

Ste. Rose de Lima Church, 600 Grattan St., Chicopee, MA
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Second Sunday of Advent +++ December 6, 2020

Readings: + Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 +2 Peter 3:8-14 +Mark 1:1-8

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 nd Sunday of Advent	9:00 AM Ted Klekotka (4 th Ann) by his family
	11:00 AM Clarence Gagnon by the family
	4:00 PM Ronald Connaughton (2 nd Ann) by his wife & family
Dec 07 – Monday	7:00 AM Annita Barillari by Angelina Manno
	The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – The Patronal Feastday of the U S A
12/7 I.C. Vigil Mass	4:00 PM Alvine Maynard by Mary O'Hanlon
Dec 08 - Tuesday	7:00 AM Annita Barillari by Rita & Jim O'Dell
	6:30 PM Ronald & Doris Berthiaume by their estate
Dec 09 – Wednesday	7:00 AM Paul E. Samson by Annette Menard
Dec 10 – Thursday	7:00 AM Simone Roux (Ann) by her children & grandchildren
Dec 11 - Friday	7:00 AM Sylvio Carrier by his family
Dec 12 – Saturday	1:00 PM WEDDING: Santos & Senecal
	4:00 PM Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Belanger by the family
Dec 13 – Sunday	7:30 AM Martha LeHouiller by Associates & Sisters of the Assumption
3 rd Sunday of Advent	9:00 AM Jose & Amelia Sousa by the family
	11:00 AM Edwin Langevin (Ann) by his family
	4:00 PM Irene & Walter Bennis by Connie & Ron Desmarais & family

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 11/29/2020 Offertory \$7,248.00

~ Thank you!

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

Sacrificial Offering: Sunday, November 29, 2020

The Thanksgiving weekend – November 26-29, 2020 – was \$6,748.00. With a one-time donation of \$500.00 the parish realized \$7,248.00 for total receipts. Thank you! Your generosity during this pandemic has been inspirational!

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Even with the pandemic lurking around, the Thanksgiving Day Mass was well attended. Though we are in unusual territory with the long-lasting pandemic, there is much to be grateful for. The collection taken was for the benefit of *Lorraine's Soup Kitchen*. The amount offered was \$1,031.00 with an additional 189 pounds of food donated. Thank you!

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

The Mass schedule for this holy day is:

Monday, December 7th Mass at 4:00 PM

Tuesday, December 8th Mass at 7:00 AM & 6:30 PM

Christmas Mass Schedule

With the COVID pandemic still raging on, the Christmas Mass schedule will be as follows:

Thursday, December 24th Christmas Eve: Mass will be celebrated at 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM

Friday, December 25th Christmas Day: Mass at Midnight 12:00 AM, 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, and 11:00 AM.

The added Mass of 6:00 PM is to encourage and divide the 4:00 PM Mass congregants into two groups. The traditional “over packed” 4:00 PM Mass **must be socially distant.** Should the church be filled from the “new normal” capacity, the doors will need to be locked in order to observe all pandemic protocol.

In order to accommodate as many as possible, **please keep the 4:00 PM reserved for families who live in common.** So please take advantage of the second Mass at 6:00 PM **especially for those single individuals.** The seating pattern at the 6:00 PM Mass will be what is presently in practice: **family seating on the left side** and **individual seating on the right side** of the church, thereby enabling social distancing to be observed. Midnight Mass is “traditionally” very well attended which would exceed the “new normal” seating capacity. Again, at Midnight Mass, **family seating will be on the left side and individual seating on the right side.** Please take advantage of the Christmas morning Masses which, normally on Christmas Day, are compliant to the pandemic protocol of social distancing.

Remember if you have not been attending Mass since the inception of the COVID 19 pandemic, please consider remaining vigilant by staying home. The dispensation from Mass attendance given by then Bishop Rozanski and ratified by Bishop McManus is still in effect. Your good health and safety are my top priorities. With a vaccine just weeks/months away, please be prudent in your decision making.

Christmas Mass Schedule – condensed:

CHRISTMAS EVE: 4:00 PM – families living in common & 6:00 PM families living in common and individuals.

CHRISTMAS DAY: MIDNIGHT (12:00 AM), 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, and 11:00 AM.

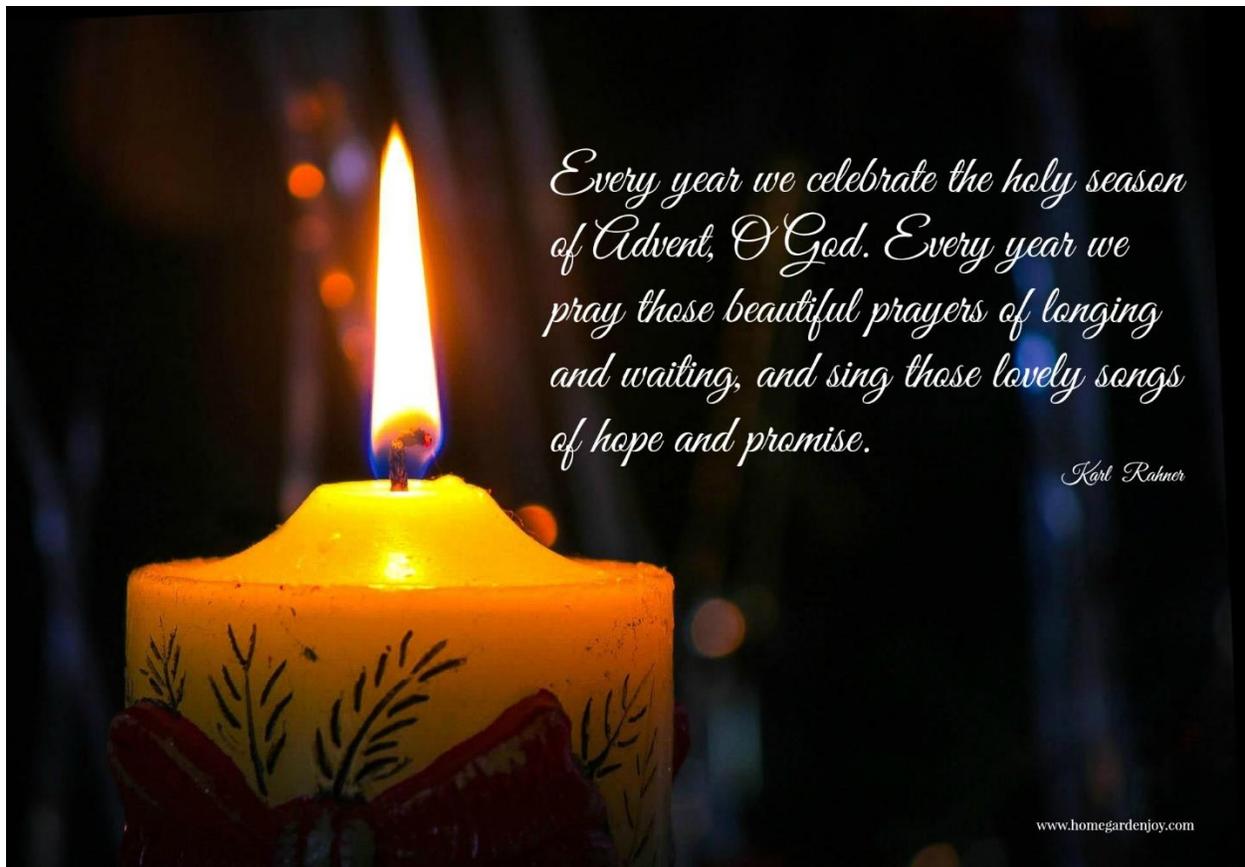
And finally,

To date, “houses of worship,” especially Catholic Parishes in Western Massachusetts, have not been “contact traced to COVID 19. The protocols that are in place appear to be effective in preventing the spread of this virus. I am so appreciative to you for your compliance. The CDC is suggesting that this virus was already spreading in December of 2019; however, the CDC was not necessarily aware of its presence at the time. So, we are realistically at the one-year marker of COVID 19. I pray that none of us become cavalier concerning this coronavirus.

The year of 2020 will soon be a memory that I am sure we all would prefer to become a distant memory. We can pray that 2021 will bring a new hope and a new promise of curbing and eliminating COVID 19. Let us not forget in prayers the front line health care workers, police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and so many working in nursing homes during this pandemic. They are the true heroes battling this dreaded pandemic. May they stay safe! If each of us continues to do our part to not spread the virus, we individually and collectively alleviate the work of all those people “on the front lines” by not contracting the virus ourselves. May God bless us all during this time of pandemic even as the Christmas season dawns upon us.

Peace and love,

Fr Bill



SJA BOOSTER CLUB Winner for 11/29/20 Week 17 #97 Denis Chabot (to the estate of).

Grand Prize Drawing: The current Booster Club will end on December 14th. The Grand Prize Drawing will be held at the Pastoral Center with members of the staff in attendance. Winners will be announced on the Ste. Rose website bulletin.

New Club: A new club will begin the week of December 20th. Numbers are available for anyone interested in joining the next Booster Club; proceeds go to

support St. Joan of Arc School. The club will run from December 20, 2020 to May 3, 2021. Dues are \$5.00 per week for 20 weeks: \$100.00 total. There is a weekly \$100 winner. The final week's drawing has multiple winners with prizes ranging from \$1000.00 to \$100.00. If interested, please contact Sandy and Joe Chessey at (413) 592-6256.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the souls and families of: Dario Ribadeneyra, Pierrette Picard, Barbara Boucher, Corinne Lemay and Linda Lavigne. May they rest in God's eternal peace.

THE PATRONAL FEASTDAY of THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA is celebrated with the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. This Liturgy will be celebrated at Ste. Rose at the following Masses: Monday, 12/7 at 4:00PM and Tuesday, 12/8 at 7:00AM and 6:30PM. This is usually a Holy Day of Obligation, however, due to the COVID Virus restrictions, and social distancing, the obligation is suspended. Therefore, if you are able, please join us as we celebrate the Blessed Mother being conceived without sin, preserved from the first moment of her existence as a part of God's plan for our salvation.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN has resumed at the 9:00AM Sunday Mass. We 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.

THE COMMUNITY LIFE RAFFLE DRAWING was held on Monday November 30th. Congratulations to the prize winners:

1. **PAULINE ZEMROCK WON THE 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
2. **TRICIA STALLMAN WON THE Board No More-** great assortment of popular board, card and dice games as well as craft and painting supplies.
3. **KERRY HOUGHTON WON THE Kick the Quarantine Blues** with a 42" Foosball table.

Community Life thanks all who took chances in support of St. Joan of Arc School. Over \$1,000 was raised. Thanks also to Community Life for their successful efforts.

THANKSGIVING DAY FOOD DONATION. Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry is grateful for \$1,031.00 received in the Thanksgiving offertory and for the 189 lbs. of food that was donated at the Thanksgiving Day Mass. Thank you very much!

SJA LOTTERY CALENDAR The popular SJA School Lottery Calendar Raffle is available from the school, call the school office at 533-1475 to arrange a purchase or visit the Pastoral Center Mon-Fri 9AM – 5PM.

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.

