

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

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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May 9, 2021

Readings: + Acts 10:25-26 + 1 John 4:7-10 + John 15:9-17

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK	
May 08 – Saturday	11:00 AM First Holy Communion 4:00 PM Shirley Pelland (B'day) by Edward (resked 5/9/20)
May 09 – Sunday	7:30 AM Unwed Mothers by a parishioner (resked 5/10/20)
6 th Sunday of Easter	9:00 AM Rita LeBlanc by her husband, Gerard & family (resked 5/10/20) 11:00 AM Cosimo & Maria Teresa Pisano by the Contabile family (resked 5/10/20) 4:00 PM Bruna Manno by the family (resked 5/10/20)
May 10– Monday	7:00 AM Germaine Lacoste by Louise & Edward Osetek
May 11 - Tuesday	7:00 AM Beatrice Beaudry by her son, Richard
May 12 – Wednesday	7:00 AM Leo Samson (B'day) by his wife, Beverly
Ascension Vigil	4:00 PM The McMahan family by their family
May 13 – Thursday	7:00 AM Gregory Granger by Normand & Denise Lussier
Ascension Thursday	9:00 AM Ronald & Doris Berthiaume by their estate 6:30 PM Florestine Belanger by her estate
May 14– Friday	7:00 AM Paul Bourque by Connie & Amy
May 15 – Saturday	4:00 PM David Allyn (B'day) by his parents (re-sked 5/16/20)
May 16 – Sunday	7:30 AM Darlene Desrosiers by Jim & Rita O'Dell
7 th Sunday of Easter	9:00 AM Umberto Manno by the family (re-sked 5/17/20) 11:00 AM Roger Forget by Donald & Diane Chapdelaine (re-sked 5/17/20) 4:00 PM Nelson Labrie by his wife, Theresa & family

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 5/02/21 Offertory: \$10,435.00 Thank you!

SJA BOOSTER CLUB Winner for 5/02/2021 #68 Linda & Gerard DiSanti

GRAND PRIZE 5/03/2021 WINNERS: Congratulations to: \$1,000 #89 Sandy & Lester LaBarre // \$800 #59 Renelle Bonavita // \$650 #36 Kathleen Jackson // \$500 #142 Patricia Remillard // \$400 #71 Dino Claudino // \$350 #111 Patrick Fecteau // \$300 #2 Sylvia Paquette // \$250 #55 Roland Archambault // \$250 #18 Richard Beaudry // \$200 #57 Laurie Leclerc // \$150 #30 Betty Theroux // \$150 #136 Madelyn Korytko. Congratulations to all the Winners and thank you to all who participated in this past Club. **NEW CLUB:** A new club will begin the week of May 9th. Numbers are available for anyone interested in joining the next Booster Club; proceeds go to support St. Joan of Arc School. The club will run from May 10th to September 20th, 2021. Dues are \$5.00 per week (\$100.00 for the 20 weeks). There is a weekly \$100.00 winner. The final week's drawing has multiple winners, with prizes ranging from \$1,000.00 to \$100.00. If interested, please contact Sandy and Joe Chessey at (413) 592-6256.

ASCENSION THURSDAY is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses to fulfill this obligation will be offered on Wednesday 5/12/21 at 4:00PM and Thursday 5/13/21 at 7:00AM – 9:00AM and 6:30PM.

***Dear Parishioner...Around & About Ste. Rose,
Mother's Day 2021***

Today is Mother's Day! Mother's Day 2020 was, perhaps, one of the most difficult Mother's Day celebrations during our lifetime. The global community was in the grips of the pandemic know as COVID 19. Most mothers were either in quarantine or needed to be isolated from their families. Gratefully, this year, Mother's Day can be more widely celebrated as many of us are fully vaccinated and our lives are returning to a "new normal." While "caution" is still needed as our society begins to reopen, it will feel so good to spend time with our moms today! To all the women in our parish, and indeed all our mothers, who have chosen to give life – we thank you! How good it will be to celebrate Mother's Day with you this year. For the love, the many sacrifices, and the continuing love, faith, and devotion to your children, we say "Thank You Mom!"

For those whose Mother's Day is a fond remembrance of their mothers who have returned to God, we hold you in prayer. For those who remember their mothers with a saddened or strained memory, we hold you in our prayer as well. May Mother's Day 2021 be a time of celebrating LIFE, and LOVE and FAITH. May it bring healing where it is needed that all may know peace.

~~~ Happy Mother's Day! ~~~

First Communion Children!

We the members of Ste. Rose de Lima congratulate the 2021 First Communicants who received Holy Eucharist on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 11 O'clock with their parents and families celebrating with them this happy day. May our children grow in the Eucharist and recognize the Risen Christ as present to them in the "breaking of the bread" for the remainder of their lives. *"Welcome to the Table of the Lord!"*

Sacrificial Offering for Sunday, May 2, 2021

The generosity that you, the parishioners have displayed throughout this pandemic, is so much appreciated! May 2, 2021 realized \$10,435.00. Thank you so much. May God bless your generous hearts.

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

The 2021 ACA is ongoing throughout the month of May. To date, 392 persons have contributed either through a one-time gift or pledge, \$48,260.00 or 92% of the goal of \$51,000.00. 392 contributors represent 12.35% of participation. Considering the percentage of participation, our parish, along with several others around the diocese, will be participating in a pilot project for the ACA on the weekend of May 22 & 23. We will be conducting an in-pew request for support of the ACA. If you have not yet supported the ACA, this will be an easy and convenient way to do so. We look

forward to your support and participation. Please remember, no gift is too small, and no gift is too large to contribute to the ACA. With all the media coverage of the Diocese with regards to settlements to victims of abuse as of late, you need to know that the ACA funds are a designated gift and are distributed to the agencies and services listed on the financial report for the 2020 campaign. Please be assured of this fact. You may also contribute by logging onto www.diospringfield.org and click on the ACA banner and contribute by using your credit card. In the name of Bishop Byrne, I thank you for your generosity to this Annual Appeal.

A little bit of “this & that!”

- *Health Care facilities are slowly relaxing visitor protocol during this pandemic. Depending upon the severity of the illness of the patient, one visitor may be allowed for visitation. Should a person be experiencing “end of life issues” clergy are able to celebrate the sacraments. Please notify the Pastoral Center if a family member needs the Sacraments.*
- *Pastoral home visitation for the reception of holy communion are now allowed to resume. Of course, proper protocol needs to be employed. Whether the household is vaccinated or not is an important consideration. The staff at the Pastoral Center are all fully vaccinated.*
- *Masks are still required to all liturgical celebrations for the safety of all congregants. Please wear a facial covering throughout Mass. For the reception of the Eucharist, please keep the face mask at “full mask” as the Eucharist is placed in your hand. Then go to “half mask” consume the Eucharist and return to the pew “full mask.” At this time, I still feel uncomfortable to administer the Eucharist on the tongue. I understand some parishes administer the Eucharist on the tongue; however, I still ask that you respect my hesitation. Should any part of a person’s tongue touch me, I need to stop, sanitize, and then continue to administer the Eucharist to the remaining communicants.*
- *The Diocese is encouraging all Catholics to return to Sunday Mass if each person has a level of comfortability. The dispensation to not attend Mass is still in effect.*
- *With greater numbers of people returning to Sunday Mass, it is important that the ministries entrusted to the laity resume. Ushers/ Greeters are needed, and new volunteers would be appreciated. Lectors, Special Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Servers can now resume their respective ministries. Ste. Rose de Lima needs several volunteers in each of the above-mentioned ministries.*

- *Socials, such as coffee and doughnuts after Sunday Mass are still discouraged. As soon as the diocese relaxes some of these restrictions, this column will make the announcement.*
- *The Sacrament of Baptism is being celebrated. Until this pandemic is under control and Chicopee is no longer in the “red zone,” baptisms will continue to be celebrated one family at a time. Please call the Pastoral Center and schedule an appointment. Every one’s safety is an important priority.*
- *The Liturgy of Christian Burial has been allowed for quite some time now. All protocols that pertain to Sunday Mass pertain to these liturgies.*
- *Nuptial Masses and services have been allowed. Though protocol needs to be enforced, couples may schedule their marriage request by contacting the Pastoral Center. Be sure to know the protocols of the venue for the reception. To date, each wedding has been able to accommodate all invited guests.*
- *If there are any questions that you would like to ask me, please feel free to either call the P.C. or email me at frbill@sterose.org*
- *And please get vaccinated! If your vaccine requires either one or two shots, please get fully vaccinated. The sooner every person gets vaccinated, the sooner our lives can return to a “new normal.”*
- *Most importantly, thank you for your loving support of me during this time of the pandemic. If there is anything that the staff can do for you, myself included, please do not hesitate to inquire.*

With much admiration and love,

Fr. Bill

ROSARY RALLY AT THE ALDENVILLE COMMON “*C’est le mois de Marie, C’est le mois le plus beau!*” It’s the month of May dedicated to our Blessed Mother. Come and honor her on **Saturday, May 15th at Noon** at the Aldenville Common, at the corner of Grattan St. and McKinstry Ave., to pray the Rosary. Wear your face mask and bring a chair for your comfort. Oh, and don’t forget to bring a friend and your rosaries!

SAVERS FUNDrive NEXT SATURDAY, MAY 15TH 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 Lafayette Street on May 15th 2021 (9-1PM)** to raise money for the St. Joan of Arc School. (No furniture or books). Thank you!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4044 will be hosting a Candlelight Living Rosary Service at St. Anne Church. Please join us for a “Socially Distanced” Living Rosary Service at 7:00PM on Tuesday, May 18th at St. Anne Church, 30 College St., Chicopee, MA. The Rosary will be led by our Chaplain, Fr. Dennis Skowera, and will include a live music program. Masks will be required in the church and all COVID-19 protocols must be followed at all times. Hope to see you there.

RAFFLE CALENDAR FUNDRAISER St. Rose de Lima Community Life Committee has joined 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. 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 9th and runs through Father’s Day June 20th. We will be announcing the daily winners on the Parish website calendar www.sterose.org and on the sja website. Good luck and thank you to all who purchased calendars.

THE 2022 MASS BOOK IS NOW AVAILABLE We are now reserving Masses for 2022. The offering for a Mass is \$10.00. Monthly Memorials of Sanctuary Lamp (\$25.00 for the month) and Hosts (\$35.00 for the month) are also available. There are still plenty of weekday (and a few weekend) Masses available from May through December 2021 if you’re interested.

LAST CALL TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION FOR THIS YEAR’S REV. FRANCIS SHANNON SCHOLARSHIP which is 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.

DRIVE-UP MEALS The Fairview Knights of Columbus, Council 4044, Memorial Drive, Chicopee is holding several Drive-Up meals in the coming weeks.

May 22nd: HALF-CHICKEN DINNER TO GO on Saturday evening, May 22nd. The meal includes a Half Chicken, Oven-Roasted Potatoes, and Steamed Corn. Orders must be received by 3PM Thurs., May 20th. Call Elaine at 413-533-3620 or 413-530-9594. Pickup is under the canopy between 4 and 6PM. \$10 per meal -cash or check.

June 12th: ROAST PORK DINNER TO GO on Saturday evening, June 12th. The meal includes Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes, and Green Beans. Orders must be received by 3PM Thurs., June 10th. Call Elaine at 413-533-3620 or 413-530-9594. Pick up is under the canopy between 4 and 6PM. \$10 per meal – cash or check

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.