

***Ste. Rose de Lima Church, 600 Grattan St., Chicopee, MA
Tel. 413-536-4558 ~~~~~ Pastor: Rev. William A. Tourigny***

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time +++ September 27, 2020

Readings: +Ezekiel 18:25-28 +Philippians 2:1-11 +Matthew 21:28-32

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sep 26 – Saturday	4:00 PM David Allyn by his parents
Sep 27 – Sunday	7:30 AM Joanne Wright by Kathleen Putnam (Re-sked from 4/5/2020)
26 th Ordinary Sunday	9:00 AM Philippe & Jeannine Gonthier by the Stewart family
	11:00 AM Terry Tetreault by Gaytan & Monique Spooner
	4:00 PM Denise Picard (10 th Ann) by Lisa, Jim & Cindy
Sep 28 – Monday	7:00 AM The Thomas & Larose family by the family
Sep 29 - Tuesday	7:00 AM In Honor of St. Joseph by Monique Morin (Re-sked from 3/15/20)
Sep 30 – Wednesday	7:00 AM Diane Blaney by Mary Rider
Oct 01 – Thursday	7:00 AM Vera & Roger Dupuis by the family
Oct 02 - Friday	7:00 AM Gerard Bilodeau (B'day rem) by Jeannette
Oct 03 – Saturday	4:00 PM Vivian Drobnak by the Fontaine family
Oct 04 – Sunday	7:30 AM Donald Lavalley by daughter Suzanne Lavalley
27 th Ordinary Sunday	9:00 AM Joseph & Aline Pirog by the family
	11:00 AM Theresa Boissonnault (B'day rem) by her husband, Gil
	4:00 PM Francis LaCrosse by the family

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 9/20/2020 Offertory \$7,269.00

September School Support: \$3,190.00 ~~~ Thank you for your support!

SJA BOOSTER CLUB Winner for 9/20/20 Week 8: #127 Simone LaScala

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

Sunday Offering for Sunday, September 20, 2020

The Sacrificial Offering for Sunday, September 20, 2020 was \$7,269.00. Thank you for your continued financial support throughout the COVID 19 pandemic. Your prayerful and financial support are most encouraging. I am looking forward to the day when the pandemic is behind us and our personal and spiritual lives can return to a more normal reality. However, it is important the each of us remains vigilant with all the protocols to avoid catching/spreading the virus. As you have read and heard in the media, since the Labor Day weekend, there has been an uptick in coronavirus infections here in Massachusetts. So please continue to wear a mask in all public places, keep social distancing, wash/sanitize your hands often, and refrain from touching your face and rubbing your eyes. Together we will get through this. As the SJA School marquee says, “St. Paul was on the road to ‘de-mask-us.’”

The Annual Parish Raffle

On **Monday, September 28th** the drawing for the Annual Raffle will take place in the Pastoral Center. **All ticket returns need to be remitted by 12:00 NOON** to be assured of a chance at winning the cash prizes and the \$100.00 lottery basket. The First Prize is \$1,000.00 donated by the St. Pierre-Phaneuf Family Chapels. Including the \$100.00 lottery basket, a total of \$3,000.00 will be given away:

First Prize: \$1,000.00 – one prize
Second Prize: \$ 500.00 – two second prizes
Third Prize: \$ 200.00 - two third prizes
Fourth Prize: \$ 100.00 – five fourth prizes
Fifth Prize: \$ 100.00 worth of Lottery Tickets.

PLUS the \$100.00 seller's raffle!

Good luck to all who purchased/sold tickets. All proceeds will go to benefit SJA School! Thank you to one and all. Hopefully, the Parish Picnic will be “allowed” for September 2021! It will be here before you know it!

The 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

As of the most recent report, 420 St. Rose de Lima families contributed \$50,785.00 to this year's campaign. That is an average contribution of \$121.00. Within the diocese Ste. Rose de Lima Parish is ranked “number four” with the 420 contributors to this year's appeal. Thank you so much for your generous response to the 2020 ACA. This amount is an increase of \$4,167.00 versus 2019! As always, it is never too late to contribute to the 2020 ACA. Log onto: www.diospringfield.org and click on the 150th banner and make your contribution. There is no amount either too small or too large – whatever you can reasonably afford. In the name of the Diocese of Springfield, I thank you!

Parish Events and Meetings

By now, we are too aware of what this pandemic has done to parish meetings and events: they have been eliminated. While the pandemic has “trampled” parish life and each of our daily lives, the well-being of everyone is of paramount importance. When the pandemic is reasonably defeated, parish life will return to a “new normal.” In the meantime, each of us could reflect upon how much parish life was “taken for granted” prior to the pandemic. Perhaps, we can begin to discern the meaning of “belonging” to a faith-based community. And upon such reflection, we can begin to plan on a renewed desire to be more involved in parish life by participating more fully when parish life resumes. As the saying goes, “Many hands make light work!”

Whether your involvement may include participation in religious programming, social outreach, spiritual devotions, or a greater longing for celebrating the Eucharist, this time of isolation need not be wasted. Ste. Rose de Lima Parish is only as strong and vibrant as each member is fully engaged in parish life. Reflect and pray of how you can make a difference when this pandemic is over and each of us can become more engaged.

Bishop Robert McManus

Effective last week, Bishop Robert McManus, allowed those communicants who wish to receive communion in the more traditional manner – on the tongue – to do so. I am concerned about the distribution of the Eucharist on the tongue during this pandemic, and the way the coronavirus is transmitted, which is documented as “droplets” transmitted from one person to another; I ask for your consideration for the safety of your neighbors and to those who administer the Eucharist to *continue* to receive in your *hand*. This pandemic is far from over. As mentioned above, there has been an uptick in the number of cases since the Labor Day weekend. The uptick now includes 33 states within the U.S. Over 200,000 people have died from either the virus itself or from the virus complicating underlying health issues. The virus can be traced to its source of contagion. Any contact tracing connecting the spread of the virus to Ste. Rose de Lima would/could possibly mean a shut down for 14 days. I ask you to consider what is more important: to celebrate the Eucharist regularly or to take the risk of a shutdown for 14 days? I struggle to discern, from a theological perspective, of either the tongue or the hand being more sacred, I come up empty. If, however, any person wishes to receive communion on their tongue, I *implore* you to consider being the last person(s) to receive. Should the minister of the Eucharist slightly touch the communicant’s tongue, the minister *must* disinfect his/her hands *prior* to resuming the distribution of communion. Admittedly, I am extremely uncomfortable with Bishop McManus’ decision. I am in the vulnerable age group (66 years old) to contract the virus. Being the solitary priest in the parish, I need to continue to be virus free. Should I contract the virus I would need to be in quarantine for 14 days – minimally – or until recovered. I, and we as a parish, cannot afford that possibility. The diocese does not have a “reserve” of priests to send in the case of my illness. To date, as a parish, we have celebrated Sunday Masses, weddings, funerals, and baptisms very well with no contact tracing to our parish. I pray we consider the health and well-being of each other and maintain communion in the hand until this pandemic is over.

With Love & Admiration

Fr. Bill

Please remember in your prayers the souls and families of: Lillian Bonsaint and Jeanne Gendron. May they rest in God's eternal peace.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Confirmation Class of 2020. You have prepared well. May the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength throughout your entire life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

LECTIO DIVINA Are you looking for a way to enhance your knowledge of the Bible? Come join us for Lectio Divina (Divine reading). Classes will resume Monday, October 19th at 6:30PM in the Pastoral Center. It's suggested that you bring a pen and a pad to journal on. Hope to see you there. *Deacon Mike*

K of C 4044 DRIVE-THRU FOOD DRIVE, 1599 Memorial Dr., Chicopee, MA **October 10th from 9AM to 12 Noon**. All food and monetary donations will go to local Soup Kitchens and Food pantries. Surprise guest from the North Pole will be there to see everyone driving through!!

SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN POSITION St. Joan of Arc School is accepting applications for a substitute custodian. If interested, call Principal Paula Jenkins @ 413-533-1475.

SAVERS FUNDRAISER THANK YOU! We are awaiting the monetary value of our weekend collection of **9,729 pounds** of donations and dropped off items. We are grateful!! Thank you for all of your help and support to the St. Joan of Arc PTO. God bless!

RCIA: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS at Ste. Rose de Lima parish had their first gathering on 9/15. We will continue to meet on select Tuesday evenings at 6:30PM. 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. Prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation. Also, those that have been Catholic your whole life, please come and renew the knowledge of your faith.

SURVEY ON THE RESPONSE TO SEXUAL ABUSE

The Independent Task Force on the Response to Sexual Abuse within the Diocese of Springfield is inviting you to participate in a brief online survey of how you perceive the diocese's response to allegations of clergy sexual abuse in the past.

A link to the survey can be found at diospringfield.org and will be available from Thursday, Oct. 8 through Monday Oct. 19.

Your valuable feedback will be used to help inform the development of a strategic plan with specific steps for improvement in the following areas:

1. Acknowledging the trauma of sexual abuse on members of our community and ensuring the allocation of resources needed to promote healing of survivors and the faith community;
2. Responding to all allegations of sexual abuse in our church community in a timely, compassionate and fair way;
3. Ensuring the diocese has a transparent system of protocols and procedures that guarantee respect and due process for all involved;
4. Ensuring that local church leadership is held responsible and accountable for failing to protect children and other vulnerable persons;
5. Holding those who have been credibly accused of sexual abuse responsible and accountable; and
6. Preventing sexual abuse of anyone in our faith communities in the future.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Office of Safe Environment and Victim Assistance at (413) 452-0624 or at j.trant@diospringfield.org.

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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.*

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

SPOTLIGHT

"AGENCY OF THE WEEK"



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The Diocesan Catholic Charities Office serves the needs of disadvantaged individuals and families in Western Mass. The social work staff meets with people in need of housing assistance, furniture, utility assistance, food vouchers, counseling, recommendations for childcare, and employment opportunities. The staff does a comprehensive intake form and interview before any funds are verified or distributed. Catholic Charities is a resource for many parishes to refer people to when the needs of individuals or families exceeds what any one Parish can do. Your support of the ACA allows this Ministry to assist those most in need in our communities. Thank you for your support of the ACA! If you would like donate to the ACA, go to diospringfield.org/aca/ and click on the link.

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. 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.

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 for details and please check the Mass schedule on the website to learn the Mass Intentions for the week.