

Ste. Rose de Lima Church, 600 Grattan St., Chicopee, MA
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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord +++ April 4, 2021

Readings: + Acts 10:34a, 37-43 +Colossians 3:1-4 +John 20:1-9

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Apr 03 –Holy Saturday 8:00 PM Easter Vigil

Apr 04 –Easter Sunday 7:30 AM Ronald & Doris Berthiaume by their estate

The Resurrection of the Lord 9:00 AM Cosimo & Maria Teresa Pisano by the Contabile family (resked 4/12/20)

11:00 AM Bruna & Umberto Manno & Raffale Ciccarelli by Angelina Manno & family—(resked 4/12/20)

No 4:00 PM Mass

Apr 05– Monday 7:00 AM Gladys Beaudry by her husband, Richard

Apr 06 - Tuesday 7:00 AM Roland Lacoste by Louise & Edward Osetek

Apr 07 – Wednesday 7:00 AM Steven Sliwa by Wanda Lacroix

Apr 08 – Thursday 7:00 AM Florestine Belanger by her estate

Apr 09 – Friday 7:00 AM Cosimo & Teresa Pisano by Angelina Manno & family

5:00 PM Sacrament of Confirmation

Apr 10 – Saturday 4:00 PM Ada May Rivest (40th Ann) by her granddaughter, Jamie Guyette

Apr 11 – Sunday 7:30 AM Trish Belisle by Rob Jolly

2nd Sunday of Easter 9:00 AM Estelle Tisdell by her family (resked 4/5/20)

11:00 AM Edwin Langevin (B'day rem) by his family (resked 4/5/20)

4:00 PM Jim Goyette (8th Ann) by his wife, Jean & family (resked 4/5/20)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 3/28/21 Offertory: \$8,300.00. Thank you!

SJA BOOSTER CLUB Winner for 3/21/2021 #148 Joan Valentino

3/28/2021 #122 Nicole Forcier

THE 2021 PASCHAL CANDLE has been donated in Loving Memory of:
Olivier, Lucille & Marc Ringuette by their family. Thank you!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the souls and families of Jeanne Blazej, Lorrie Cosentino, and Darlene Desrosiers. May they rest in God's eternal peace.

OUR TRADITIONAL EASTER EGG HUNT will be held for our children on Easter Sunday morning. We will meet in the small SJA schoolyard on Trilby Ave. following the 9:00AM Sunday Liturgy. We wish to thank all who donated candy or made a monetary gift to help make this an "eggsceptionally" fun time for our youngsters. Thank you!

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be conferred to our Confirmation Class on Friday, April 9th at 5:00PM. Please keep our Confirmation students and their parents in your prayers.

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



Easter Sunday 2021

Easter Sunday 2021 is here! Alleluia! Alleluia! There is much to rejoice about this year! Last year, as we all remember, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was in total lockdown. Due to the lockdown, Holy Week and Easter Sunday were celebrated, but not in a public way. Each of us celebrated these holy days in the privacy and isolation of our homes. One year later, COVID 19 is still a serious health concern. Percentage rates of infection were going down, but now in 23 states, including Massachusetts, the infection rates are climbing once again. Though many persons are getting vaccinated, the total percentage of all Americans who are vaccinated is less than 15%. Each of us must remain vigilant with the CDC's recommendations of wearing face masks, washing hands frequently, and being careful not to touch our faces. As a society we are tired of the isolation, social distance, and small gatherings with others who are vaccinated. It is so wonderful to see more members of the parish returning to Sunday Mass, scheduling baptisms, and celebrating the Liturgy of Christian Burial for deceased loved ones. So long as each person follows the CDC's list of protocol, the parish will continue to celebrate public Masses. For those who are still hesitant to attend public Masses, the parish will continue to record Masses for each Sunday of the year. Also, the Diocese of Springfield intends to extend the dispensation for Catholics to attend Mass due to the ensuing pandemic. Upon entry to the church please follow the protocol recommended by the CDC:

- Use the hand sanitizing station at each entrance of the church.
- Maintain social distance of six feet as much as possible. (*This may change to 3 feet*)
- Observe the “INDIVIUAL” and “FAMILY” sides of the church for seating.
- Refrain from shaking hands.
- Wear a face mask throughout the Mass: Covering both nose and mouth.
- Follow the protocol for the reception of the Eucharist.
- Exit the church with social distance in mind.

And finally,

It is Easter and a time to reflect on its meaning: The Spirit of the Risen Christ is upon each of us. Recall the Gospel of St. John:” On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Those first apostles experienced fear for their very lives. Living behind locked doors, the Risen Christ burst through the locked doors of fear and breathed upon them a new hope. I believe, even in our weeks of isolation, fearful for our very lives, the Risen Christ bursts through our “locked doors” and breathes on us Easter Joy and Easter Peace. We are the only ones that can allow fear to dominate our lives. As believers, we choose to trust in the love and mercy of our God – even in this time of pandemic. Even in the present experience of sacrament-less times, is not God’s strength greater than our weakness? Can God redeem us because of God’s great mercy? To my way of thinking the answer is a resounding “YES!” Easter 2021 is a challenging spiritual reality. Remember, it is not so much what we can do for God, it is about what our God can accomplish in us. May Easter 2021 enable each of us to trust in its very message: Christ has died! Christ is Risen! Christ will come again! Alleluia! Alleluia! May you and your family experience a Blessed Easter Season!

With Easter Love & Peace,

Fr. Bill

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED TO THE EASTER FLOWERS

The Easter Flower Memorial Bulletin is posted on our website: www.sterose.org

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!

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL CALLS US TO prayerfully consider a sacrificial donation to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal. "Sowing the Seeds" of our faith will sow the seeds of hope to those who most need our help during this time of COVID. Ministries and agencies provide emergency food, support services to the family and elderly; services to young people; pastoral and spiritual support services and supports vocations. Please help our parish of St. Rose meet our goal! It is simple to give... send in your one-time contribution, or make a pledge using the donation card you received in the mail, or donate online through www.diospringfield.org/aca or by calling: 413-452-0670. All donations are tax deductible. Thank you.

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.

SAVE THE DATE! After 3 successful years, the SJA PTO will be holding our *Savers FUNDrive* again this Spring. Think of us when doing your spring cleaning. We will be accepting bags of gently used clothes, bath, and linen items at the Ste. Rose Rectory garage on May 15th 2021 (9-1PM) to raise money for the St. Joan of Arc School. (No furniture or books) *More details to follow.

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.