

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time +++ July 25, 2021**

**Readings: + 2 Kings 4:42-44 + Ephesians 4:1-6 + Mark 6:1-15**

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

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| Jul 24 – Saturday                | 4:00 PM  | Cecile E. Verdon (19 <sup>th</sup> Ann) by Robert & Claire Raina                 |
| Jul 25 – Sunday                  | 7:30 AM  | Celia Zwiercan (10 <sup>th</sup> Ann) by her daughter, Kathy Krzystofik          |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday | 9:00 AM  | Julie Dupuis by Irene & Robert Archambault                                       |
|                                  | 11:00 AM | Julie Dupuis (B'day rem) by Peggy Constant                                       |
|                                  | 4:00 PM  | Gerry Coderre by Tony & Pat Obuchowski   |
| Jul 26– Monday                   | 7:00 AM  | Julie Dupuis by Jo Geissler  |
| Jul 27 - Tuesday                 | 7:00 AM  | Clovis Girouard (50 <sup>th</sup> Ann) by the family                             |
| Jul 28 – Wednesday               | 7:00 AM  | Scott Justice (14 <sup>th</sup> Ann) by his mother, Lorraine & daughter, Jessica |
| Jul 29 – Thursday                | 7:00 AM  | Edmond & Simone LaBarre by Normand & Denise                                      |
| Jul 30 – Friday                  | 7:00 AM  | David Thomas by the family   |
| Jul 31 – Saturday                | 4:00 PM  | Norman Lussier by Shirley & Alan Lussier   |
| Aug 01 – Sunday                  | 7:30 AM  | Darlene Desrosiers by Jim & Rita O'Dell  |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday | 9:00 AM  | Lionel Remillard (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann) by Irene, Lisa & Caleb                    |
|                                  | 11:00 AM | Ronald Constant (6 <sup>th</sup> Ann) by his wife, Peggy & family                |
|                                  | 4:00 PM  | Julie Dupuis by Donald Demers & Lucille Morin                                    |

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP:** 7/18//21 Offertory \$9, 220.00 ~ School Support \$2,148.00  
Peter's Pence \$306.00 ~ Eastern Europe \$283.00  
Thank you!

**SJA BOOSTER CLUB** Winner for 7/25/2021: #104 Sandy Chessey

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** the soul and family of Alice Cantin. *May she and all our faithful departed rest in God's eternal peace. Amen.*

**THE STE. ROSE MEMORIAL FUND** is grateful for a \$50.00 donation in Loving Memory of Blanche Plouffe. Thank you very much!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2021 "Rocky Railway – Jesus' Power Pulls us Through"** is now a happy memory for 33 students in grades K-5. Thank you to the Religious Education Program Director, her staff, and volunteers for a wonderful week of fun and worship. Thank you to St. Joan of Arc School for letting us use their facilities. Thank you to Fr. Bill for celebrating the closing Mass in thanksgiving for a week of friendship. And finally, thanks to you, the Parishioners of Ste. Rose and a few special donors for making all of this possible! God bless, from a bunch of "Happy Campers!"

**RCIA** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults meets regularly on Tuesdays from September through April. The program is primarily for all non-Catholics interested in starting a new chapter in life's journey by joining the Catholic Church, or for those Catholics who have been baptized but haven't received the Sacrament of Eucharist and Confirmation. We're also inviting parishioners who would like a refresher course on their journey of faith. Please come and join us. Our first class of orientation will be held on **Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6:00PM** at the Pastoral Center. If you're interested, please contact the Parish office 413-536-4558 EXT 218 or ask for Peggy. All are welcome.

**HEARTFELT MEALS** has been preparing and delivering meals for elderly and shut-ins for almost 15 years on the second Sunday of each month. We are in need of two drivers to deliver meals. One of our drivers is moving in September, and we would like to add a new route that we have never been able to fill. If you're able and willing to join this great group of people and help a worthwhile cause, please call Gail Boone at 536-6038. Thanks!

## **17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FOCUS:** Offer your gift, however inadequate, with thanksgiving, trusting the power of God.

**Today's sign** from John's Gospel, the feeding of the five thousand, shows the power of God. The boy gave five loaves and two fish. It was a small amount, but it was all he had. Jesus took the loaves and gave thanks, and God provided food for many. We, too, can benefit from these three steps: Offer what we have. Give thanks. Expect God to act.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In today's first reading, Elisha the prophet directs his protesting servant to give his barley loaves to the people to eat. The Lord multiplies this offering and feeds a hundred people, with some left over. Paul urges the Ephesians to live in humility, working to preserve unity. In the Gospel, Jesus feeds five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish.

Daily Universal Prayer & Commentary

**THERE'S PLENTY TO DO AROUND STE. ROSE:** Volunteers are needed for the many ministries and activities here. Have you considered being:

- + **Altar servers**— Youth for Saturday and Sunday Mass and Adults for service at Funeral Masses
- + **Lectors** for the proclamation of The Word of God: There are opportunities at all five Masses
- + **Special Eucharistic Ministers** for all Masses. Now that there are two deacons each weekend Mass will have the services of a deacon. Two special ministers of the Eucharist are needed at each Mass.
- + **Eucharistic Ministers to the home bound** are also needed for home visitations. (*Nursing homes still have strict protocols in place due to the pandemic and the vulnerability of the residents*)
- + **Ushers/Greeters** for Saturday and Sunday Masses.
- + **Choir Members** for the 11:00 AM Mass **Youth Choir** for the 9:00 AM Mass
- + **Religious Formation Teachers** for the religious education of the youth of the parish who attend Chicopee Public schools, both elementary and secondary years of education.
- + **Coffee & Doughnuts** for the social hour after the 9:00 AM Mass
- + **Sacristans** for the setup and clean-up of Mass on the weekends
- + **Bingo Volunteers** Though not necessarily a "ministry" volunteers assist the parish in meeting its financial obligation to SJA School. All proceeds from Bingo revenue are for the benefit of SJA.
- + **Community Life Commission** This very active commission is involved in many "outreach ministries" that benefit the greater Chicopee community as well as parish events such as "Warm hearts, Warming hands", the Parish Picnic – which will return in Sept. of 2022, tag sales, winter coat collections for children, etc.
- + **Heartfelt Meals** A once a month Sunday morning ministry delivering fresh meals to homebound residents who normally receive Meals on Wheels Monday-Friday.

As you can readily understand, there are many opportunities for volunteering for ministries and outreach programs here in the parish. Stewardship means a sharing of *TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE*. Will you roll up your sleeves? You may call the Pastoral Office to volunteer and you will receive a phone call from the person who heads the ministry or service that interests you. Thank you!

**HELP WANTED!** St. Joan of Arc School has an immediate opening for a **full-time Custodian**. Hours are 7:30 AM until 3:00 PM. Looking for an individual who is a self-starter, appreciates and values cleanliness and school safety. Experience is a plus. Please contact Principal Bill McDonald at [mcdonald@sjachicopee.org](mailto:mcdonald@sjachicopee.org) or 533-1475 if interested. Dependability a must!

**SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AND DONUTS** follows the 9:00AM Mass. . Please join us in the Church hall. We look forward to greeting you!

**SAVE THE DATE:**

+**SJA PTO CRAFT FAIR** on Sunday, **October 3, 2021** from 9AM-3PM at the Knights of Columbus, Granby Rd. Free Parking

**+ST. ROSE PURSE BINGO** on Friday, **October 15, 2021**. Mark your calendars now, as you won't want to miss out on this fun evening at Ste. Rose.

**ENHANCE YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH** Beginning in September we'll be offering a class: ***How are the Old and New Testaments related?*** This class will be using the book "*Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*" by Brant Pitre. Many Catholics today do not know where the roots of their faith came from. This class will give the attendees the insight and knowledge of the relationship between the Old and New Testament with regards to the Eucharist. If you're interested, please contact the parish office 413-536-4558 EXT 218 or ask for Peggy. Further information will be forthcoming as to dates and time.

**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 school year 2021-2022. Anyone interested should complete an application at 189 Broadway St., Chicopee or call 413.594.3516 (office).

**THE 2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL** As of June 23, 2021, there are **420** participants in this year's ACA who have contributed **\$50,790.00**. Thank you! It's never too late to contribute! All that needs to be done is to either take an ACA envelope available in the foyer of the church or log onto the diocesan website: [www.diospringfield.org](http://www.diospringfield.org) and click on to the ACA banner. On-line contributions can be either one-time or a pledge. All major credit cards are accepted. No gift is too small; no gift is too large to assist the Diocese of Springfield in serving the needs of our brothers and sisters who seek assistance either from the diocese or from the many agencies that are funded by the ACA. Thank You!

**SUNDAY FARMERS MARKET** at Holy Cross Parish, 219 Plumtree Rd. Springfield running through October 24, each Sunday from 9 AM to 2 PM a Fruit & Bread of Life Farmers' Market is 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 Amen.***