

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

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**First Sunday of Advent +++ November 29, 2020**

**Readings: + Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 +1 Corinthians 1:3-9 +Mark 13:33-37**

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

Nov 28 – Saturday	4:00 PM Shirley Pelland by her husband, Edward
Nov 29 – Sunday	7:30 AM Paul DesRosiers by Rev. Denis A. DesRosiers
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	9:00 AM Chet & Connie Rosinski and Cecile Goulet by Jeff & Janice Daly
	11:00 AM Robert Tremblay (Ann) by his wife Jeannine
	4:00 PM Mass of Gratitude by Monique Morin
Nov 30 – Monday	7:00 AM Donald Bourque (18 <sup>th</sup> Ann) by Connie
Dec 01 - Tuesday	7:00 AM Henry E. Beaudry by his son, Richard
Dec 02 – Wednesday	7:00 AM Leo Croteau (20 <sup>th</sup> Ann) by Paul & Diane
Dec 03 – Thursday	7:00 AM Alfie Dubois (6 <sup>th</sup> Ann) by Mom, Dad & family
Dec 04 - Friday	7:00 AM Annette (47 <sup>th</sup> Ann) & Donat Plasse & deceased children by Rachel Nunes
Dec 05 – Saturday	4:00 PM Joanne Dunigan (B'day rem) by her husband, Bruce
Dec 06 – Sunday	7:30 AM Paul DesRosiers by Rev. Denis A. DesRosiers
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	9:00 AM Ted Klekotka (4 <sup>th</sup> Ann) by his family
	11:00 AM Clarence Gagnon by the family
	4:00 PM Ronald Connaughton (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann) by his wife & family

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 11/22/2020 Offertory \$7,760.50**

**~ Thank you!**

**SJA BOOSTER CLUB** Winner for 11/22/20 Week 17 #90 Dave Brault

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** the soul and family of: Constance (Jacquel) Houle. May she rest in God's eternal peace.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN** will resume at the 9:00AM Sunday Mass beginning this Sunday, the **First Sunday of Advent, November 29<sup>th</sup>**. We will meet as usual in the Sacristy. If more than 8 children participate, because of social distancing, we will instead proceed to the Church Hall using the stairwell. We look forward to seeing the children at Sunday Liturgy.

**2020 HOLIDAY COOKBOOK SALE** The Ste. Rose de Lima Parish Family Cookbook Committee is again offering the Parish Cookbook for sale during the holidays. The cookbook which originally sold for \$15.00 is now available for \$10.00. Both Ste. Rose and St. Joan will benefit from the proceeds with \$5.00 going to the church and \$5.00 going to the school. Make checks payable to Ste. Rose de Lima Church and send to St. Rose de Lima Pastoral Center, Attn: Georgianna Adams, 15 Chapel St., Chicopee, MA 01020. Please include your name, address and phone number. Either Georgie or Sandy will contact you to determine whether you would prefer your cookbooks to be delivered or mailed to you.

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

**Sacrificial Offering**

Sunday, November 22, 2020 sacrificial offering was \$7,760.50. Thank you for your generous support of Ste. Rose de Lima Parish during this time of the pandemic.

**Annual Catholic Appeal 2020**

To date, 425 members of Ste. Rose de Lima Parish have contributed \$51,605. In the name of the Diocese of Springfield, I thank you for your generosity to this year's ACA. Due to the pandemic, more families have sought assistance than ever before. Your contributions are making a difference in the lives of so many.

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

Due to the pandemic and the uncertainty of the Thanksgiving Day effect of how many additional infections there will be; the response that will be made by Gov. Charlie Baker if Thanksgiving was a "super-spreader, I will hold off announcing what the Christmas Mass schedule will be. Christmas 2020 is less than a month away. As soon as more information is made available, it will be published. I prefer to be cautiously optimistic that Christmas Masses will be what we are accustomed to here at Ste. Rose.

**Search Committee for "Principal" at St. Joan of Arc School**

The position of "Principal" at SJA School has been posted. There are several applicants who have tremendous credentials to fill the soon to be vacant position. The Search Committee is meeting Monday, November 30, 2020 with the Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Springfield to review each applicant. An interview schedule will be implemented in the very near future. As more information is made available this bulletin will convey it. It is the intention of the Search Committee to have a new principal in place when school resumes after the Christmas break.

***And finally***

*Hopefully, the article listed below will assist you in celebrating the Advent Season in preparation for the celebration of the Christmas season and not simply Christmas Day.*

*Stay well! Remember, that we are in this together.*

***Fr. Bill***

# The Season of Advent in the Catholic Church

Meaning, Symbols, Time Period, and More



By Scott P. Richert

Updated June 25, 2019

**In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation extending over the four Sundays before Christmas.** The word *Advent* comes from the Latin *advenio*, "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. And the term *the coming* includes three references: first of all, to our celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas; second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to his second coming at the end of time.

Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily.

## First We Fast; Then We Feast

Advent has been called a "little Lent," because it traditionally has included a period of increased prayer, fasting, and good works. Although the Western Church no longer has a set requirement for fasting during Advent, the Eastern Church (both Catholic and Orthodox) continues to observe what is known as Philip's Fast, from November 15 until Christmas.

Traditionally, all great feasts have been preceded by a time of fasting, which makes the feast itself more joyful. Unfortunately, Advent today has supplanted by "the Christmas shopping season," so that by the time Christmas Day comes, many people no longer enjoy the feast or even specially mark the next 12 days of the Christmas season, which lasts until Epiphany (or, technically, the Sunday after Epiphany, being that the next season, called ordinary time, starts on the following Monday).

## The Symbols of Advent

In its symbolism, the church continues to stress the penitential and preparatory nature of Advent. As during Lent, priests wear purple vestments, and the Gloria ("Glory to God") is omitted during Mass. The only exception is on the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, when priests can wear rose-colored vestments. As on Laetare Sunday during Lent, this exception is designed to encourage us to continue our prayer and fasting, because we can see that Advent is more than halfway over.

## The Advent Wreath

Perhaps the best-known of all Advent symbols is the Advent wreath, a custom that originated among German Lutherans but was soon adopted by Catholics. Consisting of four candles (three purple or blue and one pink) arranged in a circle with evergreen boughs (and often a fifth, white candle in the center), the Advent wreath corresponds to the four Sundays of Advent. The purple or blue candles represent the penitential nature of the season, while the pink candle calls to mind the respite of Gaudete Sunday. The white candle, when used, represents Christmas.

## Celebrating Advent

We can better enjoy Christmas—all 12 days of it—if we revive Advent as a period of preparation. Abstaining from meat on Fridays or not eating at all between meals is a good way to revive the Advent fast. (Not eating Christmas cookies or listening to Christmas music before Christmas is another.) We can incorporate customs such as the Advent wreath, the Saint Andrew Christmas Novena, and the Jesse Tree into our daily ritual, and we can set some time aside for special scripture readings for Advent, which remind us of the threefold coming of Christ.

Holding off on putting up the Christmas tree and other decorations is another way to remind ourselves that the feast is not here yet. Traditionally, such decorations were put

up on Christmas Eve, and they would not be taken down until after Epiphany, in order to celebrate the Christmas season to its fullest.

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**COMMUNITY LIFE RAFFLE** Community Life assembled some items for a raffle to benefit St Joan of Arc. The drawing for the 3 random draw items will be on Monday November 30<sup>th</sup> in time for Christmas and all the items are geared to family fun!

1. **Couch Potato Quarantine Package**- living room tailgating pack including a Patriots throw, a cooler containing all the paper party goods, snacks, and beverages including Coke and Beer. Also included are two thermal mugs, a \$10.00 gift card to Dunkin Donuts and a \$25.00 gift card to Big Y for your families special treats.
2. **Board No More**- great assortment of popular board, card and dice games as well as craft and painting supplies, in time for hunkering down for the long winter months. Hours of fun and games for the whole family
3. **Kick the Quarantine Blues** with a 42” Foosball table, fun for everyone in the family!

All prizes are worth more than \$150.00 each. Cost of tickets is \$1.00 each 6 for \$5.00 and raffle packs will be available at the back of the church and with Nancy at the Pastoral Center. Any questions please call Cathy Desorcy (413-531-3639) [cdesorcy@superbrush.com](mailto:cdesorcy@superbrush.com) or Donna Marratta (413-557-9280) [dmatt66@charter.net](mailto:dmatt66@charter.net) We will be drawing the winners on Monday November 30<sup>th</sup> at the Pastoral Center and all prizes need to be picked up, we cannot deliver.

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**SJA LOTTERY CALENDAR** The popular SJA School Lottery Calendar Raffle is now available! Due to everyone's safety, the calendars are available from SJA students OUTSIDE, after Masses, in front of the church (Grattan Street). Please wear a mask. If you have address labels, bring them with you. It will save you time filling out the raffle stubs. You will need to complete your phone info. Please bring a pen. If you prefer to buy directly from the school, call the office at 533-1475 to arrange a purchase or visit the Pastoral Center Mon-Fri 9AM – 5PM.

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## **JOB POSTING FOR PRINCIPAL OF SJA:**

**POSITION:** St. Joan of Arc School, Principal

**SALARY:** Commensurate with Experience

**DIRECT REPORT:** Pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish

**FLSA:** Exempt

**STATUS:** Full-time

St. Joan of Arc, a parish operated Catholic elementary school located in Chicopee, Massachusetts, is seeking a dynamic principal who is committed to Catholic education.

The principal is the instructional, managerial, and spiritual leader of the school, reporting to the Pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish and is directly responsible for long-range planning and outreach to the community, with a particular focus on educational development, community building, and enrollment management.

The ideal candidate for this position should be:

- A strong communicator;
- A practicing and committed Catholic who is community service and service minded;
- A visible leader;
- A community and bridge builder maintaining strong relationships with the parish, PTO, benefactors, etc.;
- Transparent in interactions and willing to keep an open door.

The ideal candidate should have or desire to acquire the following skills:

- School Board Development;
- Demonstrates willingness to work closely with the parish community;
- Strong understanding of the business aspect of a school;
- Clear understanding of instructional technology and enrichment;
- Clear understanding of Catholic education and 21st century learning skills;
- Ability to build institutional advancement processes including marketing, enrollment management, and development.

The principal oversees the total education program of the school and works with faculty, administration and staff to ensure the implementation of a rigorous and diverse curriculum and range of programs based on the educational philosophy of St. Joan of Arc School and the achievement of excellence. Achieving academic excellence requires the principal to collaboratively direct all members of the faculty and staff and communicate effectively with parents and the parish community. Maintaining a culture of open communication with parents, students and faculty is fundamental to the success of the position.

### **Education/Experience**

- A broad knowledge of the Roman Catholic Church and its teachings; respect for and promotion of the Catholic vision on important social, moral and ethical issues is required.
- Knowledge of the Catholic school system.
- Master's degree in Education, M.B.A. or related degree.
- 5-10 years' teaching experience

To Benefit

# Raffle

St. Joan of Arc School

## Three Chances To Win!

### Couch Potato Quarantine Package!

Enjoy This Great Tailgate Package In the Comfort of Your Home!

Includes  
Soft cooler loaded with picnic accessories, snacks, beverages as well as  
(2) \$10 Dunkin Donuts GC  
\$25 Big Y Certificate



**EACH PRIZE PACKAGE VALUED AT MORE THAN \$150!!**

### Bored No More!

You won't be bored with this great assortment of popular board games for all ages. Hunker down with the family and enjoy your time together!



**TICKETS**  
1 for \$1  
6 for \$5

**Drawing**  
Nov 30th

### To Purchase:

Raffle tickets available at the back of the church or at Pastoral Center. Tickets and money can be returned to Pastoral Center or in weekly offering baskets.

Any questions contact: Cathy Desorcy  
(413-531-3639) cdesorcy@superbrush.com

### Kick the Quarantine Blues!

There will be plenty of family fun indoors with this 42" Foosball table



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