

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

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time +++ October 25, 2020

Readings: +Exodus 22:20-26 +1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 +Matthew 22:34-40

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Oct 24 – Saturday	4:00 PM Dave Labonte by his family
Oct 25 – Sunday	7:30 AM Albert Arpin by Doris & family
30 th Ordinary Sunday	9:00 AM Lorraine Brodeur (1 st Ann) by Jo Geissler & Jean Chouinard
	11:00 AM Beatrice Schnauber by Bob & Karen Schnauber
	4:00 PM Normand Allard (5 th Ann) by Claude & Claire
Oct 26 – Monday	7:00 AM Susanne Walmsley by Julie Dupuis
Oct 27 - Tuesday	7:00 AM Margaret Lawrence by her daughters
Oct 28 – Wednesday	7:00 AM Wayne Prive by the Belanger family
Oct 29 – Thursday	7:00 AM Paul DesRosiers by Rev. Denis A. DesRosiers
Oct 30 - Friday	7:00 AM Annette & Gerard Campbell and Robert & Juliette Demers by their family
Oct 31 – Saturday	4:00 PM Ronald Hamel (4 th Ann) by Joanne Leblond
Nov 1 – Sunday	7:30 AM All Souls' Day Intentions
All Saints	9:00 AM Lorraine Brodeur by Jeanne & family
	11:00 AM Muriel Marcoux by Helen Carrier
	4:00 PM Theresa Perreault (14 th Ann) by her family

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 10/18/2020 Offertory \$7,204.00

October School Support \$2,137.00 ~~ Thank you!

SJA BOOSTER CLUB Winner for 10/18/20 Week 12: #120 Marie-Paule Beaulieu

THE ALL SOULS' DAY ENVELOPE in your church envelope packet, which you have remitted with the names of your beloved deceased will be placed on the altar for the entire month of November. Five Masses have been reserved for this special intention and are announced as "*All Souls' Day Intentions*". The Video taped Masses for the Month of November will be offered for this special intention.

THE STE. ROSE MEMORIAL FUND is grateful for the following gifts in loving memory of: Marjorie Gagnon \$35.00; Normand Yelle \$120.00; and William E. King, Sr. \$450.00. Thank you very much!

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

The Sacrificial Offering for Sunday, October 18, 2020 was \$7,204.00. Thank you for your spiritual and financial support during this *extended* period of COVID 19.

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

The ACA for 2020 is on-going due to COVID 19. If you would like to make a contribution to this year's appeal you may do so at: www.diospringfield.org. Click on the 150th banner. Credit Cards are accepted to contribute to this appeal. Be sure to choose St. Rose de Lima as your parish. Your gift will then be added to our total number of contributors and donations. To date, Ste. Rose has 420 members who have contributed \$50,985.00. Thank you!

Boy Scout Troop 138

Perhaps it was due to COVID 19 and therefore stockpiles of cans and bottles were in your basements, but the troop had to make two trips to the recycling center. If you were turned away, Troop 138 sincerely apologizes for the inconvenience it may have caused. The response was "overwhelming." Troop 138 thanks you for the continued support you provide.

Did you know?

The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (www.USCCB.org) provides ongoing adult education updates on some of the most crucial issues confronting both faith and morals in today's culture. Our website: www.Sterose.org has a "Link" tab that includes not only the daily Mass readings but also educational materials that all Catholics ought to read and consider, especially during this "election year."

During this time of extended COVID isolation, stay informed by logging on to this Catholic website. You're just "a few clicks" away from being connected to Catholic thought during these challenging times.

A little bit of "this & that!"

We're now in the seventh month of the coronavirus pandemic. And from all reports the pandemic is not going away any time soon. This pandemic has challenged each of us in terms of isolation and caution. As a parish, the effects are overwhelming! I personally miss the interaction with you before and after Masses. The foyer of the church and the conversation it generates is sorely missed. I feel somewhat isolated from you as we celebrate the Eucharist on the weekends. "Popping out" of the sacristy before Mass and the immediate return to the sacristy after Mass is less than ideal. The social of coffee and doughnuts after the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass is truly missed as well.

*I ask that all members of the parish continue to receive the Eucharist **"in the hand"** during this pandemic. If you have been to the dentist lately, you're aware of the PPEs that are worn by the dental staff for the protection of both themselves and their patients. Due to the contagious nature of coronavirus by "droplets" from the mouth and nose, the reception of Holy Communion in the hand is the safest method*

to employ during this ongoing pandemic. I'm aware that some Catholic parishes allow communion on the tongue. I believe it's still pre-mature to think that this is a safe practice. I'm the only clergyman assigned here. I'm 66 years old and therefore vulnerable to coronavirus. The parish has too many funeral Masses, several weddings, and many baptisms that need to be celebrated, not to mention morning Mass and Sunday Mass. Should COVID be contact traced back to St. Rose, the church would need to be shut down for 14 days with a very expensive disinfection protocol implemented.

A reflection from an Archdiocese on the reception of Holy Communion during a pandemic:

The protocols for reception of Holy Communion that the Archdiocese has adopted are informed by the best medical expertise. In issuing these protocols, the Archbishop has acted according to *Canon 837* of the *Code of Canon Law* which recognizes that liturgical actions are “celebrations of the Church itself as the ‘sacrament of unity,’ that is, the holy people united and ordered under the bishops.”

The sensitive issue of asking all members of the faithful to receive Holy Communion in the hand – and not on the tongue – is in accord with sound reason, unity in our communities and the good of the faithful – in this case their physical health.

Given the living tradition of the Church, which highlights the most ancient practice of receiving Holy Communion in the hand, the Archbishop has the authority to instruct the faithful to receive Holy Communion in the hand during this time of Pandemic, with no exceptions.

From the earliest of times, the Church has always honored our Eucharistic Lord with deep, and somewhat graphic faith, combined with practical piety. For instance, St. Cyril (313-386), in commenting on a 1st Century church document, teaches:

In approaching Holy Communion, come not with your wrists extended, or your fingers spread, but make your left hand a throne for the right, as for that which is to receive a King. Receive the Body of Christ, saying over it, Amen. So then after having carefully hallowed your

eyes by the touch of the Holy Body, partake of it. Be careful lest you lose any portion of it, for whatever you lose, is evidently a loss to you as it were from one of your own members.

Due to the pandemic the Parish Pastoral Council has suspended all meetings. All social events that are synonymous with Ste. Rose are also suspended because they could be considered “super spreaders” of COVID. It appears that a second wave of the virus is a real possibility as the weather is encouraging more “inside” time. I personally miss the meetings and social activities too. They have kept us “connected” to one another.

I appreciate the emails and notes that you send to me. Many have expressed their sincere appreciation for the internet Mass from our parish church every week. Many have appreciated the efforts made by the parish to stay connected during this time of isolation. If there is any more that we can do to assist you during this COVID isolation, please do not hesitate to either email or write a note as you send in your Sacrificial Offerings.

*The protocol of disinfecting the church after Mass is ongoing! However, more volunteers are needed to assist in this new ritual. The pews and kneelers are sprayed and wiped after each Mass as well as handrails and door handles. A gentle reminder: please leave the kneelers in the **down position** after you leave the pew for the reception of Holy Communion – it is a simple request but is extremely helpful in identifying which pews were used at Mass. A little bit of irony, the finish on the pews is having a negative effect! One of the projects that needs to be accomplished is the re-finishing of the pews and the replacement of the kneelers. As it turns out, it’s a blessing in disguise that the pews were not re-finished!*

Finally, the repairs to some limited limestone deterioration on the church steeple and base are being addressed. COVID stalled the repairs. Gratefully the repair is now completed. As of this writing the rented “cherry picker” is on site. The repairs ought to be completed prior to the weekend. And yes, the “protective scaffolding” will also be removed. AMEN!!! The cost to rent the cherry-picker is \$2,000.00.

The Pastoral Center is also slated to be fitted with new windows. A few years ago, the basement windows were replaced. Now the first-floor windows are being replaced. The windows on the original convent building – now Pastoral Center – are from the original construction. The new windows will maintain the present appearance. The cost to complete this project is \$38,550.00. The project will begin in about two weeks. Next year (2021) the second-floor windows will be replaced

and the following year (2022) the attic windows. By 2022 the entire Pastoral Center will have been re—fitted with energy efficient windows while covering all exterior wooden encasements with a maintenance free product. No more painting – AMEN!

With much admiration and looking forward to a “new better,”

Fr. Bill

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the soul and family of Robert Dame. May he and all our faithful departed rest in God’s eternal peace.

LECTIO DIVINA Are you looking for a way to enhance your knowledge of the Bible? Come join us for Lectio Divina (Divine reading). Classes have resumed and are held on **Mondays** at **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*

A SPECIAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE will be taped on Monday, November 2nd and made available for viewing on our website www.sterose.org, Facebook and YouTube. We will remember by name all our loved ones (family, friends and special people known to our parish) who have passed away since our last Mass of Remembrance. Because of the Pandemic, this Mass will replace our traditional All Souls’ Day Mass of Remembrance. Let us pray for all our deceased now and during the month of November. *May their souls and the souls of all our faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

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. 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.

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.

,OCTOBER IS THE MONTH DEDICATED TO THE HOLY ROSARY.

The Rosary is made up of four sets of Mysteries.

The 5 Mysteries of each set is meditated upon during each of the 5 decades of the Rosary. The Joyful Mysteries are prayed on Mondays and Saturdays. The Luminous Mysteries are prayed on Thursdays. The Sorrowful Mysteries are prayed on Tuesdays and Fridays and the Glorious Mysteries are prayed on Wednesdays and Sundays.

JOYFUL MYSTERIES: 1. The Annunciation 2. The Visitation 3. The Nativity 4. The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple 5. The Finding in the Temple.

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES: 1. The Baptism in the Jordan 2. The Wedding at Cana 3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God 4. The Transfiguration 5. The Institution of the Eucharist.

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES: 1. The Agony in the Garden 2. The Scourging at the Pillar 3. The Crowning with Thorns 4. The Carrying of the Cross 5. The Crucifixion and Death.

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES: 1. The Resurrection 2. The Ascension to Heaven 3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit 4. The Assumption of Mary 5. The Coronation of Mary.

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.