

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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January 23, 2022

Readings: + Nehemiah 8:2-4a + 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 + Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Jan 22 – Saturday 4:00 PM James & Martha Dowds by daughter, Mary Rider
Jan 23 – Sunday 7:30 AM Cindy Morin (B'day rem) by Mike & Deb Weibel
Third Ordinary Sunday 9:00 AM Tony, Carmela & Bruno Tassone by James & Rita O'Dell
11:00 AM Annette Bilodeau by Jeannette
4:00 PM Donald Ringuette (6th Ann) by Claire & family
Jan 24 – Monday 7:00 AM Eugene Asselin by Joyce
Jan 25 – Tuesday 7:00 AM Lucienne & Arthur Hebert by Normand & Denise
Jan 26 – Wednesday 7:00 AM Wilfred Peloquin, Jr. by his family
Jan 27 – Thursday 7:00 AM Kathleen Bolduc (1st Ann) by Linda H.
Jan 28 – Friday 7:00 AM Jean Hebb by her sister
Jan 29 – Saturday 4:00 PM Rena Cote by her family
Jan 30 – Sunday 7:30 AM The souls in Purgatory
Fourth Ordinary Sunday 9:00 AM Lorraine Fournier by Peggy Bergeron
11:00 AM Frank J. Stec (95th B'day rem) by the Stec & DiSanti families
4:00 PM Luke Lessard by Helen Carrier & Pierrette Blanchet

BINGO 1/22/2022 Team 2 PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 1/16/2022 Offertory: \$6,729.00

School Support: \$2,017.00 **Thank you!**

SJA BOOSTER CLUB 1/22/2022 #89 Sandy & Lester LaBarre

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the souls and families of Margaret McLane and John Martin. May their souls and all the souls of our faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

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, We meet every Monday except major holidays from 6:00-7:00PM. Moderators are Madelyn Korytko formerly of the Mercy Medical Ctr. Grief Group and Peggy Constant, Pastoral Minister.

THE 2022 MASS BOOK has openings. 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 remaining for 2022.

SAVE THE DATE! The SJA PTO will be holding our **Savers FUNDdrive** 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 on April 23, 2022 (9-12) to raise money for St Joan of Arc School. (No furniture or books) *More details to follow*.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: The law of the Lord delights the human heart and guides the steps of our lives. Today's Gospel opens with the words and intentions of Luke the Evangelist. He has decided to write a Gospel – a *narrative of the events* regarding Jesus Christ that will draw from the memories of those who witnessed his life, death, and resurrection, and who have handed on his teachings to future generations. We cling to that Gospel message, which reminds us of God's mercy and challenges us to live in Christ.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: Nehemiah, Ezra, and other instruct the people to rejoice and not be sad, for their God has made the day holy. St. Paul instructs the Corinthians, using the image of the body to describe the Church and explaining that each person has a role in it. In the Gospel, Jesus reads from the book of the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue in Nazareth and proclaims, *Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.*

Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary

**Dear Parishioner...Around & About Ste. Rose,
Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center**

The Passionist Community invites the men of Ste. Rose de Lima Parish to attend and participate in a spiritual retreat on February 25-27, 2022 at the West Hartford, CT Retreat Center. This is a unique opportunity for the men of our parish to spend some time with other Catholic men of the parish in a guided retreat. The theme for this year's retreat is ***In the Spirit of Trust***. If there is any man who has never been on a retreat or one who cannot afford to attend, the Passionists have offered a "scholarship" to be able to attend. Please call the Pastoral Center if you're interested in receiving the scholarship. The phone number at the Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford is: 860-521-0440 for more information or to register.

COVID 19 testing

Lab 24 has invited Ste. Rose to be a free testing site for COVID 19 testing. Lab 24 will provide 25 test kits to begin with. Once 10 tests have been self-administered, the kits will be mailed, and a rapid result will be given. The parish needs one person to coordinate this program. The responsibility will be to maintain an accurate inventory, mail in minimally 10 self-administered kits, and re-order when necessary. Lab 24 will be happy to assist with any questions that may arise. Either let Father know as you leave Mass this weekend or call the Pastoral Center as soon as possible. The kits are already in the possession of the parish. We can begin as soon as someone is willing to coordinate this COVID 19 test program.

COVID 19 Guidelines

As of this writing, the City of Chicopee has not imposed a mask mandate except for entering of city buildings. The parish will not impose a mask mandate unless the mandate originates with the City of Chicopee. However, Mass attendees are free to either wear a mask or to not wear a mask. Ministers of the Eucharist are required by the diocese of wear masks for the distribution of the Eucharist. The hand sanitizing stations are still at all the entrances of the church. Feel free to sanitize your hands as you are comfortable. If you are either sick or have been exposed to someone who has tested positive, please stay home until the illness has passed or no longer test positive for COVID 19. Let's assist each other in keeping healthy.

Thank you!

A sincere "Thank You" is offered to the members of the parish who assisted with the removal of the "hat clips" and bookracks from the back of the pews. Also, the bookracks are free for the taking. They are made of oak, and with your creative imagination, can be reused. New bookracks will be installed as the project progresses. The new bookracks will match the finish on the restored pews. As soon as a bid is accepted, this column will inform the parish of the cost related to this needed improvement.

Fr. Bill

JANUARY MEMORIALS:

Hosts and Sanctuary Lamp in Loving Memory of the Blanchette & LaScala families by Simone LaScala
THE STE. ROSE MEMORIAL FUND is grateful for an additional \$390.00 in gifts in loving memory of Jean Chouinard. Thank you very much!

SAVE THE DATE! Super Bowl Sunday falls on **February 13th** this year. Last year, the youth of the parish participated in the **Super Bowl of Caring** fundraiser and, thanks to **your** overwhelming generosity, they raised significant funds to support **Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry's** vital ministry to "**feed the hungry**". Once again, parish youth will be present, with soup pots in hand, following all Masses on the weekend of **February 12th & 13th** to accept your generous donations for this worthy cause. **Hunger, for many of our neighbors, has only gotten worse, during this time of Covid!** This is just a reminder that there's still time to get in shape, dust off your uniforms and join the team to help bring home a victory over hunger in our community.

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.

DANCEATHON CANCELLED Due to the sharp rise in COVID, the Western Mass Charity DanceAthon is canceled for February 11-12 2022 and rescheduled for next year. In spite of the cancellation, two grants will be awarded this year from funds raised in anticipation of the 2022 WMCD. "Rick's Place" will receive a \$10,000 grant for grief support services for youth. "KEVS Foundation" will receive the second grant in the amount of \$2,000. Established in memory of 19-year-old Kevin Major, the foundation provides free sudden cardiac arrest testing for high school athletes as well as AED units for public places. Anyone interested in donating to the WMCD, you may do so with a check payable to WMCD, PO Box 1413, Westfield, MA 01086. Details of the Danceathon, its Foundation Board, and its mission may be found on its website – WMCD.org.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD IS HELD ON SUNDAYS at the 9:00AM Mass . This presentation of the 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.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023 DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD TRIP TO WORLD YOUTH DAY HAS NOW OPENED. Our official pilgrimage to Fatima and Lisbon Portugal for World Youth Day will take place July 28 to August 8, 2023 and is an incredible opportunity for youth and young adults (ages 18-35 in 2023) to encounter Christ with several million youth from around the world who share their faith. For more information, to watch the recording of the November 16 virtual info session, or to register, go to: <https://www.youngandcatholic.org/get-involved/worldyouthday>

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.

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

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.

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

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.

40 HOUR DEVOTION SCHEDULE FOR 2022 FOR THE SPRINGFIELD DIOCESE

February 3-6, Saint Mary's, Hampden
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March 31-April 3, Saint Francis of Assisi, Belchertown
May 5-8, Saint John Paul II, Adams
June 2-5, Our Lady of the Valley, Easthampton
June 30-July 3, Marian Fathers, Stockbridge

August 4-7, Saint Stanislaus Basilica, Chicopee
September 1-4, Saint Mary's, Ware