

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

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**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time +++ October 4, 2020**

**Readings: +Isaiah 5:1-7 +Philippians 4:6-9 +Matthew 21:33-43**

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

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 <sup>th</sup> 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 LaCosse by the family
Oct 05 – Monday	7:00 AM Ceil Scully (B'day rem) by Jo Geissler
Oct 06 - Tuesday	7:00 AM Doris Beaulieu (B'day rem) by her children
Oct 07 – Wednesday	7:00 AM Elphege Roux (B'day rem) by Normand & Denise
Oct 08 – Thursday	7:00 AM Antonietta Bourque (20 <sup>th</sup> Ann) by Connie
Oct 09 - Friday	7:00 AM Lynn Steele by Julie Dupuis
Oct 10 – Saturday	4:00 PM Jean Bilodeau by daughter, Jeannette
Oct 11 – Sunday	7:30 AM Robert Pandolfi by Bob & Pauline Salois
28 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday	9:00 AM Alcide & Aimee Giguere by Joe & Alice Giguere
	11:00 AM Terry Tetreault by Gaytan & Monique Spooner
	4:00 PM Robert & Bertha Allyn by their son, Robert & Irene

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 9/27/2020 Offertory \$6,646.00**

~~ **Thank you for your support!**

**SJA BOOSTER CLUB** Winner for 9/27/20 Week 9: #126 Annette Langevin

***Congratulations!!!***

**And the Ste. Rose de Lima Annual Parish "Picnic" Raffle Winners are:**

**Grandprize: \$1,000.00: Jean Bathgate**

**Two: \$500.00: Isabelle Nally \$500.00: Sandra Hatcher**

**Two: \$200.00: Ed C. Gagnon \$200.00: Mark Quenneville**

**Five: \$100.00: C. Belle-Isle \$100.00: Sue Laflamme**

**\$100.00: Catherine Plasse \$100.00: John Ryan**

**\$100.00: Laurene M. Mailloux**

**Lottery Raffle: Mary K. Rider**

**Seller's Raffle: \$100.00: Eveline Jodoin**

**Congratulations to our winners. A heartfelt thanks to all who sold and purchased raffle tickets. Thanks as well to those who donated extra in support of the School. All Proceeds Benefit St. Joan of Arc School. Again, Thank you!**

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

**Sacrificial Offering**

The Sacrificial Offering for Sunday, September 27, 2020 was \$6,646.00. Thank you!

The comparison of September 2019 versus 2020 is:

September 2019 had five Sundays with realized gross receipts of \$45,755.00 for an average of \$9,151.00

September 2020 had four Sundays with realized gross receipts of \$32,426.00 for an average of \$8,106.00.

The average weekly deficit is (\$1,045.00).

Pre-COVID 19 the “loose cash” offering for September 2019 averaged over 5 Sundays \$786.00

During COVID 19 the “loose cash” offering for September 2020 averaged 4 Sundays \$351.00. As you can clearly figure, since the pandemic, there are fewer persons attending Mass thereby reducing the “loose cash” offering. Overall, Ste. Rose de Lima Parish is “faring well” during this period of pandemic uncertainty. As always, your spiritual and financial support are appreciated.

**The Annual Raffle**

The lucky winners of the 2020 Parish Raffle are announced in this week’s bulletin. Congratulations to all who won prizes! The raffle realized a net receipt of \$6,000.00 which will be donated to SJA School. This amount was donated to SJA School last year with the picnic! Clearly, many more tickets were purchased/sold than in previous years. Thank you for your overwhelming response to this year’s raffle. Let us hope and pray the pandemic will be over so that in September of 2021 the parish picnic will once again occur.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation**

Friday, September 25, 2020, thirty high school seniors completed the Rites of Christian Initiation by being confirmed through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Due to the pandemic, the celebration of Confirmation was re-scheduled from May of 2020 to September of 2020. The pandemic also made it impossible for now “Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski” of St. Louis to confer this sacrament upon them. With Bishop Robert McManus in Worcester, Massachusetts serving as the Apostolic Administrator during the interim while “we” await the announcement of a new bishop, permission was granted – by then Bishop Rozanski - for local pastors to

confer the Sacrament of Confirmation for their parishioners. It was such an honor and privilege for me to celebrate this sacrament this year. I quickly realized that these young men and women were 2 and 3 years old when I arrived in the parish on July 1, 2005. How the time has flown! Congratulations to all those confirmed and to their families. May the Holy Spirit fill them with wisdom and understanding as they continue to grow into a mature Catholic faith.

***And finally,***

*As a people, we continue to walk through challenging times. The pandemic has fundamentally changed the way we live our daily lives; natural disasters plague the Pacific Northwest and the Gulf Coast States; Catholic churches are being desecrated around the United States; violent protests have spread across the country; our political system appears to be more dysfunctional with every passing day; loss of good paying jobs mount every week; and there will be a national election very soon. With all these realities happening concurrently, it could potentially overwhelm us. It is my contention, however; we will inevitably “get through this together!” If each of us simply contributes positive faith-based energy recognizing that each of us is responsible for the well-being of our neighbor, there is nothing that we cannot accomplish. Are there obstacles and fears that can either inhibit or limit our willingness to get involved in the healing process? The answer is “yes!” Remember the words that Jesus spoke “for man it is impossible; but with God all things are possible.” Our “mature and adult” faith will allow us to persevere into the dark waters of uncertainty. In a sense, Jesus will call us out of the safety of the boat as he did Peter and invite us “to walk on the turbulent waters” of our times. We could falter as did Peter when he flinched as he focused on the powerful wind and waves rather than to have kept his focus on Jesus. With our eyes fixed on faith, yet aware of what surrounds us, we can walk on the turbulent waters of our time in history and persevere. May God give us the courage to persevere, trust, and do our part to announce the good news of the kingdom.*

***Fr. Bill***

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***Please remember in your prayers the souls and families of: Walter Netopski, Martha Plouffe, William King, Sr., and Margery Lamontagne. May they rest in God’s eternal peace.***

**ROSARY RALLY** Please join us in praying the Rosary on **Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon at the Aldenville Common** – at the corner of McKinstry and Grattan St. Bring a chair for your comfort. Please wear a mask and social distancing will be observed. October is the month dedicated to praying the Rosary. Let us petition our Blessed Mother Mary to intercede for us and for our country during this time of turmoil and uncertainty.

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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!!



**Why Are YOU Catholic? Come and See!**

**The Catholic Life Conference opens October 11-17**

Put on your slippers, make the popcorn, turn off the phone and leave the dishes! It's the Catholic Life Conference with Scott Hahn, Trish Short, Hudson Byblow, and Popple --and it's coming to your living room to fill your heart with hope and your faith with renewed joy. **Go to [catholiclifeconference.org](http://catholiclifeconference.org) to register for this free event!**

**EUCCHARISTIC ROSARY PROCESSION** **Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM** gathering outside St. Mary's Church, 3 Elm St., Northampton, MA. All are invited to come and pray the Rosary for peace and the healing of our Nation. Speaker will be Father Paul Norman. There will be a rosary Procession through Northampton. Sponsored by Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. For more info please call 413-221-4371 or 413-665-5052.

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## **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](http://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](mailto:j.trant@diospringfield.org).

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**RCIA: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS** at Ste. Rose continues to meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:30PM. Please contact Peggy Constant at 413-205-9323 or 413-536-4558 ext. 218.or [peggy@sterose.org](mailto: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.

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/](http://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](mailto: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.