

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* +++ *August 9, 2020*  
*Readings: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a + Romans 9:1-5 + Matthew 14:22-33*

**STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

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| Aug 08 – Saturday                | 4:00 PM Charles Allard (15 <sup>th</sup> Ann) by his family                             |
| Aug 09 – Sunday                  | 7:30 AM Julien Drapeau (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann) by his family                              |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday | 9:00 AM Estelle Gozgit (1 <sup>st</sup> 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                                       |
| Aug 10 – Monday                  | 7:00 AM Letitia Lacosse by her family   |
| Aug 11 - Tuesday                 | 7:00 AM Jeanne Dumoulin by Louise & Edward Osetek (re-sked from 4/21/2020)              |
| Aug 12 – Wednesday               | 7:00 AM Richard & Doris Cote by Diane & Al and family                                   |
| Aug 13 – Thursday                | 7:00 AM Marie Rose Belanger by her children   |
| Aug 14- Friday                   | 7:00 AM Umberto Manno by his family   |
| Aug 15- Saturday                 | 4:00 PM Gerard Leblond (9 <sup>th</sup> Ann) by Joanne Leblond                          |
| Aug 16 – Sunday                  | 7:30 AM Francis & Lorraine Fimbel (75 <sup>th</sup> Wdg Ann rem) by Sandy & Joe Chessey |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday | 9:00 AM Aime Breault (20 <sup>th</sup> Ann) by his family                               |
|                                  | 11:00 AM Theresa Boissonnault (23 <sup>rd</sup> Ann) by her family                      |
|                                  | 4:00 PM George J. Bissonnette, Jr. by his family  |

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 8/02/2020 \$14,014.00** ~~ *Thank you for your support!*

**SJA BOOSTER CLUB Winner for 8/3/20 Week 1: #39 Pauline Zemrock**

If you have not yet renewed your Club membership, and wish to continue in the club, please forward your \$100.00 dues (\$5.00 per week for 20 weeks), or any portion thereof (payable to St. Rose de Lima Church) to the Chesseys. If you do not wish to continue, please contact Joe or Sandy Chessey. This will free up your number for another player. Their mailing address is: 36 Stedman St., Chicopee, MA 01013. Their phone # 413-592-6256 and their email is [schessey514@gmail.com](mailto:schessey514@gmail.com). Thanks!  
*All proceeds from the Booster Club go to the support of SJA School.*

**THE 2020 STE. ROSE PARISH RAFFLE:** By now, you've received your parish raffle tickets in the mail. Thank you to all those who have already responded. 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.** The Annual Parish Picnic is cancelled for this year due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

**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.

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***Fr. Bill's 21<sup>st</sup> Letter***

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

***Sacrificial Offering for Sunday, August 2, 2020***

The Sacrificial Offering for Sunday, August 2, 2020 was \$14,014.00. Additionally, a one-time contribution for \$4,000.00 was made. Thank you for your continued generosity to Ste. Rose de Lima Parish.

***The 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal***

As of July 30, 2020, there were 416 contributors donating a total of \$49,870.00 to the 2020 ACA. Your generosity will enable the diocese to assist families/individuals who seek financial help as well as fund many charities and organizations/agencies throughout the four counties of Western Massachusetts. You may contribute to this year's ACA by visiting: [www.diospringfield.org](http://www.diospringfield.org) and click on the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary banner.

***The Pastoral Center***

The 15 Chapel Street address was built as a convent to house the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary many years ago. Eventually as the numbers of religious women declined the convent was "converted" to become the Pastoral Center – a true

blessing and good use of the building. A few years ago, the basement original windows were replaced. They were single pane windows with serious issues to dry rot and safety/security. The remaining windows are still the originals! The casings outside have been repainted many times over the years. It is now the time to replace those windows. The replacement of windows will be phased in. The first phase will be to replace the first-floor windows. This replacement project ought to be completed before the onset of winter. More information will follow in future bulletins.

***And finally,***

*Many of the special ceremonies during the liturgical year were postponed due to the closure of parishes during the height of the pandemic. A few of the significant celebrations were: First Communion, Confirmation, and The Reception of Adults into Full Communion (who are enrolled in the RCIA) at the Easter Vigil. Beginning in August these celebrations will occur. The RCIA candidates will be received into Full Communion on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at the 11:00 AM Mass. First Communion will be celebrated on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM, and Confirmation will be Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. By scheduling and announcing these celebrations, families have the option to participate in these ceremonies or can choose to wait until next year due to concerns related to the pandemic.*

*The Sacrament of Marriage is also being celebrated. Some couples have chosen to keep their original date while downsizing their event. Others have chosen another date in 2021. Also, the Liturgy of Christian Burial is being scheduled as the need arises. Baptisms are also being celebrated; however, they are arranged by appointment and with only one infant for each ceremony. In many ways the “normal” liturgical life of the parish is resumed.*

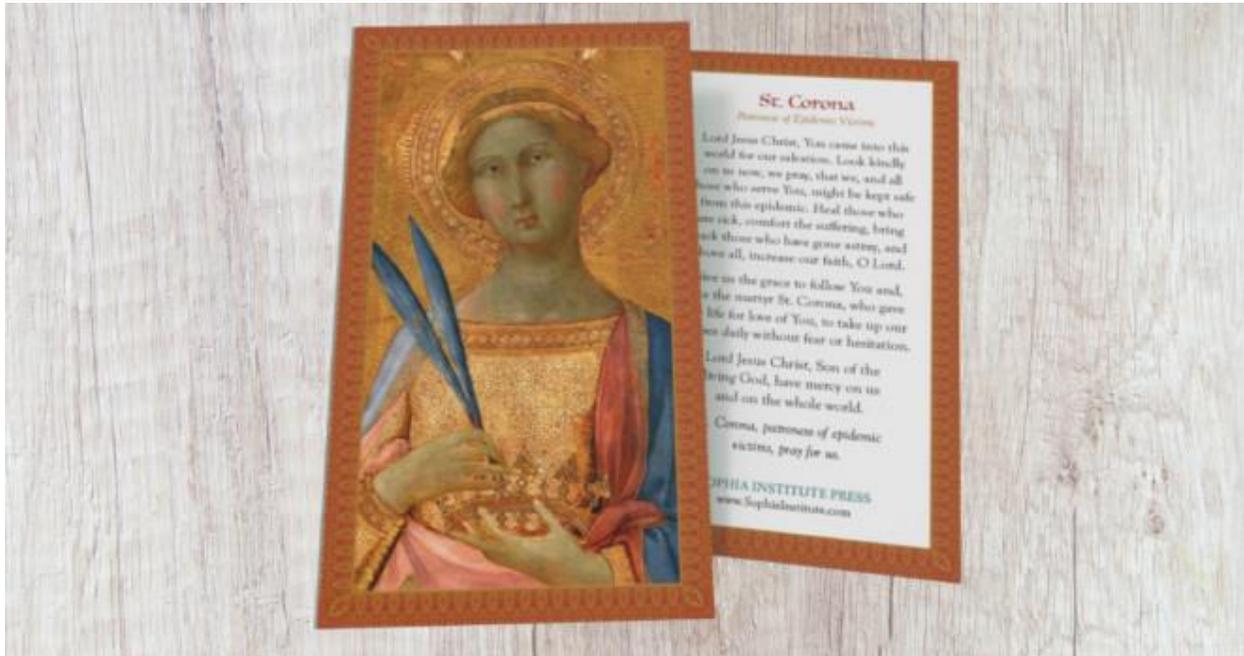
*While it’s still summer the many meetings that ordinarily occur continue to be postponed. Parish meetings may resume in the fall but with extreme caution as the pandemic protocols need to be strictly enforced. As you’re aware, there has been a slight “up-tick” in reported virus infections. Therefore, it’s especially important to maintain all COVID 19 protocols of social distancing, wearing face masks, and frequent handwashing. We’re responsible not only for ourselves but toward each other. Together we make a difference and assist all medical personnel and first responders in their vital service to our community.*

***Fr. Bill***

The Following is an article by Michael J. Lichens: St Corona

# St. Corona, Pray for Us!

MICHAEL J. LICHENS



The last few weeks have been difficult for many of us living in the new reality brought on by COVID-19. While the virus threatens our vulnerable friends, family, and neighbors, you don't have to be sick to feel its effects. The material and economic realities are hitting us from all sides. In such moments, it's easy to let our anxieties overcome our spiritual hope.

As a relatively anxious person with a myriad of health problems, my experience over the last few weeks has been rough. This time of quarantine has also been a time of intense prayer for me. I am among those who are at higher risk due to my asthma and chronic bronchitis, making extreme precautions necessary even before our city enacts a shelter-in-place order. But I know this is no time to merely isolate and practice social-distancing. Now is a time to love our neighbor, repent of our sins, and, most importantly, pray harder than we've ever prayed before.

## ***Calling Upon the Saints***

The Catholic faithful have endured pandemics throughout the Church's existence. In such times, when people have felt a crushing powerlessness, the faithful have found hope, help, and even miraculous cures through the intercession of the saints. These saints remind us that we aren't facing this crisis on our own; we

have the Lord and His saints who stand ready to intercede for those who call upon them.

Plague columns decorate the city squares of Europe's great cities, standing as testaments to the power of prayer in the midst of an uncertain epidemic. These large monuments tell the story of whole cities that were saved from plague through the power of the Holy Trinity and the intercession of the saints. And in this time of uncertainty we could use more intercessions for us and our neighbors.

While [St. Joseph](#) is a saint I turn to for just about everything, there is one saint I've recently learned about whose name seems to hint at a great providence: St. Corona.

### ***Saint Corona, Pray for Us***

Not much is known about St. Corona. Like St. Valentine and so many early martyrs, the fullness of her deeds and holiness are known only to God. Early hagiography tells us that this holy soul had witnessed the martyrdom of St. Victor, a soldier who was executed by his brothers-in-arms for his faith. While Victor was being tortured and disfigured, the brave 16-year-old Corona cried out comforting words and encouragement as Victor held fast to his faith and gave up his life for the Lord. Victor's persecutors soon turned on Corona and executed her by tying her to drawn palm trees, which ripped her in half when snapped upright,



yet the young saint never gave up her faith. [St. Corona altarpiece, c. 1350 at Statens Museum for Kunst via Wikimedia Commons \(Public Domain\)](#)

In a time when preaching faith, hope, and love can seem foolish, St. Corona provides a model for clinging to Christ even when all seems lost. As the Coronavirus wreaks havoc and vexes us all, St. Corona gives us an opportunity to remember our faith and cling to hope, no matter the costs.

The name *corona*, of course, merely means *crown* and so the name can feel like a coincidence. In this moment, however, while that “corona” anxiety races through our minds, we have a saintly woman named Corona who can help us to shoulder these burdens and provide relief when we need it most.

St. Corona’s feast day is May 14th. During these coming weeks, as our movements are restricted and we spend more time in isolation and quarantine, let’s look to St. Corona to learn how to hold onto radical hope and request her intercession to heal the sick and protect us and our neighbors from the scourge of Coronavirus.

Join us in asking St. Corona to storm heaven for miracles big and small. Use this prayer below to call graces down upon all those who are suffering or anxious at this time. If you are moved to get others around you to help in this prayer effort, I strongly suggest the St. Corona prayer cards from Sophia Institute Press, [AVAILABLE HERE](#). Keep one in your wallet, another in your prayer book, and others at your local parishes, gas stations, and supermarkets. Give them out to your family and friends. The more people we can enlist to join us in this prayer, the better. The holy cards also offer others the great gift of hope, hope that we have the prayers of the saints and power of Christ behind us, and that this too shall pass.

## ***Prayer to St. Corona in a Time of Epidemic***

*Lord Jesus Christ, You came into this world for our salvation. Look kindly on us now, we pray, that we, and all those who serve You, might be kept safe from this epidemic.*

*Heal those who are sick, comfort the suffering, bring back those who have gone astray, and above all, increase our faith, O Lord.*

*Give us the grace to follow You and, like the martyr St. Corona, who gave her life for love of You, to take up our crosses daily without fear or hesitation.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

*St. Corona, patroness of epidemic victims, pray for us.*

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***Other Bulletin news:***

**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.