

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

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Second Sunday of Lent

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February 28, 2021

Readings: + Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 +Romans 8:31b-34 +Mark 9:2-10

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Feb 27 – Saturday	4:00 PM Lucille Dietrich (1 st Ann) by her daughters
Feb 28 – Sunday	7:30 AM Sylvia DiTommaso Nielsen by David Rosinski
Second Sunday of Lent	9:00 AM Simone Bienvenue by her husband, Richard 11:00 AM Richard Couture by Helen Carrier 4:00 PM Noe Tisdell by the family
Mar 01– Monday	7:00 AM Elaine Forest by Community Life
Mar 02 - Tuesday	7:00 AM Fernande (Guillemette) Jolin & Ernestine (Guillemette) Mercier by Angelina Manno
Mar 03 – Wednesday	7:00 AM Donald Mercier (1 st Ann) by Dolores
Mar 04 – Thursday	7:00 AM Donald Mercier (1 st Ann) by Dee Desorcy
Mar 05 - Friday	7:00 AM Nelson Labrie by Jeannette Czerwiecki
Mar 06 – Saturday	4:00 PM Pauline Leblond (5 th Ann) by Joanne Leblond
Mar 07 – Sunday	7:30 AM The Bilodeau & Nolette families by Jeannette
Third Sunday of Lent	9:00 AM Estelle Tisdell by her family 11:00 AM Paul E. Samson (B'day rem) by Nancy Roy 4:00 PM Marie Anne Roberts (2 nd Ann) by Claude & Claire Pouliot

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 2/21/21 Offertory: \$8,673.00
School Support: \$ 1,961.00 ~~ Thank you for your support!

SJA BOOSTER CLUB Winner for 2/21/2021 #145 Dolly Asselin

MARCH MEMORIALS: The **HOSTS** and **SANCTUARY LAMP** for the month of March are donated in Loving Memory of the Blanchette and the LaScala families by Simone.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Stations of the Cross are prayed every Friday during Lent at 6:00PM. The next service will be held Friday, March 5, 2021 at 6:00PM in the Church.

THE EASTER EGG HUNT IS ON!!! We're pleased to announce that we will hold our traditional Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Morning following the 9AM Mass. Anyone wishing to donate **individually wrapped candy** for this event is requested to drop off your donation at the Pastoral Center Mon-Fri 9-5PM. If it's easier to just make a donation toward the purchase of the candy, please place your donation in an envelope marked Easter Egg Hunt Candy and send it or drop it off at the Pastoral Center, 15 Chapel St., Chicopee, MA. Hopefully, we're on our way back to some form of normalcy and look forward to re-instating our traditions. Thank you for your generosity. We're anxious to greet our little ones on Easter morning with this "Eggciting" activity!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT LORRAINE'S SOUP KITCHEN: Ste. Rose has a team of volunteers who prepare and package the dinner meal at Lorraine's Soup Kitchen on the third Thursday of each month. We are currently in need of volunteers. Please contact Louise King at 413-313-3685 for more information. Thank you!

DRIVE-UP IRISH DINNER TO GO! The Fairview Knights of Columbus 4044 on Memorial Drive, Chicopee is holding a drive-up Irish Dinner to go on Saturday evenings, March 13th and March 20th. The meal includes Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potato, and Carrots. Orders must be received by 5PM Friday, March 12th or 19th. Call Elaine at (413) 533-3620 or (413) 530-9594. Pick up is under canopy between 4 and 6PM. \$10 per meal – cash or check.

THE REV. FRANCIS SHANNON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are now available to members of Ste. Rose de Lima Parish high school graduates or college students who wish to further their education. The applications are available at the Ste. Rose de Lima Pastoral Center or from Mary Rider, Chairperson at 413-533-2437. The Scholarship is a one-time grant. Completed applications must be returned to the Chairperson by May 15, 2021 with an official transcript of high school or college grades and a letter from their Pastor stating that the applicant is an active and participating member of the parish. Students who are former members of St. Mary's Parish in Willimansett and were enrolled in their CCD program at the time the church was closed may also apply.

“SOWING THE SEEDS”, this year's theme for the *Annual Catholic Appeal*, calls on each of us to spread the love of God, the gospel, and our faith. Through our contributions, together we shelter the homeless, respect life from conception to death, feed the hungry, comfort those who mourn, and educate others in our faith. May our seeds of faith fall on fertile ground—especially for those most in need. You can make your contribution to the *Annual Catholic Appeal*: online at www.diospringfield.org/aca. Or by calling: 413-452-0670. All donations are tax deductible. Thank you!

EVERY MAN is called to be a father ... Does God want YOU to be a priest or the father of a priest? Come and pray. A Mass and Holy Hour for Vocations will be celebrated on March 25, 2021, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, by Bishop William Byrne at St. Michael's Cathedral. Mass will begin at 6:30pm with holy hour to follow, concluding with benediction at 8pm. Confessions will be available. Unable to make this event? Thinking about

the priesthood? Call Fr. Jon Reardon, Director of Recruiting at 413-248-7034 or email vocations@diospringfield.org

**OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, WESTFIELD
IS SPONSORING A VIRTUAL LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES**

This year the Speaker Series will be 'virtual,' available on YouTube, with a great line-up of speakers – beginning with our new **Bishop William Byrne!** Our theme for this year's Speaker Series is: '**KEEPING FAITH DURING THE PANDEMIC - GOD'S GOT THIS!**' *An opportunity to find the blessings during this challenging time of the Pandemic, with our eyes set on Easter Joy!* Other speakers will include author, speaker, radio show host – **Gary Zimak** - who will touch on many themes of his book - '*Give Up Worry for Lent*' (available through the OLBS Parish Office for \$10.00). Additional speakers include - **Sr. Bethany Madonna, Fr. Mike Schmitz, April Helenek, and Fr. Chris Alar.** Join us each **Wednesday of Lent, beginning February 24 through March 31, at 6:30 pm,** or watch the video any time after that on YouTube. There is no cost for this Series! **Options to access the Series online: (1) Go to Youtube.com and type in the search field 'OLBS Westfield Lent' or (2) Go to either diospringfield.org OR diospringfield.org/olbs and click on the link.** For additional information, contact the OLBS Parish Office at 413-562-3450.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FOCUS: *On the Mount of the Transfiguration, Jesus is revealed to his disciples as God's beloved Son.*

In our Scriptures today, Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, and Paul writes that the risen Jesus will *indeed intercede for us.* What gifts we are given! Let us, then, act in the world as God's children and be his instruments for building the Kingdom on earth.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: *Abraham was about to offer [his son] up as a holocaust to the Lord. But a messenger of the Lord stopped him, and told him [the Lord] will bless you abundantly, and that he would have innumerable descendants. Saint Paul asks, If God is for us, who can be against us? For Christ Jesus intercedes for us. In the Gospel, Peter, James, and John accompany Jesus up a high mountain, where he is transfigured before them. They see Moses and Elijah conversing with Jesus, and from the cloud a voice says, This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.*

From the Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary

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.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Your support of this collection serves Jesus in the guise of the poor and vulnerable in some of the most marginalized communities in our world.

Sailors, fishers, harbor workers, and their families have unique pastoral needs because of mariners' long periods away from home. In addition to access to the Mass and sacraments on ships, seafarers also need hospitality and pastoral care in port cities as well as assistance with errands such as shopping and medical appointments. For the past hundred years, Stella Maris—also called Apostleship of the Sea—has ministered to the pastoral needs of mariners through chaplaincies and centers in port cities. This apostleship currently serves the community with more than 100 chaplains and lay ministers in 48 ports across the United States.

In November 2019, 21 bishops, 11 apostleship chaplains, and lay ministers and staff from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee on Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees, and Travelers (PCMRT) gathered to discuss the experiences and challenges of chaplains and how best to take on the challenges of maritime ministry. They invited bishops to engage in efforts to raise awareness of the Apostleship of the Sea in their own dioceses. By gathering chaplains with bishops, the apostleship can address challenges in the maritime world and continue to meet the needs of mariners.

Apostleship of the Sea is one of the PCMRT ministries funded through The Catholic Relief Services Collection. When you give, you help to support this valuable ministry.

Your support of this collection makes a difference for so many around the globe. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year. To learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Thank you for your generous support of **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ Most Rev. William D. Byrne