

Ste. Rose de Lima Church, 600 Grattan St., Chicopee, MA
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time + **January 24, 2021**

Readings: + Jonah 3:1-5, 10 +1 Corinthians 7:29-31 +mark 1:14-20

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Jan 23 – Saturday	4:00 PM Deacon Leo Bergeron by Albert & Diane Bissonnette
Jan 24 – Sunday	7:30 AM Raymond Duclos by Doris
Third Ordinary Sunday	9:00 AM Annette Bilodeau by Jeannette
	11:00 AM Paul E. Samson by Annette Menard
	4:00 PM Donald Ringuette (5 th Ann) by Claire & family
Jan 25 – Monday	7:00 AM Tony & Carmela Tassone by Rita & Jim O'Dell
Jan 26 - Tuesday	7:00 AM Paul DesRosiers by Rev Denis DesRosiers
Jan 27 – Wednesday	7:00 AM James Justice (60 th Wdg Ann rem) by his wife, Lorraine
Jan 28 – Thursday	7:00 AM Luke Lessard by Martha Paul
Jan 29 Friday	7:00 AM Roger Dupuis by Julie Dupuis
Jan 30 – Saturday	4:00 PM Maria Ramos Martin (1 st Ann) by Darlene Proulx
Jan 31 – Sunday	7:30 AM Nelson Labrie (Wdg Ann rem) by his wife Theresa & family
Fourth Ordinary Sunday	9:00 AM Lillian Murray by her family
	11:00 AM Frank Stec (31 st B'day rem) by his loving family
	4:00 PM Robert Boucher (15 th Ann) by the family

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 1/17/21 Offertory \$7169.00 ~~~ Elms College \$594.00

January School Support \$2250.25

SJA BOOSTER CLUB Winner for 1/17/2021 #14 Dr. Paul Thomas

JANUARY MEMORIALS: *HOSTS AND SANCTUARY LAMP* In Loving Memory of Frank J. Stec by the DiSanti family.

THE ST. ROSE MEMORIAL FUND is grateful for the following gifts in Loving Memory of: Pauline Godin \$20.00; Sam Landry \$60.00 and Doris DesRochers \$25.00. Thank you very much!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the souls and families of Gerlinde Bachli, Glenn Pittsinger, Kenneth Bewsee, Theresa Conner and Dorothy O'Connell. May they rest in God's eternal peace!

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

For Sunday, January 17, 2021 the Sacrificial Offering was \$7,169.00. An additional \$2,250.25 was contributed to SJA School. Thank you! Thank you!

Financial Updates

Next Sunday's column will include an up-to-date comparison of where the parish is so far in this fiscal year of July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 versus FY July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. The up-to-date comparison will display the pre-pandemic fiscal realities versus the pandemic fiscal realities. The information will

simply be to inform you as to what the pandemic has meant for the financials of the parish. There's no need to panic! Your generosity throughout the pandemic has been both inspiring and exemplary.

Catholic School Week 2021

CSW 2021 will be like no other CSW in memory. The pandemic has virtually eliminated the joyful annual celebration of our school, St. Joan of Arc. However, there is, on the school's website, a "virtual tour" of the school building. As always, the best method of growing the enrollment is "word of mouth" and to encourage families with children to take the virtual tour or to make an appointment with the school's administration. In the very near future, Principal William McDonald will address the parish community at the weekend Masses. It's important for the "principal" to introduce himself to the parish family, thereby enabling the parish to attach a face to a name! The new principal brings a lot of energy to school each day. He's a visible presence in the school and wishes to get to know the parents of the students as well as you, the benefactors and supporters of SJA School. Please keep SJA School in your thoughts and prayers as CSW is about to begin. May St. Joan of Arc, the school's patroness, intercede for us as we pray for an increase in the enrollment of the school.

Ste. Rose de Lima Bingo

As you're already aware, bingo throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has been suspended since March of 2020 due to the pandemic and the need for social distancing, etc. The income generated by bingo is sorely missed. All proceeds generated at bingo go directly to SJA School. There's no early sign of when bingo will be allowed to operate. In the meantime, the parish has offered the "bingo subsidy" to qualifying families for tuition assistance at SJA School. While it has been a financial strain, it's important to assist our families during this time of pandemic. Should the pandemic ease up during 2021, bingo allowed to resume, and bingo players return to play, the "grace period" will have been well worth the temporary financial strain. Each of us needs to do what's necessary to stop the spread of COVID 19. Please wear facial coverings, wash your hands often, refrain from touching your face with your hands, and "rollup" your sleeve when your "phase" of receiving the vaccine is open to you. Together, we can defeat this virus and attempt to go forward with a lifestyle to which we're more accustomed.

Disinfecting the Church after Masses / Services

The protocol for disinfecting the church after Mass is still in effect. The parish/school has electrostatic "guns" that make for an easier disinfecting process. You can assist the disinfecting process by remembering to leave the "kneeler" that

you used down on the floor as you exit the pew when receiving Holy Eucharist. Volunteers are greatly appreciated for assistance after each Mass.

Sanitizing Stations

At long last sanitizing stations have arrived. There are now sanitizing stations at each entrance of the church building. Each station is “touchless.” All that needs to be done is to place one hand under the dispenser and the correct amount of sanitizer is dispensed. Vigorously rub the sanitizer into your hands and then enter the church. During Mass avoid touching your face, etc. keeping your hands clean. And of course, if you choose, you may sanitize your hands as you exit the church.

And finally,

In a very short few days the Season of Lent will begin. Ash Wednesday is February 17, 2021. The way the months of the calendar turn over means Lent will be here quickly. Lent will be quiet in the parish due to the pandemic, as we all know by now. I’m hopeful, however, that we will be able to publicly celebrate Holy Week 2021. Holy Week and Easter 2020 was a total shut down. The parish has ordered “palms” for Palm Sunday. Last year they had to disposed of. As to whether the restrictions can be lifted for a “return to normal,” depends upon each of us to do our part to not spread the virus. The virus will not simply go away. I pray that each of us perseveres with the well-known protocols. By doing so, the virus can be defeated. As mentioned above, when your phase for vaccination is implemented, please rollup your sleeve and get the vaccine. I plan to get vaccinated as soon as my phase is published.

***The church envelope system** is the primary method for parishioners to support the parish. The cost of the system is approximately \$10,000 per year. Too many “parishioners” receive the monthly packet and do not use the support envelopes. In order to reduce the monthly/yearly cost of this system, the parish will begin to re-evaluate the non-users and begin the process of eliminating their names from the monthly mailing. So, help spread the word to your fellow members who are non-users and inform them of what will be implemented. The parish, with the extra support of SJA School, can no longer afford to “waste” such precious resources to non-users.*

Stay safe and may God bless us all through this pandemic.

Fr. Bill

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: *Prepare each day for the end of our earthly lives.*

There is an ancient practice of reflection on mortality that goes as far back as Socrates: *Memento Mori*, or, *Remember, thou art mortal*. Today's Scriptures are perfect for the Christian spiritual practice of thinking about our life, and eventual death – a reminder that our ultimate goal in faith is to live with God after this life. Awareness of our own mortality should spur us to act righteously each day.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

At God's command, Jonah goes to Nineveh, prophesying destruction. The citizens of Nineveh repent and are spared. Saint Paul urges the Corinthians to act in a way that reflects the passing away of this world. In the Gospel, Jesus arrives in Galilee, proclaiming the *time of fulfillment* has arrived, and that all are to *repent, and believe in the Gospel*. The Apostles Simon, Andrew, James, and John leave their lives as fishermen to follow him.

From the Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary

THE PROGRAM: THAT MAN IS YOU! IS RETURNING... an invitation to participate

St. Stanislaus Parish, Chicopee is running a men's program that is spreading around the world and is truly changing men and their families. This program is *That Man Is You!* and we want to personally invite all adult men to be a part of it.

You will be one of over 25,000 men going through the TMIY program this year across the country.

We just ask that you give the program a try. The program is re-starting on **January 23** and is held every **Saturday at 7:00 AM Via Zoom**. The content and the fellowship can be truly transformational!

To sign up, go to paradisusdei.org and click the *Find A Group Near You And Register* button. There is no fee to join. If you have any questions, contact Mike Pray at tmiy@thepraypad.com or 534-1251.

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.

Nationwide Prayer Vigil for Life, January 28-29

January 5, 2020

WASHINGTON— Catholics across the country are encouraged to observe a nationwide prayer vigil from Thursday, January 28 to Friday, January 29, 2021 marking the 48th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions legalizing abortion through nine months of pregnancy. Since those decisions, over 60 million abortions have been performed legally in the United States.

Each January, the National Prayer Vigil for Life is hosted by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Pro-Life Secretariat, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and The Catholic University of America's Office of Campus Ministry to pray for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life.

While thousands of pilgrims typically attend the vigil in person each year, the Basilica will not be open to the public for the 2021 vigil due to local attendance restrictions in place because of the coronavirus pandemic. In response, this year, for the first time ever, in addition to the televised Mass, bishops in dioceses across the country will be taking turns leading live-streamed holy hours every hour on the hour throughout the all-night vigil.

The vigil will begin with a live broadcast at 8:00 PM on Thursday, January 28 from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. with a rosary, followed by Mass opening the National Prayer Vigil for Life. The principal celebrant and homilist for the opening Mass will be Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, who is chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). After the Mass and throughout the night, holy hours led by bishops from various dioceses around the country will be broadcast on the USCCB's website. The vigil concludes at 8:00 AM on Friday, January 29 with Mass celebrated by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore.

"Now, more than ever, our nation is in need of prayer for the protection of the unborn and the dignity of all human life," said Archbishop Naumann. "I am happy to be joined by bishops in dioceses across the country who are hosting pro-life prayer events, including during the overnight hours of Eucharistic adoration. I invite all Catholics to spend time with Our Lord and join in this nationwide vigil for life."

The schedule of the 2021 National Prayer Vigil for Life is listed below. (All times are in Eastern Time.)

Thursday, January 28:

8:00 PM National Rosary for Life
8:30 PM Opening Mass with Archbishop Naumann
9:45 PM Holy Hour for Life
11:00 PM ~ Live-stream of holy hours throughout the night

Friday, January 29:

~ 8:00 AM Closing Mass with Archbishop Lori

The live television broadcasts on January 28 from 8:00-11:00 PM and on January 29 from 8:00-9:00 AM will be provided by the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) and will also be available via live-stream on the Basilica's [website](#). Live-streaming information for the overnight bishop-led holy hours from various dioceses will be provided on the USCCB's [website](#).