

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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December 19, 2021

Readings: + Micah 5:1-4a + Hebrews 10:5-10 + Luke 1:39-45

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Dec 18– Saturday	4:00 PM Janet Bergeron (4 th Ann) by her family
Dec 19 – Sunday	7:30 AM Eugene McCue by Bob & Pauline Salois
4 th Sunday of Advent	9:00 AM Edwin Langevin (Ann) by Annette & family 11:00 AM Paul E. Samson by Peggy Constant 4:00 PM Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Berneche by Elaine & Lucille
Dec 20– Monday	7:00 AM Nelson Labrie by JoAnne & Peggy
Dec 21 - Tuesday	7:00 AM Paul, Irene, & Adrienne Nolette by Jeannette
Dec 22 – Wednesday	7:00 AM Paul DesRosiers by Rev. Denis A. DesRosiers
Dec 23 – Thursday	7:00 AM Guy Tremblay (3 rd Ann) by his mother, Denise
Dec 24 – Friday	7:00 AM Doris & Ronald Berthiaume by the estate 4:00 PM James, Scott, Stephen & Patrick Justice by Lorraine & Jessica
Dec 25 – Saturday	12:00 AM Midnight Mass for the Parish Family of Ste. Rose de Lima
Nativity of the Lord	7:30 AM Umberto & Bruna Manno by Angelina Manno & family 9:00 AM Frederick Lawrence (30 th Ann) by his daughter, Betty LaBelle 11:00 AM Cosimo & Maria Teresa Pisano by the Contabile family
Dec 26 – Sunday	7:30 AM Emile, Elise & Violette Tetreault by their family
The Holy Family	9:00 AM Tony & Carmela Tassone by Jim & Rita O'Dell 11:00 AM Joseph Rene Thibeault by his daughter, Sharon & family 4:00 PM Leo & Bella Constant by daughter-in-law Peggy & family

BINGO 12/18/21 Team 1

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 12/12/2021 Offertory: \$10,222.00

Religious Retirement \$629.00 ~ Immaculate Conception \$1,371.00

Thank you!

SJA BOOSTER CLUB 12/19/21 #139 Jeannette Beaulieu

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

ADORATION: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the Church at **6:30PM on Tuesday, December 21st**. Come spend some quiet Advent time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND are reminded to stop by the Pastoral Center this week before Christmas, to pick up a gift for your homebound assigned people when making your Communion call to them. Anyone wishing to help deliver gifts is asked to call Peggy 413-536-4558. Thanks!

Mass Schedules for Christmas & New Year's: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

CHRISTMAS IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION NO MATTER WHAT DAY OF THE WEEK

Friday, December 24, 2021: Mass is celebrated at 4:00 PM

Saturday, December 25, 2021: Mass is celebrated at 12:00 Midnight, 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 AM.

There is no vigil Mass on Christmas Day at 4:00 PM for Sunday, December 26, 2021

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

Mass is celebrated at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 AM and at 4:00 PM.

NEW YEAR'S DAY: THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Due to New Year's Day being on Saturday, January 1, 2022 this year it is not "of obligation."

Friday, December 31, 2021 Mass is celebrated at 4:00 PM.

Saturday, January 1, 2022 Mass is celebrated at 9:00 AM.

There is no vigil Mass on New Year's Day at 4:00 PM for Sunday, January 2, 2022.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

Mass is celebrated at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

Hopefully this announcement will assist you in planning your schedule for these two important days.

***Dear Parishioner...Around & About Ste. Rose,
What's the next project for the church?***

The next project is going to be a significant undertaking! Once the New Year begins, the church pews are going to be addressed. The first part of the project will be to re-space the pews. As you're aware, the pews are very closely spaced which makes getting in and out of the pews difficult. With the pews being so closely spaced, kneeling is more difficult, particularly for taller individuals. For taller individuals, their feet inevitably hit the kneelers that are behind them. The only way to make the pews easier to enter and exit is to eliminate two pews in each of the four sections of the seating areas. Other than Christmas and Easter, it's rare if ever, that the church's seating is at capacity. The elimination of two pews per section will not cause a seating crisis for 99% of the time. The second part of the project will be to strip the pews of the "not so pleasant" green color and return the pews to their original stain and then coat them with polyurethane. New book racks will also be purchased and installed. The kneelers will be refurbished, and the "hat clips" will be removed permanently. After the New Year, the parish will ask for volunteers to remove the hat clips, to save a little bit on the cost of the project.

The Rectory kitchen to get a new floor!

The floor in the rectory is well over 25 years old. The "no wax" finish has worn away. The existing linoleum floor has layers of materials underneath it. The consequence is that the kitchen floor is significantly higher than the hallway and the dining room floor; thereby making the height differential a cause for tripping – which has happened often enough! As the linoleum is removed the contractor will "discover" what lies beneath the surface – hopefully it will not have any asbestos materials. When the four bathrooms on the second floor and the first-floor half bath were improved after the "water event" three of the five-bathroom floors had linoleum flooring with an asbestos content necessitating an asbestos abatement. Let's hope that's not the case with the kitchen floor and whatever it is that lies beneath it. A durable floor material will be used for this installation. This work should begin this coming week. With COVID there are no visitors or committee gatherings in the rectory, so for the contractor the timing works well. Ayotte & King is the hired contractor. The rectory is not considered a residential application; therefore, they'll do the work.

Christmas Letter 2021

By now, all members of the parish ought to have received the annual Christmas letter. Unlike previous years, this year's letter is a bit different in its content since we're still in an enduring pandemic. However, the Mass schedule is printed on the backside of the letter. Please post it on your refrigerator for easy reference. The entire mailing is 2100 pieces of mail. The parish does not send that many sets of parish support envelopes in the monthly packet. The Christmas Offering envelope is inserted in the hopes that those who don't regularly contribute to the parish will consider contributing to the parish at the end of the calendar year during Christmas. Christmas is now a just a few days away. May these pre-Christmas days be filled with joy-filled expectation of the celebration of the Miracle of the Incarnation. ***-Fr. Bill***

THE KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4044 are hosting a New Year's Eve Party at the Castle, 1599 Memorial Dr., Chicopee. For details go to www.kofc4044.com or call Don 534-4749. Proceeds from this event benefit the Council's local charitable programs.

CALENDARS FOR THE YEAR 2022 We're grateful to **St. Pierre-Phaneuf Funeral Chapels** for making the 2022 liturgical and yearly calendars available to the parishioners of Ste. Rose de Lima Parish. Thank you!

SJA LOTTERY RAFFLE CALENDARS are on sale this weekend, December 18th & 19th. Please stop by the school table after Mass, or visit the school between 9AM-2PM. Tickets are \$5 with unlimited chances to win during the month of January 2022.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING: This year we've added **Lorraine's Soup Kitchen** to our Gift Giving Tree. Please place your unwrapped gift donations to LSK in one of the two boxes in the foyer of the Church. Thank you for your support. May the joy of Christmas be with you all through the year!"

SJA GIFT CARD SALE: St. Joan of Arc School is hosting a gift card sale. If you know an 8th grade student, contact them to place your order. If you do not have an 8th grade connection, please order with the rest of the school. **NEW THIS YEAR:** +Online ordering at: Shop.ShopWithScrip.com Enrollment Code:3FAC8AB41828L https://shop.shopwithscrip.com/N2Upload/2021/basics-flyer/SWS_0474_BASICCS_Flyer-F.pdf
+Mobile App shopping. Download RaiseRight mobile app from the App Store. Enrollment Code: 3FAC8AB41828L https://youtu.be/MKV_BXUWIm8
+Order in Person by downloading an order form *during the calendar year* at www.sjachicopee.org

BETHLEHEM HOUSE sent us this: Thank you for the much needed baby shower items that you donated to Bethlehem House. We are most grateful for your generosity. Please extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who organized the baby shower and to those who so generously made donations. The items will be used to fill many newborn baby baskets and will provide the necessities for the babies as they grow. All of the families are touched by your love and care. We greatly appreciate your faithful support of Bethlehem house. -*Pamela Hibbard, Director*

THE KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS COUNCIL 4044 are hosting a New Year's Eve Party at the Castle, 1599 Memorial Dr., Chicopee to benefit the Council's many local charitable programs. Doors open at 6:00PM with dancing to the sounds of DJ Stephan till 1:00AM, a Cash Wheel, 50/50 raffle, Cash Bar and a Charcuterie Board at each table. Stations of Minestrone Soup, Chop Salad, Artesian Breads, Gourmet Pastas & Amenities, Herb Roasted Vegetables, "Top Your Way" Potato, Prime Rib, Salmon-en-croute and Viennese Desserts will be offered. Ring in the New Year with a Champagne Toast, party hats and noisemakers. Tickets are \$80 and sold in the Members' Lounge Mondays and Thursdays 6-8PM, Dec. 6th through Dec. 27th deadline. Jackets are required. Free parking. CDC Guidelines are implemented. For details go to www.kofc4044.com or Don 534-4749. Proceeds from this event benefit the Council's local charitable programs like the Catholic Schools, Lorraine's Soup Kitchen and Seminarians just to name a few. .

JESUS IS CALLING YOU! Will you be there for him? We at Ste. Rose will be having a day long Adoration. If you have never experienced this, Eucharistic Adoration is the worship of the Eucharist outside of Mass. The Eucharistic Host is displayed in a monstrance (open receptacle where the consecrated Host is exposed for veneration) on the altar so that all can see and pray in the presence of Christ. Starting in January we're looking for volunteers to sign up for a specific time for Adoration. It will start after the 7:00AM Mass and go until 3:00PM. Jesus is counting on you for the success of this monthly event. Please sign up for a time in the vestibule of the church or call Laura Dubreuil at 413-364-0212 to schedule your time. This will be a day long monthly event and the first one will begin on **Friday, January 7th at 7:30AM.**

THANK YOU! SJA is grateful for two recent **Apple Giving Tree** donations: Boxes of Kleenex for the library and computer classrooms and a \$20.00 donation. Items still needed: No-Glue Foam Craft Kits, "new" Skip Bo Cards, "New" Trouble Games, "New" Clue Board Game, "New" Kitchen Play Food, Assorted Outdoor Balls, Walgreens & CVS gift cards for photo printing, slim Expo dry erase markers and paper towels. Donations can be dropped off at the school's Visitor Entrance 9AM-2PM. Ring the bell at the Visitors Entrance. Questions? Call 533-1475.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD at the 9:00AM Sunday Mass has resumed. This Liturgy of the Word is specifically geared toward young children to assist them in developing a love for the Word of God proclaimed at Sunday Mass. Facilitated by our DRE, Cindee Gagnon, our children encounter the sacred

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE AND DONUTS follows the 9:00AM Mass. Join us in the Church Hall. Also, helpers are needed. If you're interested in being part of this team, please speak to one of the Sunday morning servers. We look forward to seeing you!

PINK ENVELOPE FOR SJA SCHOOL SUPPORT On the third weekend of the month, the second collection (*the pink envelope*) is for the benefit of St. Joan of Arc School. The bookkeeping and banking of this collection has changed; therefore, it's important to ask that checks be made payable to St. Joan of Arc School. The bank will only process checks made payable to SJA. In advance, your cooperation is appreciated. Your ongoing generosity to SJA School is impressive and is also appreciated

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.

MARCH 29, 2022: TWIN HILL COUNTRY CLUB, LONGMEADOW, MA *The Miracle of Life Banquet* is Clearway Clinic's annual fundraising event. Clearway Clinic is a faith-based nonprofit committed to rescuing men, women and children from abortion and abortion trauma. 100% of banquet donations go to supporting the life-saving work of the clinic. The keynote speaker for this year's event is **Ben Watson, Retired NFL New England Patriots Tight End and Pro-Life Champion**. In addition to being a retired NFL pro, Ben is a husband, father of seven children, a man of faith, a commentator, and an outspoken advocate for the sanctity of life. Tickets are available on-line for the "life-saving" event: www.clearwayclinic.com

PRO-LIFE We now have a bulletin board and table in the vestibule of the church that is dedicated to Pro-Life issues. The bulletin board will provide you with Pro-Life issues and events. The table will offer Pro-Life pamphlets and other informational materials. Please stop and read about the concerns of the Church and essential information regarding this very important issue. For more information, please contact Deacon Mike at 536-4558 or see Jane Fortin.

STE. ROSE BINGO A little information for everyone who has ever had children in St. Joan of Arc School and who, over the years, worked Bingo. Since its inception in 1975, we, the Bingo Community raised over \$3,779,302 to our parish school for tuition subsidies and its general financial operations. \$3.7 million dollars raised is a real eye opener and shows the critical need for people to step forward and volunteer their time to such a substantial partner in keeping our school open and affordable. Many thanks to the dedication of our present and former Members in Charge, captains, bingo workers, volunteers, and patrons. Please give serious thought to volunteering for bingo.

THE 2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL As of August 4, 2021, there are **436** Ste. Rose parishioner participants who have contributed **\$54,500.00** to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you! To contribute, log onto the diocesan website: 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 from the diocese or from the many agencies that are funded by the ACA. Thank You!

GIRL SCOUTING Girls from kindergarten through high school are encouraged to join us. Adults interested in volunteering with Girl Scouting are also invited to contact GirlScoutsofChicopee@gmail.com for info.

CUB SCOUT RECRUITMENT We are welcoming new members to our Cub Scout Pack held here at St. Rose de Lima. We have begun meeting again safely after a break due to the pandemic. We welcome families to check out scouting for your youngster/s ages 5-10 or K through Grade 5. If you're interested, the best way to reach the Chicopee Scouting team is by email. Please email us at cubscoutpackchicopee@yahoo.com and we'll get back to you. Thank you and welcome to Scouting.

Year of the Eucharist Prayer

Jesus, I believe that you are truly present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist. In you I place my whole family. Heal our wounds and renew us in heart and mind with a greater reverence, devotion and love for you in the Holy Eucharist.

Our Lady, first tabernacle of the Word made flesh, intercede on our behalf to your Son, Especially for the Diocese of Springfield and our priests. Through their love for the priesthood and the Eucharist, may they inspire young men to the priesthood that the Mass may continue to be offered so that we may be nourished with your Son's Body and Blood. Guide especially our youth to your Church so that they may thrive by knowing the truth that only comes from Jesus.

Most Holy Trinity, I adore you!

My God, I love you in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

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.