

Ste. Rose de Lima Church, 600 Grattan St., Chicopee, MA
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Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday +++ April 11, 2021

Readings: + Acts 4:32-35 +1 John 5:1-6 +John 20:19-31

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Apr 10 – Saturday	4:00 PM Ada May Rivest (40 th 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 (8 th Ann) by his wife, Jean & family (resked 4/5/20)
Apr 12– Monday	7:00 AM Clement Dugre by Roger Chapdelaine, Jr. & family
Apr 13 - Tuesday	7:00 AM Alice Hamel by Marc & Irene Gonneville
Apr 14 – Wednesday	7:00 AM Umberto Manno by Angelina Manno & family
Apr 15 – Thursday	7:00 AM Roger Dupuis, Jr. by Julie Dupuis
Apr 16 – Friday	7:00 AM Charles Mercier (25 th Ann) by Dolores Desorcy
Apr 17 – Saturday	4:00 PM Ronald Green by Diane Green (resked 4/18/20)
Apr 18 – Sunday	7:30 AM Alicia Soja (2 nd Ann) by her daughters (resked 4/19/20)
3rd Sunday of Easter	9:00 AM Lucien C. Verdon (16 th Ann) by Robert & Claire Rainha (resked 4/19/20)
	11:00 AM Theresa Robillard by Donald & Diane Chapdelaine (resked 4/19/20)
	4:00 PM Ginger LaCosse by Diane (resked 4/19/20)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 4/05/21 Offertory: \$11,025.00

Holy Land: \$1,499.00 Easter: \$4,686.00 Easter Flowers: \$2,617.50

SJA BOOSTER CLUB Winner for 4/05/2021 #6 Ron Desmarais

THE STE. ROSE MEMORIAL FUND IS GRATEFUL for the following gifts in Loving Memory of: Camille Chapdelaine \$25.00 and Wilfred “Junior” Peloquin \$70.00. Thank you very much!

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION was conferred to our Confirmation Class on Friday, April 9th. Congratulations! May the Holy Spirit continue to guide you throughout your lives. Please be assured of our prayers.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED TO THE EASTER FLOWERS

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

These additional memorials were received after the Bulletin was posted:

In Loving Memory of: Donald Kimel by Lori ++ Denis Chabot by Fran Chabot ++ Bruno & Irene Piskorski by the Piskorski family ++ Our deceased loved ones by M/M Joseph Lang ++ William “Billy” Morehouse, Jr. by his Mom, Gayle Morehouse ++ The deceased members of the Klinkowski & Cartier families by Leo & Carol Cartier +++ The Coutu & Landry families by M/M Paul Coutu ++ Luke Lessard, Sr. by Lisette Lessard ++ The Belanger & Tolman family by the Belanger family.

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

The Second Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday

The Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, is April 11, 2021. Please continue to read the bulletin to the very end to learn more about Divine Mercy Sunday.

Holy Week & Easter Sunday 2021

How wonderful it was to celebrate Holy Week and Easter Sunday in a public way! If you recall, for Holy Week and Easter Sunday of 2020, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was under a complete lockdown due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The attendance for Holy Week was truly inspiring. The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Liturgies were also very well attended. I hope and pray that as we move forward with more vaccinations taking place, attendance will continue to increase. The Bishop continues to offer the “dispensation” for Catholics who are not quite ready to return to Sunday Mass for their spiritual benefit. In other words, there is no need to confess missing Mass on Sunday due to the pandemic. It is most important that all attendees at Sunday Mass are comfortable with being in a “public gathering” especially if an individual has other underlying health issues.

Financial Support

Throughout the pandemic the financial support of the parish has been and continues to be amazing. Though the income has declined somewhat, the financial support has allowed the parish to meet all recurring expenses. The most difficult reality financially, has been the loss of Bingo revenue. Bingo revenue supports St. Joan of Arc School and assists the parish to offer school tuition subsidy. Since the lockdown occurred in March 2020, the parish has maintained its commitment to meet its financial obligation for tuition assistance to school members of the parish. Though the parish cannot afford to permanently pay the tuition subsidy without Bingo revenue, the parish will reconsider this every year, or until Bingo can resume.

Reminders for COVID 19 protocols while in church

- Hand sanitizing stations are available at all entrances to the church – please avail yourself to them.
- Maintain “social distance” throughout the Mass.
- Facial masks are required to enter the church and must be worn throughout the Mass.
- Facial masks must always cover both your mouth and nostrils.

- For the reception of Holy Communion, the facial mask must be covering both the nostrils and mouth while extending the hands for the Eucharist. Then step to the side and remove half the mask to consume the Sacred Host, and then replace the mask to full position.
- The reception of Holy Communion will continue to take place in the “new normal” of after the dismissal until it is safe to do otherwise. The “new normal” facilitates the egress from the church with social distancing. The exception is at the Liturgy of Christian Burial and a few special Masses such as a Nuptial Mass, First Communion, and Confirmation.
- Missalettes and bulletins are still “off limits” to be used and distributed.
- The “Sunday Offering” process will continue to be observed ever since the return to public worship: please place the offering in the “collection baskets” located in front of the last pews as you enter the church. This method allows all persons to be socially distanced throughout the Mass – not putting the usher and the congregant in too close of a proximity.

By maintaining the above-mentioned protocol, Mass at Ste. Rose can continue to be a safe place to gather for the celebration of Sunday Mass. Perhaps other parishes may have “relaxed” a few protocol procedures, it is best to err on the side of caution than to become too relaxed and become a less safe place for public worship.

The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

As of April 7, 2021, the ACA total for Ste. Rose is \$39,492. A total of 315 households have contributed to this year’s campaign. To all who have already contributed, in the name of Bishop William Byrne, I thank you for your generosity. It is never too late to contribute to the ACA. You may do so by either utilizing the ACA materials that were mailed to you or log onto www.diospringfield.org and click on the ACA logo and contribute using your credit card. No matter how you contribute, you can choose to make either a one-time gift or make a pledge that can be deducted monthly from the credit card on an amount that you can afford. Please be sure to indicate “Ste Rose” as your parish thereby participating in the on-going accumulating totals edging toward Ste. Rose reaching final numbers.

The Church decorations for Easter!



Fr. Bill

The History of Divine Mercy Sunday

The Octave, or eighth day, of Easter has always been considered special by Christians. Christ, after His Resurrection, revealed Himself to His disciples, but Saint Thomas wasn't with them. He declared that he would never believe that Christ had risen from the dead until he could see Him in the flesh and probe Christ's wounds with his own hands. This earned him the name "Doubting Thomas."

A week after Christ rose from the dead, He appeared once again to His disciples, and this time Thomas was there. His doubt was vanquished, and he professed His belief in Christ.

Nineteen centuries later, Christ appeared to a Polish nun, Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska, in a series of visions that took place over almost eight years. Among those visions, Christ revealed the Divine Mercy Novena, which He asked Sister Faustina to pray for nine days, beginning on Good Friday. That meant that the novena ended on the Saturday after Easter — the eve of the Octave of Easter. Thus, since novenas are commonly prayed in advance of a feast, the Feast of Divine Mercy — Divine Mercy Sunday — was born.

Indulgences for Divine Mercy Sunday

A plenary indulgence (the forgiveness of all temporal punishment resulting from sins that have already been confessed) is granted on the Feast of Divine Mercy to all the faithful who go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, and "in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honour of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. 'Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!')."

A partial indulgence (the remission of some temporal punishment from sin) is granted to the faithful "who, at least with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus a legitimately approved invocation."

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.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION St. Joan of Arc School is looking for a full time Administrative Assistant to begin immediately. Hours are year round from 7:30 am until 3:00 pm with vacation and sick leave. The job summary for this position includes providing a variety of administrative and clerical services to ensure the smooth operation of the school. As the central contact point for our school, the Administrative Assistant must be pleasant and efficient in processing requests and inquiries and needs to be able to professionally relate to a variety of personalities. The person must have excellent phone and computer skills. The Administrative Assistant provides support to the principal and staff and has the flexibility to manage and arrange priorities. The position includes maintaining a FACTS database and inputs information as needed, enters Before and After School hours in the school billing system, coordinating and printing Progress Reports and Report Cards, general bookkeeping skills and organizational & filing skills and assist with fundraising i.e., handing out information, creating flyers, bulk mailings, etc. For more information please contact Principal Bill McDonald at 533-1475 during school hours.

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.

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!

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.