

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

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Third Sunday of Advent +++ December 13, 2020

Readings: + Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 +1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 +John 1:6-8, 19-28

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Dec 12 – Saturday	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
Dec 14 – Monday	7:00 AM	Umberto Manno by his family
Dec 15 - Tuesday	7:00 AM	For the intentions of Irene Gonneville by Claire & Roland Stebbins
Dec 16 – Wednesday	7:00 AM	Alida Peloquin by her co-workers
Dec 17 – Thursday	7:00 AM	Marietta Chapdelaine by Joseph & Sarah Florek
Dec 18 - Friday	7:00 AM	Nelson Labrie by his wife, Terry & family
Dec 19 – Saturday	4:00 PM	Janet Bergeron (4 th Ann) by her husband & children
Dec 20 – Sunday	7:30 AM	Paul & Yvette Samson by Marielle Kwiatkowski
	9:00 AM	Manuel Oliveira (12 th Ann) by Ormindia Oliveira & family
	11:00 AM	Raymond Desorcy by his wife, Dee & family
4 th Sunday of Advent	4:00 PM	Raymond Hebert by his family

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 12/06/2020 Offertory \$10,020.00

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

The sacrificial offering for Sunday, December 6, 2020 totaled \$10,020. Thank you for your continuing support of the parish during this time of the pandemic.

The 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

To date, 430 members of Ste. Rose de Lima Parish have contributed \$52,200 to this year's appeal. Thank you for your generosity. It's never too late to contribute to this year's appeal. Log onto www.diospringfield.org and click on the 150th banner. Be sure to list Ste. Rose de Lima as your parish.

Bishop-Elect William Byrne

On Monday, December 14, 2020 at 2:00 PM Bishop-elect William Byrne will be ordained a bishop by Cardinal O'Malley from the Archdiocese of Boston. Upon his ordination as a bishop, he will then be installed as the tenth bishop of the Diocese of Springfield. Due to the pandemic, limited numbers of persons have been invited to the Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel for the ceremony. However, it will be aired on WWLP-22 and live streamed on the diocesan website. As Bishop William Byrne begins his tenure, all members of the diocesan family ought to keep him in our "collective" thoughts and prayers. There are many challenges and issues that he will need to confront as "bishop" of the diocese. As the Diocese of Springfield deals with many issues, the bishop will need to focus on re-building credibility with transparency as the diocese responds and attempts to move forward from the issues

of clergy misconduct. The Diocese needs to begin another phase of pastoral planning by reducing the number of parishes within the four counties as many members of the clergy are aging and preparing for retirement. The Diocese will need to address the financial issues that many parishes are confronting especially since the advent of the coronavirus. While these issues may be just scratching the surface, they are what most dioceses around the country are experiencing. As a relatively young bishop at 56 years of age, we pray he has the support and encouragement of the entire diocesan family. May God bless our new bishop with good health and joy.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24th Mass at 4:00 PM – *Please limit to only families that live in common!*

Thursday, December 24th Mass at 6:00 PM – *Families and individuals*

Friday, December 25th Mass at 12:00 Midnight – *Families and individuals*

Friday, December 25th Masses at 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, and 11:00 AM – *Families and Individuals*

As always, masks are required to be always worn inside the church. During this new surge of the virus, the reception of holy communion will continue to be distributed in the manner of our new practice. Please respect the practice of receiving communion in your hand during this pandemic.

And of course, the Christmas Mass schedule will be dependent upon what Governor Baker decides what will be allowed as Christmas draws closer. The entire world is fighting COVID 19. Therefore, if you have been hesitant to attend Mass due to the pandemic since the re-opening in May, please make a prayerful decision about attending Christmas Mass. The dispensation from Mass attendance due to the virus is still in effect. Your long-term health and safety issues are of paramount importance. Be careful and stay safe.

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GAUDETTE SUNDAY, the Third [Sunday of Advent](#),

so called from the first word of the [Introit](#) at Mass (*Gaudete*, i.e. Rejoice). The season of [Advent](#) originated as a fast of forty days in preparation for [Christmas](#), commencing on the day after the feast of St. [Martin](#) (November 12), whence it was often called “St. [Martin](#)’s [Lent](#)”—a name by which it was known as early as the fifth century. The introduction of the [Advent](#) fast cannot be placed much earlier, because there is no evidence of [Christmas](#) being kept on December 25 before the end of the fourth century (Duchesne, “Origines du culte chretien”, [Paris](#), 1889), and the preparation for the feast could not have been of earlier date than the feast itself. In the ninth century, the duration of Advent



was reduced to four weeks, the first allusion to the shortened season being in a letter of St. Nicholas I (858-867) to the Bulgarians, and by the twelfth century the fast had been replaced by simple abstinence. St. Gregory the Great was the first to draw up an Office for the [Advent](#) season, and the Gregorian Sacramentary is the earliest to provide Masses for the Sundays of [Advent](#). In both Office and Mass provision is made for five Sundays, but by the tenth century four was the usual number, though some churches of [France](#) observed five as late as the thirteenth century. Notwithstanding all these modifications, however, [Advent](#) still preserved most of the characteristics of a penitential season, which made it a kind of counterpart to [Lent](#), the middle (or third) [Sunday](#) corresponding with Laetare or Mid-[Lent Sunday](#). On it, as on Laetare [Sunday](#), the organ and flowers, forbidden during the rest of the season, were permitted to be used; rose-colored vestments were allowed instead of purple (or black, as formerly); the deacon and subdeacon reassumed the dalmatic and tunicle at the chief Mass, and cardinals wore rose-color instead of purple. All these distinguishing marks have continued in use, and are the present discipline of the [Latin Church](#). Gaudete Sunday, therefore, makes a break, like [Laetare Sunday](#), about midway through a season which is otherwise of a penitential character, and signifies the nearness of the Lord's coming. Of the "stations" kept in [Rome](#) on the four Sundays of [Advent](#), that at the [Vatican](#) basilica is assigned to Gaudete, as being the most important and imposing of the four. In both Office and Mass throughout [Advent](#), continual reference is made to our Lord's second coming, and this is emphasized on the third [Sunday](#) by the additional signs of gladness permitted on that day. Gaudete Sunday is further marked by a new Invitatory, the [Church](#) no longer inviting the faithful to adore merely "The Lord who is to come", but calling upon them to worship and hail with joy "The Lord who is now nigh and close at hand". The Nocturn lessons from the [Prophecy](#) of [Isaias](#) describe the Lord's coming and

the blessings that will result from it, and the antiphons at [Vespers](#) reecho the same prophetic promises. The joy of expectation is emphasized by the constant Alleluias, which occur in both Office and Mass throughout the entire season. In the Mass, the [Introit](#) "Gaudete in Domino semper" strikes the same note, and gives its name to the day. The [Epistle](#) again incites us to rejoicing, and bids us prepare to meet the coming Savior with prayers and supplication and thanksgiving, whilst the Gospel, in the words of St. John Baptist, warns us that the [Lamb](#) of [God](#) is even now in our midst, though we appear to know Him not. The spirit of the Office and [Liturgy](#) all through [Advent](#) is one of expectation and preparation for the [Christmas](#) feast as well as for the second coming of Christ, and the penitential exercises suitable to that spirit are thus on Gaudete Sunday suspended, as it were, for a while in order to symbolize that joy and gladness in the promised [Redemption](#) which should never be absent from the hearts of the faithful.

--G. CYPRIAN ALSTON.

SJA BOOSTER CLUB Winner for 12/06/20 #3 Anne Marie Brodeur

SJA BOOSTER CLUB Grand Prize Drawing: The current Booster Club will end on December 14th, when 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, Linda Lavigne and Angeline Lajeunesse . May they rest in God's eternal peace.

CALENDARS FOR THE YEAR 2021 will be available at church next weekend, December 19th and 20th. We thank St. Pierre-Phaneuf Funeral Chapels for making them available to the Parishioners of St. Rose de Lima Parish.

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.

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.

