

**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 Easter**

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**April 18, 2021**

**Readings: + Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 + 1 John 2:1-5a + Luke 24:35-48**

**STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Apr 17 – Saturday	4:00 PM Ronald Green by Diane Green (resked 4/18/20)
Apr 18 – Sunday	7:30 AM Alicia Soja (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann) by her daughters (resked 4/19/20)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	9:00 AM Lucien C. Verdon (16 <sup>th</sup> 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 LaCrosse by Diane (resked 4/19/20)
Apr 19– Monday	7:00 AM Jeanne Dumoulin by Louise & Edward Osetek
Apr 20 - Tuesday	7:00 AM Anita Barillari by Real & Maria Mercier
Apr 21 – Wednesday	7:00 AM Leanne Morrissey by David Rosinski
Apr 22 – Thursday	7:00 AM Emily Archambault (B'day rem) by her daughter, Linda
Apr 23 – Friday	7:00 AM Therese Bilodeau by Jeannette
Apr 24 – Saturday	4:00 PM Evelyn Wilson by the Wilson family (re-sked 4/25/20)
Apr 25 – Sunday	7:30 AM Paul DesRosiers by Rev. Denis A. DesRosiers
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	9:00 AM Phillippe & Jeannine Gonthier by the Stewart family (re-sked 4/26/20)
	11:00 AM Albert Garritr. (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann) by Donald & Sophie Davenport (re-sked 4/26/20)
	4:00 PM David Allyn (Ann) by his parents (re-sked 4/26/20)

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP:** 4/11/21 Offertory: \$10,576.00 ~~ Thank you!

**SJA BOOSTER CLUB** Winner for 4/11/2021 #144 Dan & Louise Franczek

**THE SJA MEMORIAL FUND** is grateful for \$550.00 in Loving Memory of Gerald Carney. Thank you very much!

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** the souls and families of Daniel Martin and Julie Dupuis. May they rest in God's eternal peace.

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

**The Sacrament of Confirmation**

Bishop William Byrne has expressed his preference for the local pastor to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation upon the *confirmandi* because the pastor has better knowledge of the candidates. It was my honor and privilege to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, April 9 at 5:00 PM for the Class of 2021. The entire parish congratulates these fine young men and women as they are now fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

**First Holy Communion**

The children of the parish, who are preparing to celebrate their First Holy Communion, will be welcomed to the Eucharistic Table for the first time on

Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. Please keep our children and their families in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their First Holy Communion.

### **The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal**

As of April 11, 2021, the number of contributors from Ste. Rose is now at 352 with total contributions of either one-time gifts or pledges of \$43,297. The average gift is \$123. If you have already contributed to the 2021 ACA, in the name of Bishop Byrne, I thank you. It is never too late to contribute to this year's campaign. Log onto [www.diospringfield.org](http://www.diospringfield.org) and click on the ACA Banner and follow the prompts. Be sure to designate St. Rose de Lima as your parish, thereby adding to the totals of contributors and dollar amount. No amount is too large or too small to contribute! Please follow the link below to see what Clearway, a Pro-Life agency supported by the ACA, accomplishes in your name every day assisting young women who are be pregnant and are considering an abortion. <https://youtu.be/a5gk5CHt1-E> Clearway has saved the lives of many babies because of the funds allocated from the ACA.

### **COVID 19 Protocol and the Reception of The Eucharist**

The Diocese of Springfield has recommended the following protocol for the reception of Holy Communion: **To receive The Eucharist at the customary place in the Liturgy.** To be in harmony with all the parishes in the diocese, beginning Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at the 4:00 PM Mass Ste. Rose de Lima will “return” to the customary time of the reception of The Eucharist. Once the Eucharist has been received and consumed, the congregants are encouraged to return to the pew in prayerful thanksgiving. The Prayer after Communion will then be prayed with the conclusion of Mass with the Final Blessing and the Dismissal. The wearing of a face mask at Communion time remains in place. Please keep social distance as the congregation exits the church. Let's keep safe during this on-going pandemic. The church will continue to be disinfected at the conclusion of each Mass. In advance, your cooperation is appreciated.

*And finally,*

*You may recall the wonderful 149 car parade that was organized in recognition of my 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May of 2020. As you are aware, the pandemic is on-going and, consequently, there is no possibility of celebrating a 40 +1 anniversary party. I have informed “the committee” that rather than plan anything at all, because COVID 19, it is best to permanently cancel an anniversary celebration. Soon, “the committee” will meet and begin to organize a response to inquiries. Part of my reasoning to cancelling the celebration permanently, is that there is no surety as to when the pandemic will end. Secondly, I am planning to retire in February of 2024*

*when I turn 70 years old. I would prefer to have only one celebration between now and my retirement. Yes! When I arrived as pastor, I was 51 years old – can you imagine that! July 1, 2021 will mark 16 years of serving Ste. Rose de Lima Parish. Those 16 years seem to be a quick “blink of an eye.” I have thoroughly enjoyed these 16 years and look forward to the years remaining. I thank you for the thoughtful and prayerful support that you have afforded me.*

*With love and admiration,*

***Fr. Bill***

**RAFFLE CALENDAR FUNDRAISER** St. Rose de Lima Community Life Committee joins with St. Joan of Arc School in sponsoring a Mother’s Day to Father’s Day Raffle Calendar. There will be 43 days of winning for only \$10.00 a calendar. Cash Prizes range from \$100 to \$500, along with prizes of jewelry, designer purses, tools, Golden Nozzle car wash, Home Depot & Lowes gift certificates, restaurant gift cards and much more. Perfect gifts to surprise your Mom and Dad, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles and those special loved ones in your life. Calendar sales will be available in Church next weekend. Calendars are now available at the Pastoral Center and from SJA families. Raffle stubs need to be returned by Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. You can return them in the offertory basket or drop them off at the Pastoral Center. Checks are payable to Ste. Rose de Lima Church. This is an SJA tuition subsidy fundraiser used by the parish to continue parish support to the families who had been volunteering at Bingo. The first drawing is Mother’s Day, May 9<sup>th</sup> and runs through Father’s Day June 20<sup>th</sup>. Good luck and thank you for your support!

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 2021 (9-1PM) to raise money for the St. Joan of Arc School. (No furniture or books) \*More details to follow.

# Reflection: Third Sunday of Easter

Jacqui Oesterblad GRD '22  
Apr 26, 2020



I'm sure I'm not alone in finding the spirit of Easter a little distant this year. He is risen. People are suffering. Alleluia?

Which is why today's Gospel, about the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, is resonating with me so much.

It is Easter. The Lord is risen. The women have reported their experiences at the tomb. But Cleopas and the other disciple are walking, pondering, mourning, gossiping. Disbelieving. When Jesus confronts them, they speak about him in the past tense: "We were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel."

"Oh, how foolish you are!" Jesus says. But then he explains. He walks with them. He stays with them, when they invite him. And then he makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. (A lot of us seem to be finding our peace in fresh bread these days.)

These disciples *know* Jesus, but they don't recognize him in his resurrected form. They have to be taught how to see him.

Like the two disciples on the first Easter, I'm having to let myself be taught to recognize the Easter in this mess. We're figuring this out. We're walking with Jesus, letting him explain, and begging him to stay with us for one more night.

So this is the part of the reflection where I ask myself how Jesus is opening my eyes to the signs, the sacraments, of whatever inner graces I'm finding in all this. But this is *not* where I list all the ways that the witness of doctors, nurses, first responders, caregivers, grocery store workers, transportation workers, postal workers, and sanitation workers is helping me remain optimistic. The truth is that I am not optimistic these days. Far more essential workers are dying than need to, forced to work in unsafe conditions because of incompetence and greed. And while I keep hearing

that we're all in the same boat, it is very clear that some of us have yachts and some of us are drowning.

Yet we are commanded to live in hope. Easter is a good time to review the distinction.

Optimism is a prediction about the future. Hope is beyond time. It says: Even if I do not see in this life, *still* I believe. Even though it feels foolish, *still* I cling. Even when it's bad and not getting better, *still* I know that things are okay in the deepest, truest sense.

Even when my Lord has been stripped, beaten, and executed, *still* I will find him walking the road with me—because Love can't stay dead.

I have a lot in common with Cleopas and his friend. They look the risen Lord square in the face and say, essentially: Well, we thought Jesus would save us, but everything is bad and getting worse. We're anxious. A lot of nonsensical rumors are making their way around.

And Jesus, embodying the whole plan and how the good and bad somehow coalesce into a single story of Love, looks at them, and me, and you, and asks: Do you still not trust me? I am risen.

Alleluia—if only my eyes are open to it.

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**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](http://www.diospringfield.org/aca) or by calling: 413-452-0670. All donations are tax deductible. Thank you.

**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!

**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.***