

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

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time +++ November 8, 2020

Readings: +Wisdom 6:12-16 +1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 +Matthew 25:1-13

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Nov 7 – Saturday	4:00 PM Anna Dugre by her family
Nov 8 – Sunday	7:30 AM Cecile Desforges by friends
32 nd Ordinary Sunday	9:00 AM Ernest Brodeur, Jr. and Mother, Lorraine Brodeur by Anne Marie Brodeur
	11:00 AM Edward & Lorette Trznadel by the family
	4:00 PM Clement Ruel by the family
Nov 9 – Monday	7:00 AM The Holy Angels by David O’Flaherty
Nov 10 - Tuesday	7:00 AM Rose & Charles Mercier by their daughter
Nov 11 – Wednesday	7:00 AM Rachel Desrosiers by Normand & Denise Lussier
	10:00 AM <i>City of Chicopee Veteran’s Day Prayer Service</i>
Nov 12 – Thursday	7:00 AM Tadeusz Osetek by Louse & Edward Osetek
Nov 13 - Friday	7:00 AM The Tremblay & Spooner families by Denise
Nov 14 – Saturday	4:00 PM Adrienne Roy (9 th Ann) by Ronald & Antoinette
Nov 15 – Sunday	7:30 AM Shirley Plante by the family
33 rd Ordinary Sunday	9:00 AM Jose & Alzira Claudino by the family
	11:00 AM Rita Plouffe (B’d day rem) by Donald & Jeannine
	4:00 PM Thomas P. Riordan by the Richard Sweeney family

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 11/01/2020 Sunday Offertory \$11,414.00
World Mission Sunday \$478.00 ~~ All Saints \$1,002.00 ~~ Thank you!

SJA BOOSTER CLUB Winner for 11/01/20 Week 14: #40 Catherine Plasse

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 are being offered for this special intention.

THE STE. ROSE MEMORIAL FUND is grateful for a \$25.00 gift in loving memory of Jeanne Gendron. Thank you!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the souls and families of Theresa Hortie and Alida Peloquin. May they rest in God’s eternal peace.

K of C 4044 DRIVE THROUGH FOOD DRIVE, 1599 Memorial Dr. Chicopee, MA **November 14th from 9AM to 12Noon**. All food and monetary donations will go to local Soup Kitchens and Food Pantries. Thank you!

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

The Sacrificial Offering for Sunday, November 1st was \$11,414.00. Thank you for your spirit of prayerful generosity during this time of pandemic isolation due to COIVD 19. *The Sacrificial Offering November 3rd, 2019 was \$10,926.00 – pre-pandemic!*

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

The amount contributed to this year's ACA from Ste. Rose de Lima members is \$51,085.00. Your generosity to this year's ACA is appreciated. If you have not yet contributed to the campaign, you may do so by logging on to www.diospringfield.org and "click" on the 150th Banner.

Veteran's Day

Wednesday, November 11th is Veteran's Day. Ste. Rose de Lima is pleased to host a Veteran's Day Ecumenical Prayer Service for the City of Chicopee. The service is at 10:00 AM. All are welcome to participate in this service. Of course, masks are required for entrance into the church. Social distancing will be observed as well.

Annual Mass of Remembrance

Due to the pandemic the Annual Mass of Remembrance was celebrated and recorded on Monday, November 2nd at 4:00 PM. The Mass is now "on-line" at www.sterose.org. or on the Ste Rose de Lima *Facebook* page. Next year, it is our prayer that the Annual Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated with the usual invitation to family members whose loved one died, the lighting of memorial candles, and a reception following the Mass. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

The Pandemic and its effects

Unfortunately, the pandemic is on-going. Due to the pandemic, the parish will not be able to sponsor several events that have become so customary: The Giving Tree, distribution of poinsettia plants to our home-bound members, Warm Hearts-Warming Hands, and the Children's Christmas Pageant. We are so fortunate to be able to celebrate Daily Mass Monday through Friday, Sunday Masses, Liturgies of Christian Burial, Baptisms, and Nuptial Masses/Services. Please be mindful that masks and social distancing are in effect for each celebration you attend.

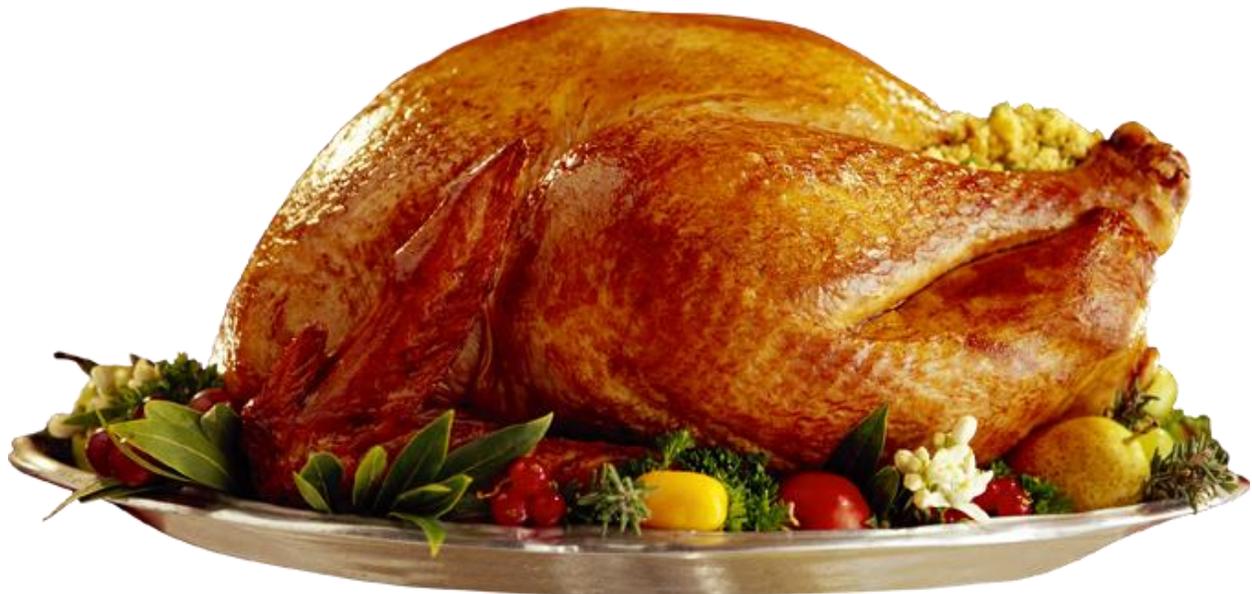
St Joan of Arc School

By this time, you are aware that Miss Jenkins, Principal of SJA, has offered her letter of resignation. The school community and parish are grateful to Miss Jenkins for

the 12 years of service to SJA. I am sure you join me in wishing her well in all future endeavors. Considering this, a search committee is now formed and is actively working with the Superintendent of Catholic Schools to seek a successor. You may log onto the school's website and read the letter sent to parents of our school children from myself and the search committee members. Please pray for a successful search for a new principal of our beloved Catholic School.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thanksgiving Day is November 26, 2020. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM. However, due to the pandemic, the annual food collection at Mass will not take place. Please note that the K of C #4044 will be accepting food donations for Lorraine's Soup Kitchen. Check on-line at the K of C website for more information. The parish will provide at the Thanksgiving Day Mass an opportunity to make a cash/check donation to Lorraine's S.K. When arriving for Thanksgiving Day Mass simply place your free-will offering in either of the two front baskets as you would your Sunday Sacrificial Offering. All contributions will be forwarded to Lorraine's Soup Kitchen. Thank you!



And finally,

By now all residents of Massachusetts are aware of the new "curfew" that has been imposed to assist in the fight against COVID 19 beginning November 6, 2020. I trust that all residents will heed the call of Gov. Baker that we combat this recent surge of infections. By this point, each of us are aware of how contagious this virus is. At times the "common good" supersedes "individual rights." However, as the

media reports news both nationally and globally, many are rioting and causing civil disturbances. There is an absolute need for every person to be responsible for their actions and how these “individual” actions influence other persons.

I am also aware of the hardships this new curfew will have on businesses, especially restaurants, bars, and spas. Many waiters, waitresses, and spa employees will be profoundly affected in so many ways. If, however; we follow the mask, social distance, and curfew protocols, this new curfew too will be lifted in a brief period should the number of new infections/hospitalizations be reduced. Through it all, I have come to the realization of how fragile life is. I encourage everyone to do their share in helping to reduce the spread of the coronavirus. To be able to endure this virus without getting depressed is not an easy assignment. With the Thanksgiving Day holiday rapidly approaching and the isolation that is being encouraged, I pray that we find solace in our belief in God. Though each of us are “hurting” during this pandemic, we seek hope. May we find that hope in God and the incredible ability given to us by The Almighty to pool our collective resources for mutual betterment. May God continue to give scientists the gift of perseverance to find a safe vaccine that would quickly protect everyone from contracting the virus. Wishing you every blessing for good physical health and mental health during this period of quarantine and isolation.

*Peace,
Fr Bill*

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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*

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.*



St. Joan of Arc School

November 5, 2020

Dear faculty, staff, family, and friends of St. Joan of Arc School,

We hope everyone is well. As you may have heard, Paula Jenkins, our school principal has announced her resignation from the school for personal reasons. Miss Jenkins will continue in her role as principal until the end of this calendar year. We were surprised and saddened by this news knowing that she has accomplished so much for the St. Joan of Arc School Community in her time as school leader.

Paula Jenkins' legacy will be one of putting the children's academic needs at the forefront of her decisions. This is evident in the substantial enrichment programs which are in place at the school. Miss Jenkins provided consistent leadership and a Christian witness in her time as principal. She also worked diligently to ensure the high standards of excellence that have been a hallmark of a St. Joan of Arc education. During the current pandemic, she has done a tremendous job successfully leading the school through last year and transitioning the school to provide an in-person education. She should be honored for this tremendous accomplishment and be remembered for the many small and important ways she committed herself to our school.

We are communicating with you today our path forward to identify and hire the next principal of St. Joan of Arc School for its continued success. Fr. Bill Tourigny, pastor of St. Rose of Lima parish, and Dr. Daniel Baillargeon, superintendent of Catholic schools for the Diocese of Springfield, have worked together to form and lead a search and selection committee that will identify the best candidate to fill this crucial role. While the committee is small, it consists of individuals who have the best interests of the school and parish in mind during this process. The position will be posted in multiple manners to reach a broad group of interested applicants. The committee will review applicants, select finalists, conduct in-depth interviews, and work to select the most qualified person to lead the school into the future.

Aware that education is constantly evolving; the history, charism, mission, and success of St. Joan of Arc School will serve as the framework for the search criteria and interviews. The committee will be searching for a school leader who is willing to uphold the mission of the school, desires a strong relationship with the parish, and understands the 21st century skills necessary to help St. Joan of Arc School flourish. If you know of a strong candidate who would be interested, please forward his or her name and contact information to Fr. Bill. Finally, please keep our search in your prayers as we continue to commend our school into the Lord's hands. God bless you and your families.

Fr. Bill Tourigny, Pastor
Search Committee:

Dr. Dan Baillargeon, Ph.D., Superintendent of Catholic Schools

Ms. Cathy Desorcy, Chair, Ste. Rose Parish Council

Mrs. Christine Lessing Provost, Chair, St. Joan of Arc School Advisory Board

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