

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time +++ September 6, 2020

Readings: +Ezekiel 33:7-9 +Romans 13:8-10 +Matthew 18:15-20

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sep 05 – Saturday	4:00 PM Shirley Pelland by her husband, Edward
Sep 06 – Sunday	7:30 AM Gloria DeJordy by her family
23 rd Ordinary Sunday	9:00 AM Manuel Oliveira (B'day rem) by Ormindia Oliveira & family
	11:00 AM Richard Nolette (5 th Ann) by his wife, Cyndy
	4:00 PM Deacon Joseph & Mildred Smith (Ann rem) by their daughter, Sharon
Sep 07 – Monday	7:00 AM Madeline Gendron by the Assumption Piecemakers Ministry (Re-sked from 5/15/20)
Sep 08 - Tuesday	7:00 AM Umberto Manno by the family (Re-sked from 5/14/20)
Sep 09 – Wednesday	7:00 AM Edna Girouard by her family
Sep 10 – Thursday	7:00 AM Germaine Lacoste by Louise & Edward Osetek (Re-sked from 5/12/20)
Sep 11 - Friday	7:00 AM Gerard Bilodeau by Jeannette
Sep 12 – Saturday	4:00 PM John T. Hatcher by his family
Sep 13 – Sunday	7:30 AM Judy Patrick (22 nd Ann) by her husband, Bill & sons
24 th Ordinary Sunday	9:00 AM Loretta L'Abbee (B'day rem) by Joe & Alice Giguere
	11:00 AM John A. Laflamme by his family
	4:00 PM Emile Labonte by Denise

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 8/30/2020 Offertory \$7,021.00 ~~ Thank you for your support!

SJA BOOSTER CLUB Winner for 8/30/20 Week 5: #67 Levis Drapeau

Please remember in your prayers the souls and families of: Arthur Lapierre and Ercole "Eric" Cucchi. May they rest in God's eternal peace.

The Pastoral Center will be closed Monday, September 7th in commemoration of Labor Day. Enjoy the holiday!

Fr. Bill's 25th Letter

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

The sacrificial offering for Sunday, August 30, 2020 was \$7,021.00. Thank you for your generous support during this on-going pandemic.

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

As of the last report, 420 members of Ste. Rose have contributed \$50,785.00. Thank you for your overwhelming response to the 2020 campaign. It is never too late to contribute to the 2020 ACA. Log onto: www.diospringfield.org and click on the

150th Banner to make your contribution. Be sure to list Ste. Rose as your parish so that you will be counted, and your contribution will be totaled to “us!”

St. Joan of Arc School

SJA School is open! The students are in a “brick and mortar” learning environment. Many of the children are pleased to be with their friends and teachers. All protocols that are mandated by the Commonwealth and the Diocese are strictly being implemented. Please remember that once the school building has been disinfected at the end of the day, no one will have access to the building. By adhering to this mandate from the diocese, we can be assured the building is clean for the next school day. The building is “alarmed” at the end of the day.

The Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts of America

An agreement with the diocese and the parish will allow the scouts the use of the church hall as another year of scouting begins. It will be the responsibility of the Cub & Boy Scouts to disinfect the hall after its use. To date, the scouts are the only “outside” organization that can use a church property.

A.A. Meetings

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, AA is not able to use the church hall on Tuesday evenings. It is with a great sense of anticipation that AA will be able to use the hall soon. St. Rose has hosted AA on Tuesday evening for over 25 years! The hall provides a wonderful environment for AA participants. Let us pray that we will be able to open the hall to AA once again. The parish is proud to provide this community service.

Bishop Robert McManus

As mentioned last weekend, Bishop McManus is the canonical “Apostolic Administrator” for the Diocese of Springfield while “we” await the announcement of a new “Ordinary Bishop.” When Bishop Timothy McDonnell retired, he became the “Apostolic Administrator” until the arrival of Bishop Mitchell T. Rozanski for a little over one year. Let us join in fervent prayer that an announcement is made soon. In the meantime, during the canon of the Mass, “Bishop Robert McManus” will be mentioned as “Robert our bishop.”

And finally,

Since the days of my youth the Diocese of Springfield has had several bishops: Christopher Weldon, Joseph Maguire, John Marshall, Thomas Dupre, Timothy McDonnell, and Mitchell Rozanski. Most of the bishops did retire. John Marshall died in office, as the one exception. Mitchell Rozanski is the only one who has ever moved on to another diocese. Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski is now the archbishop of St. Louis, MO. An archbishop has the added responsibility of being

“the metropolitan” for the entire Catholic population of the State. Archbishop Rozanski is the “shepherd” of all the dioceses in his state. In fact, often, the Archbishop of St. Louis has been elevated to the rank of “Cardinal.” Admittedly, Archbishop Rozanski was an unknown to many of the clergy in this diocese. However, he was a parochial vicar, pastor, and then elevated to the role of an “auxiliary bishop” in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. In 2014 he was appointed as The Bishop of Springfield, and now just 6 years later, appointed to be the Archbishop of St. Louis. It is my fervent prayer that The Holy Father, Pope Francis, will choose another person, perhaps already an auxiliary bishop to succeed Archbishop Rozanski. Notice that I said “succeed” not “replace.” No one can ever be replaced. Each person brings their gifts and talents to their position in the Church. Join me in prayer, that whoever our new bishop will be, that he will be welcomed to our diocese with open arms. In as much that we are all human, I trust that “we” will not compare our new bishop with Archbishop Rozanski. To make such a comparison would be totally unfair to the new bishop. There will be a period of transition, to be sure. But, with the grace of God, we pray that our diocese will be appointed the right person for new shepherd.

*Peace,
Fr. Bill*

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SAVERS FUNDrive will be CLOTHING ONLY! We will not be able to accept any household or other items. This clothing only collection will take place on Saturday, September 12th from 10AM to 1PM in the SJA school yard.

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.

RCIA: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS Ste. Rose de Lima parish will begin a new class for RCIA Candidates beginning Tuesday September 15, 2020. Please contact Peggy Constant at 413-205-9323 or 413-536-4558 ext. 218.or peggy@sterose.org. Come, see and learn about the Catholic faith, and develop your spirituality and love of God. We will welcome you with open arms. Prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation. Also, those that have been Catholic your whole life, please come and renew the knowledge of your faith.

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!

9/11 MEMORIAL MASS CANCELLED ... Sadly, the 14th Annual Deanery-wide Memorial Mass, scheduled for Friday, September 11th at St. Elizabeth Parish, in Ludlow, will NOT take place, this year. The continued threat of COVID-19, plus the Commonwealth restrictions on the number of in-person participants allowed at Masses, make it impossible to present our annual memorial event as we have in the past. Pastors, of all deanery parishes, have been asked to include a reference to the *19th annual 9/11 Memorial observance* at all Masses on the weekend of 9/12 & 9/13. This will give us the opportunity, as we gather in our home parishes, either in-person or virtually, to raise our voices in prayer, *not only for the victims... who, simply, went to work on that day and never came home*, whether they were in the towers, on the planes, at the pentagon or, were the brave first responders or, the fallen service members in the wars that followed ... *but, also, for the families and friends whom they have left behind*. Please join us NEXT year on Saturday, 9/11/21 for our 15th Annual 9/11 Memorial Mass, at a parish to be announced!

For those of you choosing to pray the Mass from home during the pandemic:

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 heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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.

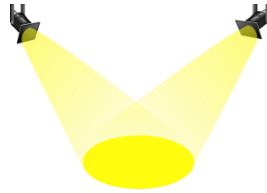
SJA BOOSTER CLUB MEMBERSHIP: If you have not yet renewed your Club membership, and wish to continue in the club, please forward your \$100.00 dues (\$5.00 per week for 20 weeks), or any portion thereof (payable to St. Rose de Lima Church) to the Chesseys. If you do not wish to continue, please contact 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.

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!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

**SPOTLIGHT
"AGENCY OF THE WEEK"**



CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY

Did you know that most non-Catholic Colleges in our Diocese offer Catholic Campus Ministry Programs? These ministries might involve offering Mass on Campus, Bible Studies, Faith Sharing Groups, etc. When students go off to college, often Catholic Campus Ministry is their only tether to their Catholic Faith. A grant from the Annual Catholic Appeal supports these programs and the priests, deacons and lay ministers who work with the students. Your ACA donation is very much appreciated!