

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time +++ June 13, 2021

Readings: + Ezekiel 17:22-24 + 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 + Mark 4:26-34

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Jun 12 – Saturday | 4:00 PM James (16 th Ann), & Scott (B'day rem) Justice by their wife & mother, Lorraine |
| Jun 13 – Sunday | 7:30 AM Francis Fimbel (B'day rem) by Sandy & Joe Chessey |
| 11 th Ordinary Sunday | 9:00 AM Francis Pronovost by his wife & daughters 11:00 AM Joseph Hallee (1 st Ann) by his family 4:00 PM Alice & Maxime Houle by the family |
| Jun 14– Monday | 7:00 AM Umberto Manno by Angelina Manno & family |
| Jun 15– Tuesday | 7:00 AM Clement Dugre by Roger Chapdelaine, Jr. & family |
| Jun 16 – Wednesday | 7:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Jean Guy Morin by Mr. & Mrs. Levis Drapeau |
| Jun 17 – Thursday | 7:00 AM Darlene Desrosiers by Jim & Rita O'Dell |
| Jun 18– Friday | 7:00 AM Lionel & Therese Lemieux by Susan |
| Jun 19 – Saturday | 4:00 PM Napoleon & Cora Boisvert by Shirley, Joyce & Lorraine |
| Jun 20 – Sunday | 7:30 AM Michael Krzystofik (11 th Ann) by his wife, Kathy |
| 12 th Ordinary Sunday | 9:00 AM Lorraine Brodeur by Anne Marie Brodeur 11:00 AM Umberto Manno & Giovanni Manno by Angelina Manno & family 4:00 PM Donald Ringette by his children |

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 6/06/21 Offertory \$8,974.00 ~~~ Thank you!
Mission Co-op \$2,300.00 ~~~ Thank you!

SJA BOOSTER CLUB Winner for 6/13/2021 #12 Alice Giguere

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the soul and family of John Tranghese (father to Joanne Martins) May he and all our beloved deceased rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

JUNE MEMORIALS: HOSTS: in loving memory of Roger & Loretta LaBarre by their children.

SANCTUARY LAMP: In Loving Memory of Richard Fugere (2nd Ann) by his Mom & Dad.

THE STE. ROSE MEMORIAL FUND is grateful for \$45.00 in gifts in loving memory of Lillian Martineau. Thank you!

RAFFLE CALENDAR DAILY WINNERS The Ste. Rose de Lima Community Life Committee AND St. Joan of Arc School are now pleased to announce the Mother's Day to Father's Day (43) Calendar winners.

As of the printing of our weekly bulletin, to date, Congratulations to:

#1 5/9 Cathy Desorcy. #2 5/10 Christine Lessing. #3 5/11 Bill Bullock. #4 5/12 Cynthia Fisher. #5 5/13 M/M Michael Sutton. #6 5/14 Ron Crate. #7 5/15 Ann Valego. #8 5/16 Sarah Hurley. #9 5/17 Linda Couture. #10 5/18 Kristina Gaouette. #11 5/19 Adele Provost. #12 5/20 Sugei Ortiz. #13 5/21 Mike Kapinos. #14 5/22 Danielle Rosano. #15 5/23 Samuel Enserro #16 5/24 Ann Valego. #17 5/25#1 Darcy Lapointe. #18 5/25#2 Lisa Beauregard. #19 5/26 Aida Gaouette. #20 5/27 Donna Marratta. #21 5/28 Alan Rudert. #22 5/29 Andrea Theriault. #23 5/30 Dianne Dame. #24 5/31 Carol Chouinard. #25 6/1 Michael O'Connor. #26 6/2 Susan Brown. #27 6/3 Marco Carreira. #28 6/4 Barbara Mikuski. #29 6/5 Brian Couchon. #30 6/6 Lugene Banville. #31 6/7 Cynthia Fisher. #32 6/8 Sandy Nadeau. #33 6/9 Deborah Burrill.

We will also be announcing the daily winners on the Parish website calendar www.sterose.org and on the SJA website calendar. Good luck and thank you to all who purchased calendars.

COFFEE AND DONUTS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING following the 9AM Mass this Sunday, June 13th. Sorry, no Coffee and Donuts this weekend. We need to get a team together for this popular Sunday morning event. If interested in helping, please join us in the Church hall. Thanks!

“ALL ABOARD” FOR STE. ROSE DE LIMA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Religious Education team is preparing for this year's VBS: **“Rocky Railway – Jesus' Power Pulls us Through!”** For students Grades K-5 prepare for a week of fun and worship from July 19-23rd from 9:00AM – 12:00 Noon. **Registrations will be held June 22, 23 and 24 from 10AM to 6:00PM at the Pastoral Center.** Cost is \$25.00 per student.

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

The Boston Province of the Catholic Church

Sean Cardinal O'Malley is the "metropolitan" of the Boston Province. Those dioceses include the following Massachusetts dioceses: Archdiocese of Boston, Fall River, Worcester, and Springfield. It also includes the dioceses in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. As you have already learned, Sean Cardinal O'Malley announced that the dispensation for not attending Sunday Mass expires effective June 19 & 20, 2021 throughout the Boston Province. All Catholics are now welcomed to celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays. However, if there are underlying health issues and concerns, remaining at home for Sunday Eucharist may be in your best interest. Should you desire a home visitation for the reception of the Eucharist, please call Peg Constant, Pastoral Minister, that arrangements can be made.

Protocols are lifted from COVID 19

As you already know, the COVID 19 restrictions imposed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have been lifted, meaning that all houses of worship are able to return to 100% capacity. Hand sanitizing stations will continue to be available for use at each of the entrances of the church. Please avail yourselves to the use of these stations. The wearing of facial coverings is on the "honor system." If you are not vaccinated, the preference is to wear the facial covering. Your cooperation throughout the pandemic has been exemplary – it is greatly appreciated. Also, for those communicants who prefer the Eucharist on the tongue, you may do so; however, please be the last in line.

The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

As of June 7, 2021, there are 414 contributors from Ste. Rose who donated to the ACA – thank you! Total funds contributed: \$50,440.00. Thank you! If you have not yet made a donation, it is never too late to contribute to this annual campaign. You may do so in one of the following ways:

+On-line: www.diospringfield.org and clicking on the ACA banner

+Use the envelope located in the foyer of the church and send it in to the self-address.

On going fundraising for St Joan of Arc – BINGO

Bingo is back! Bingo is played on Saturday evenings beginning at 6:10 PM. Every dollar raised at Bingo goes directly to SJA. Volunteers are most welcome to join one of the teams which rotate for a once-a-month opportunity to volunteer for the benefit of SJA School. The attendance last week was 88 players. It is the hope that with COVID 19 restrictions being lifted, attendance will continue to grow. Prior to the pandemic weekly attendance would average between 200-220. We have a way to go to re-build the attendance. Help "spread the word" that there is Bingo on Saturday nights at Ste. Rose de Lima and that the games begin at 6:10 PM.

And finally,

There were several graduation ceremonies last week from St Joan of Arc: Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and Eighth Grade. Congratulations to all graduates of SJA as well as all parish students in Public Schools and colleges! School dismissal for summer vacation at SJA was Friday, June 11th. With Public Schools being dismissed for the summer months this week, please be extra careful while driving through the city. Children of all ages will be chasing loose balls in the street, riding bicycles, skate boarding, in-line skating, etc. Parents and grandparents need to keep a close watch while children are swimming in either pools or lakes. A safe and fun summer can be experienced if each person takes the necessary precautions. Have a great summer! Stay safe! Don't forget to pray and attend Sunday Mass.

Peace & Love,

Fr. Bill

SAVE THE DATE! PURSE BINGO will be held at Ste. Rose on Friday, October 15th. Reserve this date for an evening of fun and entertainment and some great prizes. Mark your 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 also available from July through December 2021 if you're interested.

CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED The Chicopee School Department has immediate openings for crossing guards who can work for the remainder of this school year and 2021-2022. Anyone interested should complete an application at 189 Broadway St., Chicopee or call 413.594.3516 (office).

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR ONE OR BOTH HOLY HOURS
+EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS:
At St. Patrick's Church, 30 Main St., South Hadley, MA
Thursday – June 17, 2021 at 7PM**

Fr. Jon Reardon will be available to talk with men discerning a call to the priesthood following the Holy Hour.

**+HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS WITH BISHOP BYRNE
At St. Jerome Church, 169 Hampden St., Holyoke, MA
Friday – June 25, 2021 at 6PM**

Bishop Byrne and Fr. Jon Reardon, Director of Recruiting for Vocations Office will be available to talk with men discerning a call to the priesthood following the Holy Hour.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 413-248-7034 OR visit

www.myvocation.com or email: vocations@diospringfield.org

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2021. To all of our parish College, High School, and Elementary School Graduates, Congratulations on your Scholastic achievements during a most difficult year. You have faced and dealt with many challenges and Ste. Rose de Lima Parish is proud of you. God bless all your future endeavors.

SUNDAY FARMERS MARKET at Holy Cross Parish, 219 Plumtree Rd. Springfield starting June 6, and running through October 24, each Sunday from 9 AM to 2 PM a Fruit & Bread of Life Farmers' Market will be held here at Holy Cross. Fresh Produce, Homemade Baked Goods, and Handmade Crafts.

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.

**Diocese of Springfield
Office of the Bishop**

June 9, 2021

Brothers and Sisters,

“Without the Lord’s day, we cannot live!” His Holiness, Pope Benedict, in his homily at the Cathedral of Saint Stephen in Vienna on September 9, 2007, quoted the Abitinian Martyrs, who during the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian were arrested for celebrating Sunday Mass. The martyrs responded to the magistrate: “Sine dominico non possumus!” – without the Lord’s day, we cannot live! The Pope went on to say: “For these Christians, the Sunday

Eucharist was not a commandment, but an inner necessity. Without him who sustains our lives, life itself is empty. To do without or to betray this focus would deprive life of its very foundation, would take away its inner dignity and beauty.

” Aware that the opportunity to participate in Sunday Mass is increasingly available and increasingly safe for our Catholic people, we are joining dioceses in the Boston Province, (Boston, Fall River, Springfield, Manchester, and Portland) in lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation, effective the weekend of June 19 and 20, 2021.

We are mindful of the Lord’s statement: “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Mt 18:20). While we certainly can pray alone, there is both strength and blessedness in communal prayer.

We do also note that attendance at Mass is our way of following the third commandment of the Decalogue: “Remember the sabbath day – keep it holy. For six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.” (Ex. 20:8,11)

We call to mind the many times we see Jesus observing the sabbath by going to the synagogue and teaching there (Mt 13:54, Mk 1:21-28, Lk 4:16-30, Jn 6:22-59). It is a desire of every Christian to conform his or her life to the life of Jesus, and Jesus went to the synagogue on the sabbath.

Most significantly, receiving the Eucharist is the center of every Catholic life. The Lord commands us to take and eat, and to do it in memory of him. (Mt 26:26-30, Mk 14:22-26, Lk 22:14-20, 1 Cor 11:23-26, CCC 1324). The Eucharist is food for our difficult journey through life, filling us with joy, and strengthening us to embrace our suffering. It transforms us from the inside out and creates a unity among us that is a strong witness to the whole world. Therefore, it is with great confidence and trust in the Lord that we reinstate this Sunday Mass obligation. It has been a long, difficult year. People have experienced great pain and suffering throughout this pandemic. Loss of life has been immense. People continue to recover from the long-term effects of the virus.

The heroes among us, our nurses, doctors, first responders and all medical professionals, were a source of enormous comfort. Priests brought the Sacrament of the Sick to COVID patients. Now we are able to join together remembering the lives changed and the sacrifices made. Let us gather together again in joy, as one people united around the Eucharist.

In this year of Saint Joseph, who was always a faithful observer of the sabbath, we chose Father’s Day as an appropriate day to encourage all of our people, and especially our families, to return to the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist.

This obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have been recently exposed to COVID or any other communicable illness; those who are confined to their homes or to hospitals or other facilities due to illness, infirmity, frailty, or age; and those who are not yet able to be vaccinated, due to age or any health consideration. Parishioners should consult their local pastor if they have questions about the obligation.

To all of those who have not been able to be with us during this last year, we look forward to welcoming you back to the celebration of the Mass.

Thank you and God bless you.

Most Reverend William D. Byrne
Bishop of Springfield