoral Center or place them in the Weekend collection basket at Mass in an envelope marked Picnic or Raffle. Also, **please make your check payable to St. Rose de Lima Church.**

In advance, I thank you for your generous response to this benefit for St Joan of Arc School.

SJA BOOSTER CLUB NEWS: Joe and Sandy Chessey are the new chairpersons for the next club. We thank them for accepting this task. The next Club will begin on **August 3rd** with the grand prize drawing being held on December 13, 2020. We are asking that you commit to the Club by forwarding your \$100.00 dues (\$5.00 per week for 20 weeks), or any portion thereof (payable to St. Rose de Lima Church). Your payment, that is due by August 3, 2020, can be made by depositing it in the weekly church offering in an envelope clearly marked "Booster Club". Or Mailing it to The Chesseys. Once the first payment is received, they will mail you your new membership card for the Booster Club. In the event you do not wish to rejoin, please call or email the Chesseys. In this manner it will be known how many new memberships are available. At this time, we have several openings if you wish to join. We count on your continued participation in the Booster Club and are truly grateful for your generosity and dedication to St. Joan of Arc School. If you have any questions, contact the Chesseys. Their mailing address is: 36 Stedman St., Chicopee, MA 01013. Their phone # 413-592-6256 and their email is schessey514@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Ste. Rose is in need of volunteers to assist with meal prep at *Lorraine's Soup Kitchen* on the third Thursday of each month. Hours are approximately from 1 to 4PM once a month. Masks and gloves will need to be worn at all times during meal prep. If you have an interest in helping or have any questions, please contact Louise King 413-313-3685. Thank you!.

RCIA: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS Ste. Rose de Lima parish will begin a new class for RCIA Candidates beginning this September 2020. Please contact Peggy Constant at 413-205-9323 or 413-536-4558 ext 218. All parishioners are welcome to refresh the knowledge of their faith. Date and time of initial class will be forthcoming. We will welcome you with open arms. Come and see and receive your Sacraments of Initiation.

A REQUEST We have a parishioner who visited the residents at the Holyoke Soldier's Home as part of our Friendly Visitors Ministry before the Pandemic began. She has a lovely request for the one parishioner left at the Soldier's Home that we're aware of. Many of you remember and know *Hector Page* who sang in the choir and was active in other parish activities. He reached out to his St. Rose Friendly Visitor last week and recounted how he must remain in his room. He does have a computer and loves to read and never complains about anything. His mind is as sharp as a tack. He really misses the interaction with visitors and his fellow soldiers, as many of his friends have passed away from this pandemic. Well, Hector will celebrate his 99th Birthday on **August 9th**. Let's help Hector have a wonderful birthday on the 9th by sending him Birthday cards or an email at hpg89211@gmail.com. His address is **Hector Page, 110 Cherry St., Holyoke, MA 01040**. Please keep Hector in your thoughts and prayers and thank you for your thoughtfulness.

MASS INTENTIONS that were missed due to the pandemic have been re-scheduled. Private Masses were not being celebrated during the complete shutdown phase. Continue to read the "on-line" bulletin below for details and please check the Mass schedule on the website to learn the Mass Intentions for the week.

2020 and 2021 MASS BOOKS Because of COVID-19 and the closing of Churches, scheduled and paid for Masses went unsaid from Saturday, 3/14/20 to Tuesday 5/26/20. That's a lot of Masses!! As you will notice in the coming "year" Re-scheduled Masses will be announced as (Re-sked and the date the original Mass was booked)

Weekday Masses were rescheduled in an “as need” fill in the 2020 book. Wherever there was an extra available open slot, a rescheduled Mass has been put in that place. Watch the on-line bulletin to see when these Weekday Masses are being said.

Weekend Masses on Saturdays and Sundays were harder to reschedule, as weekends were already filled. With Fr. Bill’s permission, we have transferred them to the **same weekends from 2020 to 2021**. We had to make an exception for Easter which is not the same weekend next year, and that schedule is different.

Unpaid Masses were not rescheduled.

We hope most of you will be happy with this decision and we thank you for your understanding.

The 2021 Book is now available. The rescheduled Masses have taken precedence. They’re probably Masses you would have booked for those dates anyhow. So check with us.

The offering for: Mass is \$10.00.

Also available:

Sanctuary Lamp for the month \$25.00 ~~ Hosts for the month \$35.00.

Bottled Water St. Joan of Arc School is in need of bottled water for the 2020-2021 school year. Due to school re-opening guidelines, students will not be able to use the school’s water fountains. If you can donate a case of water, please make an appointment for drop-off. Call the SJA School office 533-1475. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Santa’s Workshop At this time, St. Joan of Arc School will **not** be collecting gently used or good condition items for the School’s Annual Santa’s Workshop. Please donate your items to the SAVERS FUNDrive to be held in the Trilby St. School yard on September 19, 2020. Thank you!

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.