

Third Sunday of Lent

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March 20, 2022

Readings: + Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 + 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12+ Luke 13:1-9

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mar 19 – Saturday	4:00 PM Pauline Leblond (6 th Ann) by her daughter, Joanne
Mar 20 – Sunday	7:30 AM Lionel & Therese Lemieux by their daughter, Susan
Third Sunday of Lent	9:00 AM Lionel Remillard by his wife & daughter
	11:00 AM Marie Ramsdell by David Rosinski
	4:00 PM Mr. & Mrs. James Garvey by their family
Mar 21– Monday	7:00 AM Bernard Joseph Chartier, Jr. by Sandra & Karl Krassler
Mar 22 - Tuesday	7:00 AM Wilfred Peloquin, Jr. by family
Mar 23 – Wednesday	7:00 AM Craig Asselin by Normand Girouard
Mar 24 – Thursday	7:00 AM Lisa Cote by Angelina Manno
Mar 25 – Friday	7:00 AM In Honor of our Guardian Angels by a parishioner
Mar 26 – Saturday	4:00 PM Gracindo Carvalho by Noel & Elizabeth Carvalho
Mar 27 – Sunday	7:30 AM Darlene Desrosiers by John & Linda Manno and family
Fourth Sunday of Lent	9:00 AM Rena Cote by her family
	11:00 AM Susan Pronovost (1 st Ann) by Denise & family
	4:00 PM Raymond Hamel by his children

BINGO 3/19/2022 Team 2

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 3/13/2022 Offertory: \$6,966.00

Thank you!

SJA BOOSTER CLUB 3/13/2022 #98 Christopher Bresnahan

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS The souls and families of: Theresa Laflamme, Kevin Joslyn, and Sandra Metras. May they and all the souls of our faithful departed rest in God's eternal peace.

THE STE. ROSE MEMORIAL FUND is grateful for a \$25.00 gift in loving memory of Jean Chouinard. Thank you!

MARCH MEMORIALS: Hosts: In Honor of St. Jude for prayers answered by the Ruell & Dulong family.

Sanctuary Lamp: In Loving Memory of James Thomas Tucker and Victor & Novia Geoffroy by Anita & family.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT Join us for the **Stations of the Cross on Friday nights at 6:00PM** in Church. Together we will journey along Christ's path toward resurrection and the forgiveness of sin.

REV. FRANCIS SHANNON SCHOLARSHIP. Applications for the Rev. Francis Shannon Scholarship are now available to members of Ste. Rose de Lima Parish. High School graduates or college students who wish to further their education may apply. The applications are available at the Ste. Rose de Lima Pastoral Center or from Mary Rider, Chairperson at 413-533-2437. The Scholarship is a one-time grant. Completed applications must be returned to the Chairperson by **May 15, 2022** with an official transcript of high school or college grades and a letter from their Pastor stating that the applicant is an active and participating member of the parish. Students who are former members of St. Mary's Parish in Willimansett and were enrolled in their CCD program at the time the church was closed may also apply.

SJA HAS ANOTHER SAVE THE DATE!! We will be holding a community event in partnership with Ste. Rose parish for a **SHREDDING EVENT**. We will be hosting a *ProShred* truck on **Saturday, September 17th from 9:00AM to 11:00AM**. We'll be set up in the Trilby St. parking lot for people to bring all their papers that need to be shredded. This is a free will donation to defray the cost. Mark your calendars now.'

BETHLEHEM HOUSE is in need of donations of baby items or cash. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please go to bethlehemhousewma.org for instructions on how to make these donations.

THE FRANCO-AMERICAN WOMEN' ASSOC. will meet on **Thursday, March 24th** in the **Ste. Rose Pastoral Center, 15 Chapel St.** Please note the different location and the new time of **6:30 PM**. The Chairpersons for the April 28, 2022 Scholarship SOCIAL and CARD PARTY will meet after the meeting. **Yes, we're back!!!** Tickets for the Card Party will be distributed at the meeting and will be available from all members. Merit Award applications will be available for children and grandchildren of members. We're accepting new members, Ladies of French & French-Canadian heritage, come see what we're about. Refreshments will be served.

**Dear Parishioner...Around & About Ste. Rose,
Humanitarian Collection for Ukraine**

Ste. Rose de Lima Parish will take up a humanitarian collection for the needs of the Ukrainian people on the weekend of March 26 & 27. This second collection will enable each member of the parish to contribute directly to their basic needs which are more dire with the passing of each day. Please write a check payable to: **Catholic Relief Services** and in the MEMO please write UKRAINE. You can be assured that CRS will use these funds to aid these courageous people fighting for their freedom and for their very lives. For those who have already contributed – thank you! We pray for peace!

The 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

Lent 2022 was the beginning of the 2022 ACA. Last year, the members of Ste. Rose de Lima contributed over \$53,000.00 to this annual campaign. Funds raised for the ACA assist the diocese to support Catholic Schools, Catholic Charities, and several agencies that provide services needed by the residents of the four counties of Western Massachusetts, regardless of religious affiliation. This year's campaign message is ***"Transformed in Christ."*** Yes, the price of gasoline and heating oil/gas has skyrocketed. Inflation is now at 7.9% and has made everything so much more expensive. All that is asked of you is to be as generous as you can be during these "trying" times. To contribute you can respond by either using the campaign materials that were sent to you or making an "on-line" contribution. If you prefer your contribution can either be a one-time or a multi-month pledge. For on-line contributions visit: www.diospringfield.org/aca In the name of Bishop William Byrne: Thank you!

The Parish Picnic

It is time! Yes, it is time to celebrate! It is time to bring back the parish picnic! The pandemic effectively eliminated such parish events for the past two years. However, the Picnic Committee needs many volunteers to make the 2022 picnic a reality. The receipts from the picnic are for the benefit of SJA School. The committee would like to work with many of the young families in SJA School. The committee members will meet with Mr. McDonald, principal, and develop a strategy to make this a fun-filled day for the entire parish family. More information will follow in future bulletin announcements. In any event, please consider volunteering for the 2022 picnic in September. Though September seems "faraway," it will be here before you know it. Good planning now will ensure a successful 2022 picnic.

And finally, The two-year pandemic has had an enormous effect upon all aspects of parish life: it all came to a screeching halt! It is time to re-ignite the parish with all its former socials and ministries. However, if the parish is to re-ignite, it needs its many members to step forward and become more involved. There is no doubt in my mind that the isolation that we experienced was neither good for us as social beings nor healthy for us as spiritual beings. Belonging and participating in parish socials and ministries can assist in being better than we were prior to the pandemic. Belonging is when we are connected to each other for a cause that is greater than ourselves. That greater cause is the re-building of the parish for the betterment of all members. In the past, far too few members accomplished incredible events. In the future, it is hopeful to have many members accomplish great ministries and events which will benefit the spiritual and social life of the parish. Future bulletins will announce opportunities for members to "roll-up their sleeves" and share some of their TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE. I pray that you will respond with a generous heart.

Ste. Rose de Lima, our patroness, please intercede on behalf of this parish. Pray that we worship well, work diligently, and re-build this wonderful community of faith into the very person of Jesus the Christ.

Fr. Bill

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FOCUS: God offers everyone salvation and freedom; it is an offer we are free to accept or reject.

Today's readings remind us that salvation and eternal life with God require our repentance from sin and turning away from our old ways to embrace a new life with him. He invites us to participate in his mission and bear fruit for the kingdom. The offer, however, remains ours to accept or reject.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: In today's first reading, Moses encounters God in the burning bush. God reveals to Moses his plan to free the Israelites. Saint Paul writes that not all who were freed from bondage in Egypt remained faithful, warning them to take care not to fall. In the Gospel, Jesus warns the people that failure to repent will result in their perishing, and then he tells a parable of a fig tree.

Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST – Third Sunday of Lent

“Come to me in adoration, and I will make straight your path before you. I will remove the obstacles that loom in the distance, and I will provide for every need as it arises. Listen to Me and write My words, for I am speaking to you as I have done in the Past and as I shall continue to do, for you are the friend of My Heart, and I have chosen you for this work which is Mine. (March 6, 2012) Pg 292 In Sinu Jesu. For more info and videos check out www.yearoftheeucharist.net

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL "Transformed in Christ" The theme for the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, calls on us to be inspired by the Holy Eucharist to live the Gospel. The ACA is the major source of funding for all the work of the Diocese of Springfield: through vital ministries, faith formation, education, and community agencies. When you financially support the ACA, your gift serves our neighbors in need, helps women and families in crisis, respects life from conception until natural death, and fosters vocations to ensure the future of our Catholic faith. If you have made a donation, thank you for helping us to meet our goal. There is still time to contribute using the pledge card mailed to your home, through the secure online website: diospringfield.org/ACA, or using an envelope available at church. Thank you for your support.

A BIG THANK YOU to all the parishioners and parish youth, and all the SJA students who participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring during Super Bowl weekend. Ste. Rose was able to **donate 1,034 pounds of food and \$4,734.00** in cash to *Lorraine's Soup Kitchen* to help their mission for the residents of Chicopee. Mr. Bruce Broyles and his support staff did another outstanding job!

K of C COUNCIL 4044 on Memorial Drive, ANNOUNCES UPCOMING EVENTS:

+SCROD DINNER IN THE LOUNGE will be held on **Friday, March 25th**. The cost is \$12.00 and consists of baked scrod, rice pilaf, and cooked carrots. There will be meals prepared for take-out orders as well. In order to know how much to prepare, tickets need to be purchased in advance in the lounge from the bartender on Friday and Saturday evenings or at the Castle office during the week.

+SPAGHETTI SUPPERS are back! They take place on the **2nd Wednesday of the month** from 4:30PM to 6:30PM. Spaghetti Supper is \$8.00, We now have a \$6.00 take-out option, as well.

LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES AT OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT -- Wednesdays during the month of March at 6:30PM. Join us for *The Eucharist: The Real Presence of Jesus*, the 2022 Lenten Speaker Series at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, 127 Holyoke Road, Westfield On **March 23** our speaker will be **Master Chief Edward Byers Jr., Navy Seal and Medal of Honor Recipient**, who will tell of the events in his time in Afghanistan, which led to his being awarded the Medal of Honor, and his devotion to St. Michael, and to the Eucharist. Master Chief Byers is a member of the Knights of Columbus. All Veterans and Knights of Columbus members are especially invited to attend this evening. The series will wrap up on **March 30** with a talk by **Eileen Wood**, as well as a display, on **Eucharistic Miracles**. This Series is not to be missed!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE As we enter the Season of Lent, we are also entering the time for the 40 Days for Life Campaign. As a church we will engage in different Pro-life activities. Watch for announcements for them in the church bulletin and on the various bulletin boards throughout the church. If you have questions, please see Jane Fortin or Deacon Mike.

THE 2022 MASS BOOK has openings. The offering for a Mass is \$10.00. There are still plenty of weekday Masses remaining for 2022.

LENTEN REGULATIONS:

- 1/ Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat as well as days of fast, when only one full meal is allowed. +On days of fast two other meatless meals may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal.
- 2/ The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.
- 3/ The obligation to abstain from meat begins at fourteen (14) years of age.
- 4/ The obligation to fast begins at eighteen (18) years of age and ends at fifty-nine (59) years of age.
- 5/ Although the faithful may excuse themselves for a just cause from these laws of fast and abstinence, there is an obligation to substitute another penance and no Catholic should lightly excuse himself/herself from this obligation in the Lenten Season.

SYNOD 2021-2023 How are we journeying together? What would you tell Pope Francis? What would you tell Bishop Byrne? Pope Francis has invited the universal Catholic Church to gather and reflect on communion, participation, and mission within the Church and society at large. Join your neighbors and parishioners here in western Massachusetts in this consultation and dialogue process. Sessions will be held throughout the diocese during March and April. Volunteers are needed to help organize and facilitate! Contact the diocesan Synod Team at synod@diospringfield.org or by calling 413-452-0571. Complete information including scheduled consultations can be found at www.diospringfield.org/synod

SAVE THE DATE! The SJA PTO will be holding our **Savers FUNDrive** 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*.

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.

HARMONY HOUSE OF WESTERN MASS. is preparing to reopen after completing their new home renovation in Chicopee. Harmony House is always in need of volunteers to support their mission of providing a loving home with compassionate care for the terminally ill. Renovation and construction have continued over the last two years for the beautiful new home which is close to completion. A **Volunteer Recruitment event** has been scheduled for **Tuesday, March 22, 2022 from 4:00-6:00 pm at 66 View Street in Chicopee** to give previous and potential new volunteers an opportunity to visit the home, discuss options with staff and management, and sign up to volunteer. We are in need of direct care personnel, office administration, cleaning, gardening, and general help. A volunteer application is available on the website at www.harmonyhousewma.org. Harmony House is a local, non-profit organization whose mission is to provide a loving home providing compassionate care for the terminally ill who have limited or no resources for special care in their final stages of life. Harmony House is primarily staffed by trained volunteers including licensed nurses, caregivers, companions, and others. **If interested in learning more or becoming a volunteer, please contact Harmony House at 413-315-9784 or by email at harmonyhousewma@gmail.com.**

ONGOING ON Thursday evenings for five weeks during Lent A NEW BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST. The Mass is nothing short of amazing. Through it, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible as we hear him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and as we receive him Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. In his video-based study "*A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*", Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. **JOIN US for "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass" at Ste. Rose de Lima downstairs in the church hall began March 3rd from 6:30-8:30 PM and continues every Thursday until 3/31.** Each participant receives a study set that includes book, workbook, and online access for \$26.95. For info or to register for the study, call Julie Prats 413-626-2925 or Deacon Dan Prats at 413-478-8255.

COFFEE AND DONUTS WILL BE SERVED following the 9:00 AM Mass this Sunday. If you're interested in helping serve coffee and donuts once a month, please speak to one of today's servers or call the Pastoral Center 413-536-4558. Thanks!

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND A pilgrimage to the Holy Land is planned for May 8 – 19, 2022. Msgr. Yargeau, Deacon Nolan and Deacon DeCarlo will be with us. For more information, call Helen Shea Murphy at 413-824-8733.

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

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

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

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

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