

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time +++ August 23, 2020

Readings: +Isaiah 22:19-23 +Romans 11:33-36 +Matthew 16:13-20

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Aug 22 – Saturday 4:00 PM Louis Dugre by his family
Aug 23 – Sunday 7:30 AM Ida & Wilfred Fournier by Jeff & Janice Daly (Re-sked from 5/3/20)
21st Ordinary Sunday 9:00 AM Ivan Trombley (3rd Ann) by his family
11:00 AM Denise Roy by Helen Carrier
4:00 PM Phyllis Blanchard by Friends of the family
Aug 24– Monday 7:00 AM Donald Mercier by Diane & Al Bissonnette (Re-sked from 5/1/2020)
Aug 25 - Tuesday 7:00 AM Doris Beaulieu (10th Ann) by her children (Re-sked from 5/4/2020)
Aug 26 – Wednesday 7:00 AM Donald Richard Banville by Marie-Paule Beaulieu (Re-sked from 5/5/2020)
Aug 27– Thursday 7:00 AM Shirley Pelland (B'day rem) by Edward (Re-sked from 5/6/2020)
Aug 28- Friday 7:00 AM Donald Mercier by Jo Geissler (Re-sked from 5/7/2020)
3:00 PM WEDDING: Steven Rivera & Heather Strickland
Aug 29- Saturday 10:30 AM First Holy Communion
1:30 PM WEDDING: Alan DiCicco & Meaghan Abelein
4:00 PM John Colkos by Nancy & family
Aug 30 – Sunday 7:30 AM Garry Rousseau by David & Judy Turner
22nd Ordinary Sunday 9:00 AM Marie A. Brodeur by Julie Dupuis
11:00 AM Elizabeth Thomas by her family
4:00 PM Terry Tetreault (B'day rem) by her mother, Jeannine Tremblay

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 8/16/2020 Offertory \$7,666.00 ~~~ Assumption \$836.00
August School Support \$2,598 ~~~ Thank you for your support!

SJA BOOSTER CLUB Winner for 8/16/20 Week 3: #134 Phyllis LaCasse

Please remember in your prayers the souls and families of: Sue Cavanaugh, Edilberto Roman, James E. Sullivan, Alice Roy, Joel Rapalo, Jr., Cynthia Brown, and George Whitehead. May they rest in God's eternal peace.

This Sunday, at the 11AM Mass, three R.C.IA. Candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation that they had been prepared to receive at the Easter Vigil. Their patience, during this pandemic delay, is to be rewarded. Congratulations to: Crystal Grzelak, Scott McLaughlin and Alysia Loso. God bless you and may you be assured of our prayers as you continue on your spiritual journey. *May our Patron Saint, Ste. Rose of Lima, whose feast day is today, always walk with you!*

PLEASE KEEP OUR SECOND GRADE FIRST COMMUNION CLASS IN YOUR PRAYERS. They will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time next Saturday, August 29th. They, and their families, have been patiently awaiting this moment since it was postponed last May.

Fr. Bill's 23rd Letter

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

For Sunday, August 16, 2020 the Sacrificial Offering was \$7,666.00. As the end of the month of August rapidly approaches a monthly comparison of August 2019 versus August 2020 will be provided. Thank you for your generosity during this pandemic.

Assistance Needed after Sunday Mass

Disinfecting the pews after each Sunday Mass is required by the COVID 19 protocol. There is the need for more volunteers to assist in this endeavor. With several volunteers the process takes only a few minutes. Mark Morin, the custodian is there to assist and instruct volunteers on how to properly disinfect the pews. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated. All PPE's needed are provided. Thank you.

A gentle reminder

To assist with the disinfecting of the pews, etc. after Mass, please remember to have the kneeler in the "down position." The down position will indicate a pew that was in use during Mass.

The Pastoral Center

The Pastoral Center has been open for several weeks. If you need to personally come to the P.C. please remember that you must wear a mask for the safety of the staff and for yourself. The P.C. is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM. You may contact the P.C. by telephone as well, if you wish to schedule a memorial Mass for your prayerful intention.

The Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is offered by appointment only and for one infant. Baptismal classes are suspended during the pandemic. For the celebration of baptism, the request is made to limit the number of attendees to 15-20. The pews need to be disinfected after the ceremony for the 4:00 PM Sunday Mass. Thank you for your understanding during this pandemic.

The Liturgy of Christian Burial

The Liturgy of Christian Burial has been allowed for the past several weeks. Working through the funeral home, Masses are arranged. Masses may be arranged by the family if there is no funeral director. With direct cremations, the family and the parish can schedule a funeral Mass. However, due to the pandemic, masks must be worn in the church. As mentioned last week, until the pandemic has passed, family participation at Mass is not allowed. Your cooperation and understanding are greatly appreciated.

Youth Altar Servers

How much do we miss you? More than you know! The parishes are still waiting for the “green light” from the diocese to allow the altar servers to return to service. As soon as the parish is informed that altar servers are once again allowed, this bulletin will break the news.

And finally,

~~These days of COVID 19 isolation have interfered with all aspects of life. Gradually there has been an up-tick of attendance at Sunday Mass. Please remember that at Communion time a mask must be on when receiving the sacred host in your hand. Once the host is in your hand, remove half of your mask and then place the host in your mouth. Then, replace the mask. Communion on the tongue continues to be prohibited by the Diocese of Springfield. The coronavirus is primarily transmitted by “droplets.” Should the finger of the priest/deacon/eucharistic minister get touched by a person’s tongue, the minister of communion would need to stop and disinfect their hands. Personally, I have been distributing Holy Communion for a long time. As experienced as I am, prior to COVID 19, it was not uncommon to mistakenly touch a person’s tongue. For the safety of all, our diocese continues to ask that all communicants receive The Eucharist in their hand.

~~Archbishop-designate of St. Louis Mitchell T. Rozanski has officially departed from the Diocese of Springfield as he awaits his official installation in St. Louis on August 25, 2020. However, he was named the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Springfield until a new bishop is assigned here. That news is according to the iObserve news source. At this time, there is no “local” news as to “who” it will be or “when” the appointment will be announced. Archbishop Rozanski was an “unknown” to our diocesan church when he was appointed. As you now know, he was an auxiliary bishop in the archdiocese of Baltimore. He came with a fresh set of eyes and in the span of a short six years made a significant impact upon our diocese. His many contributions of leadership, I believe, will have an enduring “positive” influence for years to come. In a sense, he paved the way for his successor to inherit a better diocesan church. It would be my preference to welcome another “unknown” bishop to our diocesan church. While I do not know who it will be or when it will be announced, I am somewhat confident to suggest the next bishop will be an existing auxiliary bishop from another diocese. In any event, I encourage all of us to pray to the Holy Spirit to inspire Pope Francis to send us the right person for our next bishop.

Fr. Bill

Today, August 23rd is the Feast Day of our Patron Saint
Ste. Rose of Lima – patroness of the Americas and the Philippines

Ste. Rose of Lima (1586-1617), Patroness of the Americas is the first canonized saint of the New World. The tenth of thirteen children, she was born in Lima, Peru and given the name Isabel. Though exquisitely beautiful (hence her nickname Rose), she refused to marry, and while helping support her family by needlework and growing flowers, she practiced heroic charity and lived as a Dominican Tertiary in her parents' home. Rose tenderly cared for the sick, even those with repulsive wounds, and she often obtained miraculous cures for people from the Child Jesus. On other occasions, she worked miracles in order to feed the members of her family and became known as "Mother of the Poor." Rose continually prayed and offered her sufferings for the conversion of the Incas. In the year 1615, through her prayers, the Blessed Sacrament and the people of Lima were spared an attack by savage pirates. Ste. Rose was a friend and confidant of St. Martin de Porres, who lived in the same city. Her mystical experiences caused an ecclesiastical inquiry. During her last agonizing illness she prayed, "Lord increase my sufferings, and with them increase your love in my heart." Though dead at only 31, Ste. Rose's love of God was so intense that she was recognized as a saint in her own time and was canonized by the Church just 54 years later, in 1671. Ste. Rose of Lima has captured the imagination of the world and stands as one of the most popular saints in the history of the Church.

Let us pray: Dear Ste. Rose, pray for us, watch over this Parish family and protect all those who call upon your intercession through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE 2020 STE. ROSE PARISH RAFFLE: 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!.

SJA BOOSTER CLUB MEMBERSHIP: 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. Thanks!

All proceeds from the Booster Club go to the support of SJA School.

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.

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.

An Act of Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my hear. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.