

The Epiphany of the Lord

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January 2, 2022

Readings: + Isaiah 60:1-6 + Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 + Matthew 2:1-12

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Jan 01 – Saturday	9:00 AM Bruna & Amber Manno by Angelina & family
Jan 02 – Sunday	7:30 AM Lisa Cote by James & Rita O'Dell
Epiphany of the Lord	9:00 AM Leonard Longpre by his niece, Peggy Constant 11:00 AM James Pray by his family & friends 4:00 PM Doris & George Rivet by the family
Jan 03 – Monday	7:00 AM Cecile Demanche (35 th Ann) by Pierrette & Gilles Fugere
Jan 04 – Tuesday	7:00 AM Guy Tremblay by his Mother
Jan 05 – Wednesday	7:00 AM Norman Landry (1 st Ann) by his wife & children
Jan 06 – Thursday	7:00 AM Nelson Labrie by his wife, Theresa & family
Jan 07 – Friday	7:00 AM Florestine Belanger by her estate 9:00 AM School Mass: Helen Desmarais by her estate
Jan 08 – Saturday	4:00 PM Fred Rider by his wife, Mary
Jan 09 – Sunday	7:30 AM Elaine Balling (3 rd Ann) by the family
Baptism of the Lord	9:00 AM Bernard & Joanne LaScala by the family 11:00 AM Gracinda Carvalho by Noel & Elizabeth Carvalho 4:00 PM Eugene Asselin by Clement & Pierrette Blanchet

NO BINGO 1/01/2022

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 12/26/2021 Offertory: \$8,256.00
Christmas Flowers \$3,193.00 ~ ~ Christmas \$11,089.00

Thank you!

SJA BOOSTER CLUB 1/02/2022 #13 Keith Maroney

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the souls and families of Donald Masse, Albert Leroux, Robin Jean Louis Goulet, Florence Beauchemin and Robert Boisvert. May they and all our faithful departed rest in God's eternal peace.

BEGINNING Tuesday, January 4th and on every following First Tuesday of the month, there will be Eucharistic Adoration in the Pastoral Center Chapel **from 6:30PM to 8:00PM** led by Deacon Dan. Come spend some quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament during this year of the Eucharist.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION will be held **Friday, January 7th at 2:00PM** in the church. Adoration begins at 2:00PM and closes with the recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction at 3:00PM, led by Deacon Mike. Please join us, especially during this year dedicated to the Eucharist.

STE. ROSE DE LIMA GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP is for people who have experienced the loss of a spouse, partner, family member or friend. All are welcome! Join us at the Ste. Rose de Lima Pastoral Center, 15 Chapel Street. We meet every Monday except major holidays from 6:00-7:00PM.

GIVING TREE and Lorraine's Soup Kitchen THANK YOU! Always with more love and attention to detail... year after year... the members of Ste. Rose de Lima Parish family remember our homebound parishioners and families in need at Christmas time. Over 100 of our parishioners who can no longer get out received a memorable gift from the heart of our Ste. Rose Parish. Also, several families were able to provide gifts to their children where gifts may not have happened. Besides our parishioners, clients and guests of *Lorraine's Soup Kitchen* were remembered by our parishioners this year. Thank you all for participating in the Giving Tree Program and the gifts to *Lorraine's Soup Kitchen*. A great big thank you to our coordinators, and the Community Life Committee for signing and mailing Christmas cards, and the people who helped prepare the Parish Christmas letter for mailing. Thank you also to Peggy, our Pastoral Minister, and to the Eucharistic Ministers and Joyful Volunteers who saw to it that the gifts were delivered in a timely manner. Deepest thanks! **Happy New Year 2022!**

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

New Year's Reflections

Dr. Seuss penned these words: *“How did it get so late so soon? Its night before its afternoon. December is here before its June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get so late so soon?”* Those clever words provide me with a moment of reflection as the New Year of 2022 begins: *“How did it get so late so soon?”* The year 2021, with all its challenges, has ended. Many, no doubt, will say good riddance to 2021. I was hoping that 2021 would be the year the pandemic would have ended – but it did not. I was hoping that 2021 would be year parish life would have resumed as it was in the pre-pandemic years – but it did not. However, 2021 did provide some hopeful moments: the vaccines for COVID were developed, supermarkets restocked their shelves, the churches are opened for Sunday worship, weddings, baptisms, and funeral Masses. All in all, progress is inching forward.

I am also hopeful that the Diocese of Springfield will continue to lead the way to *“protect our children”* with safe environments; of which few other institutions have undertaken such measures. Under the direction of Jeffrey Trant, the Director of the Office of Safe Environment and Victim Assistance, the diocese will begin to implement the recommendations of the Independent Task Force. A significant “memorandum of understanding” has been agreed upon by the district attorneys of Western Massachusetts and the Diocese of Springfield, wherein all reports of clergy abuse are first reported to the Office of the District Attorney to investigate all allegations. I believe that it will take many years for the public and media to trust these initiatives. It is for that specific purpose an “oversight committee” will soon be announced through a press release, to ensure “The Strategic Plan and Initiatives” developed by the Independent Task Force are indeed in the process of being implemented

Bishop Byrne has designated 2022 as “The Year of the Eucharist” for the diocese so to draw attention to the great gift that the Eucharist is. In response, Ste. Rose, with the assistance of our two deacons, will offer Eucharistic Holy Hours to lead our parishioners to a renewed reverence and deeper understanding of how central the Eucharist is in the spiritual life of the Church. A banner will soon be placed on the balcony wall and lawn signs indicating “The Year of the Eucharist” will be placed (in the Spring) and are readily available for purchase that you may place a lawn sign at your home.

I pray that 2022 be the year wherein parish life may resume, not as in the pre-pandemic years, but better! At the beginning of this new year, I ask that the parishioners become more involved in the many spiritual and social activities that will be offered. I pray that some members will join committees, thereby sharing their TIME & TALENT for the betterment of parish life. Presently, too few are working too hard at keeping the spirit of Ste. Rose healthy and well. All ministries need volunteers. Youth and Adult altar servers are needed. Ushers/collectors are needed. Youth and Adult choir members are needed. Committee members are needed. And the requests go on and on.

And finally, as the New Year begins, I pray for the members of Ste. Rose de Lima Parish. I pray this new year fills each of us with faith, hope, and love. I pray that peace overpowers the nations, our country, and our Church. I pray, that the Miracle of the Incarnation will take place each morning we rise to a new day. May the Christmas Spirit of Love & Joy be with us throughout the New Year of 2022.

I thank you for the 17 years of your prayers for me as your parish priest. I believe your prayers assist me every day I rise to a new day. The generosity of Christmas greetings and gifts are so appreciated – these sentiments will never be forgotten.

Happy and a Blessed New Year!!!

With great love and admiration,

Fr. Bill

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.

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).

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.

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.