

First Sunday of Advent

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November 27, 2022

YEAR A - WEEKDAYS 1: Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5 + Romans 13:11-14 + Matthew 24:37-44

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Nov 26 - Saturday	4:00 PM Adrienne Roy by Ronald & Antoinette Roy
Nov 27 - Sunday	7:30 AM Robert Granger by Barbara Paulo
First Sunday of Advent	9:00 AM Raffale Ciccarelli & Umberto Manno by Angelina & family
	11:00 AM Suzanne Courchesne (B'day) by Daniel Courchesne
	4:00 PM Claire Hamel by her children
Nov 28- Monday	7:00 AM All Souls Day Intentions
Nov 29 - Tuesday	7:00 AM Tony Tassone by James & Rita O'Dell
Nov 30- Wednesday	7:00 AM Donald Bourque (20 th Ann) by Connie & family
Dec 01 - Thursday	7:00 AM J. George Boule by his family
Dec 02 - Friday	7:00 AM Gilles Doiron by his niece, Joanne Leblond
Dec 03 - Saturday	4:00 PM Ronald Connaughton (4 th Ann) by his wife & family
Dec 04 - Sunday	7:30 AM Nicolas Pouliot by his wife, Pauline & family
Second Sunday of Advent	9:00 AM Tony, Carmela & Bruno Tassone by James & Rita O'Dell
	11:00 AM Clarence Gagnon by the family
	4:00 PM Robert "Bobby" O'Brien (1st Ann) by David & Kim Rossi

BINGO 11/26/2022 Team 1

PARISH STEWARDSHIP 11/20/2022

Offertory \$6,479.00

School Support \$2,780.00 -- Thank you!

SJA BOOSTER CLUB 11/20/2022 #46 Mairin Bresnahan

NEW CLUB: A new club began November 20th. Numbers are available. Proceeds go to support St. Joan of Arc School. If interested, please contact Sandy and Joe Chessey at 413-592-6256.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the souls and families of Richard Gawron, John Stanislas, David Griffeth and Glen Blanchard. May they and all our faithful departed rest in God's eternal peace.

DECEMBER MEMORIALS: **HOSTS:** In loving memory of the Ringuette & Malo families by Claire Ringuette

SANCTUARY LAMP: In loving memory of Janet Bergeron by her sisters.

CALENDARS FOR 2023 We are grateful to St. Pierre-Phaneuf Funeral Chapels for their generous donation of Calendars for the year 2023. These calendars not only mark the months and days of the year but also inform us of the Liturgical Seasons and the Daily Saints. Please take one home with you as you leave the Church. Thank you again to St. Pierre Phaneuf Funeral Chapels for these beautiful calendars.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION AND BENEDICTION The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at the Pastoral Center Chapel this Friday, December 2nd from 7:30AM until 3PM when the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed, followed by Benediction. *First Tuesday of the Month Adoration is postponed for the months of December and January!

STE. ROSE GIVING TREE 2022 This weekend, our traditional Giving Tree is displayed in the center alcove of the Church. Tags are placed on the tree requesting gifts for our homebound parishioners as well as for children who are in need, so that we can bring them a small remembrance from the parish. There are different types of Tags: Men homebound // Women homebound // Children with their ages listed// Please take a tag that you're willing to fulfill and return your wrapped or bagged gift with the original gift tag attached to it on or before December 11th, the sooner, the easier it will be to deliver the gifts. Gifts can be returned to the Church on weekends or dropped off at the Pastoral Center: Mon-Thu 9-5; Fri 9-2. Also, if you're willing to help us with delivering gifts to the Nursing Homes and homebound, your assistance would be appreciated, even if you can only make one delivery. Please call the Pastoral Center 536-4558. Thank you for caring and sharing. *Gifts may be whatever you feel is appropriate.*

OUR LADY OF LaSALETTE SHRINE SJA is sponsoring a bus trip on **Friday, Dec. 9, 2022** to the Shrine in Attleboro. Join us to find the true Spirit of the Season. The bus leaves at 2:00PM and we'll be attending Mass at the Shrine at 4:00PM. Dinner is on your own after Mass in their Food Court/cafeteria. After dinner you are free to walk the grounds to see the live Nativity, Shrine, and the Festival of Lights (more than 400,000). There is also a gift shop for those interested. The bus leaves LaSalette at 8:00PM and returns to SJA School by 10:00PM. Cost is \$25.00 per person. If interested, please call the SJA Office at 533-1475. Seating is limited

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FOCUS: *As we enter into Advent, we watch for and eagerly await the dawn that breaks over the horizon.*

The promise of Advent is the promise of a candle in a dark room – of the dawn breaking over the horizon. It is the promise that the darkness cannot stand in the presence of the light. In this holy season, we must be watchers, searching for Christ's light, eagerly awaiting the dawn. Are we awake? Are we prepared?

LITURGY OF THE WORD: Isaiah prophesies the nations streaming *toward the mountain of the Lord's house* and all nations being instructed in God's ways. Paul warns the Romans that salvation is near, and the day is at hand, so they should *put on the armor of light*. In the Gospel, Jesus warns his disciples to stay awake for the coming of the Son of Man.

-Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary

ADVENT STUDY PROGRAM: The Evangelization Committee will be hosting Bishop *Robert Barron's UNTOLD BLESSING: Three Paths to Holiness* program during Advent. God calls each of us to become a saint, and he's ready to support us along the way by providing abundant blessings. Join us as we seek these blessings by participating in: "*Untold Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness.*" The first path is "Finding the Center in Christ;" the second is "Knowing You Are a Sinner" and the third, "Realizing Your Life is Not About You." The program will be for 3 consecutive Thursday evenings. December 1st, 8th, and the 15th from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Church Hall. The program cost is \$14.95 to cover participant's workbook. To register please contact Julie Prats at 413-626-2925.

NOVI CANTORI CONCERT IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH AT 2:00PM Novi Cantori is coming to Ste. Rose de Lima Church for an inspiring Advent concert. It has been several years since Novi Cantori last performed here. Novi Cantori is an Acapella Chorale Group. They will perform in the sanctuary of the church. Their voices will fill our church – come and be inspired.

WARM HEARTS-WARMING HANDS Our traditional Christmas Caroling on the Church steps will be held at 5PM on **Sunday December 11th**. If you wish to donate knitted mittens, gloves, and hats and scarves for school children in need, please start planning now. Meanwhile, mark your calendar for this event you won't want to miss!

LORRAINE'S SOUP KITCHEN HOLIDAY DINNER IN A BAG: Ste. Rose de Lima Annual Drive Collection Boxes in the vestibule of the Church. Lorraine's Soup Kitchen is in need of non-perishable food items for the holidays: **THE WISH LIST is as follows:** Gravy (can or jar) / Canned Soup / Instant Potatoes / Canned Veggies (corn, green beans, peas, and carrots) Cranberry Sauce (whole berry or jelly) Stuffing Mix: cornbread or Stove Top / Cake mix and frosting / Bread mix: banana, pumpkin, cranberry / Pie crust mix and pie filling / Canned yams or sweet potato / Pickles / Olives: green or black. **OTHER STAPLES NECESSARY ONGOING:** Rice, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Cereal / Beans of all types / Canned Meat: Chicken or Tuna. PLEASE put your donations in the box in the vestibule of the church. Thank you! f.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA St. Rose de Lima parish is participating in Wreaths Across America this year for Veterans buried in our St. Rose Cemetery. Wreaths Across America has granted us a special buy 2 wreaths, get 3 wreaths promotion. Visit www.wreathsassamerica.org/MA0171 and it will bring you to the St. Rose Cemetery page. Flyers are available in the church vestibule. Deadline is This Tuesday, 11/29/2022.

SJA \$5 LOTTERY CALENDAR FUNDRAISER. Please see an SJA student, call the school office @533-1475 or look for the calendars after one of the Masses on the weekends of November 27th, December 4th, 11th or 18th. Think stocking stuffers, birthday gifts or thank you gifts. The raffle will be held throughout January 2023 and the winners will be posted on the school's website. Calendar sales ends 12/16. Thanks!!

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS: MARCH 4, 2023 AT THE MASS MUTUAL CENTER IN SPRINGFIELD. The diocese is sponsoring this Eucharistic Congress as the culmination of the "Year of the Eucharist." Brochures describing this event are in the foyer of the church. If you wish to attend but cannot afford it, please know that the parish will offer scholarships to help make this "not to miss congress" affordable. Catholics need to return to the Eucharist with an adult understanding of what the Catholic Church teaches about the Eucharist.

HEARTFELT MEALS continues to deliver over 100 meals each month to our seniors and homebound in need of a meal. We have nine delivery routes covering all of Chicopee. We currently need one driver to deliver meals on the second Sunday of each month. If you have any questions, or are interested in this worthwhile ministry, please call Gail Boone at 593-5038.

NOVEMBER MEMORIALS: HOSTS In loving memory of Leon & Theresa LaPlante by the family
SANCTUARY LAMP: In loving memory of Michael Krzystofik and John & Ceil Zwiercan by wife & daughter, Kathy.

SJA SANTA'S WORKSHOP The Santa's workshop for the families of St. Joan of Arc School is scheduled for Friday December 2, 2022. Santa's workshop allows the kids to "shop" for their families and siblings to buy gifts for the holiday season. Last year was one of our best years, and we would like to continue this wonderful program for the kids. We are always looking for new or unused donations for this event, and no donation is too small. All donations can be dropped off at the visitor's entrance of St. Joan of Arc School or they can be pick up. Thank you, Christina Bordeau 413-534-5657.

FUNDRAISER Five Below on Memorial Drive in Chicopee is having a week-long fundraiser Sunday, December 11 thru Saturday, December 17th to benefit St. Joan of Arc School. 10% of purchases made will be donated back to the school. Flyers must be presented at the time of purchase for the school to receive credit and can be found on the table in the church vestibule. Thank you for your support!

ALL SOULS' DAY ENVELOPE The All Souls' envelope in your church envelope packet, which you have remitted with the names of your beloved deceased, has been placed on the altar for the entire month of November. Five Masses have been reserved for this special intention and are announced as "All Souls' Day Intentions" and will be offered during the month of November. May all our beloved deceased rest in the Peace of the Lord.

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 6:00-7:30PM. Moderators: Peggy Constant and Madelyn Korytko.

OPEN HOUSE FOR VOLUNTEERS AT HARMONY HOUSE OF W.MA NOVEMBER 29, 2022

Harmony House of Western Mass. is holding an Open House for current and potential volunteers to tour the new home at 66 View Street in Chicopee on November 29th, 2022 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. Anyone who is considering volunteering at this home for the terminally ill are welcome to attend to learn about updates on the house, future plans, and volunteer opportunities. Harmony House is planning on reopening in the near future and depends on the generosity of volunteer time to help staff the home. Opportunities exist for direct health care professionals, home health aides, people who enjoy visiting with others, cooking, cleaning, yard work, administrative help, fundraising, and more. Whether it's a few hours a week or a few hours a month, Harmony House is a welcoming place for people looking to help people. Current volunteers and members of the Board of Directors will be available to answer questions. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS are needed to bring Communion to the residents at Willimansett Center West on Chicopee St. approximately once every other month on an assigned Sunday. The ministry of sharing the Holy Eucharist with these residents is a very inspirational ministry. Thank you to those who come forward. Please contact Peggy Constant, Pastoral Minister 413-536-4558 Ext 218 if interested.

Heartfelt Meals continues to deliver over 100 meals each month to our seniors and shutins in need of a meal. We have nine delivery routes covering all of Chicopee. We currently need one driver to deliver meals on the second Sunday of each month. If you have any questions, or are interested in this worthwhile ministry, please call Gail Boone at 593-5038.

RCIA The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will meet regularly on **Thursdays** from September through April. This 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 began last **Thursday** at the Pastoral Center. We meet at 6PM. If you're interested, please contact the parish office 413-536-4558 EXT 218 or ask for Peggy. All are welcome.

THE WOMEN OF THE HOLY SPIRIT Is a woman's group that is inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit. As women we know our role distinctly by the many titles we can be called; mother, wife, sister, friend etc. but what does it precisely mean when we claim the role **Daughter of Christ** and how do we live it out every day? As sisters in Christ we are nurturing and strengthening our relationship with God through prayer, many forms of teachings, music, and fellowship. Women of all ages are invited to join us. We gather once a month on the second Saturday from 9:30 AM-12:00 Noon at the Parish Center. If you would like more information please contact Julie Prats at 626-2925.

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC "Transformed in Christ" APPEAL UPDATE As of 11/8/2022, **379** parishioners have participated this year from St. Rose de Lima Parish, totaling **\$52,613.00** in gifts and pledges. If you've not yet made a donation, it's not too late. Please prayerfully consider giving. If you've made a donation, thank you! Use the pledge card mailed to your home or visit the secure online website: diospringfield.org/ACA Envelopes are also available at church. Thanks again for your support.

ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL, 587 Grattan St., Chicopee is now enrolling Pre-K3 to Grade 8 students for September 2022. Call Chris or Janine in the Business Office @ 536-6038 for registration information or to make an appointment to tour the School. Financial Aid and tuition assistance is available. We look forward to meeting you. Visit www.sjachicopee.org.

DIVINE MERCY MINISTRY TO SENIORS Volunteers are needed to spread Jesus' message of Divine Mercy to seniors in local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. As a volunteer prayer group leader, you would lead a weekly 30-minute Divine Mercy prayer group using a simple prepared model of readings, prayers, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. If you feel that the Lord is calling you to this ministry of mercy, please email Mary at DivineMercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com or call Mary Higgins (413) 552-7231.

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.

COFFEE & DONUTS ARE SERVED every Sunday in the church hall following the 9:00AM Mass. Please feel free to join us. Anyone wishing to help with Coffee and Donuts is asked to speak to a member of the Coffee/Donut team. We can always use new helpers. Thanks!

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

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.

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Recite the Rosary and ask Our Dear Lady to intercede for us in our need.

Prayed on Monday and Saturday:

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES: The Annunciation + The Visitation + The Birth of our Lord + The Presentation + The Finding in the Temple.

Prayed on Tuesday and Friday:

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES: The Agony in the Garden + The Scourging + The Crowning With Thorns + The Carrying of the Cross + The Crucifixion.

Prayed on Wednesday and Sunday:

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES: The Resurrection + The Ascension + The Coming of the Holy Spirit + The Assumption of Our Lady + The Coronation of Our Lady.

Prayed on Thursday:

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES: The Baptism of Jesus Christ + Christ Reveals Himself at Cana + Proclamation of the Kingdom and Call to Conversion + The Transfiguration + The Institution of the Eucharist

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JOIN DOLLY & FRIENDS.....The Travel Itineraries for Five 2022 excursions are posted below. All trips depart from and return to the Moose Club, 244 Fuller Rd, Chicopee, MA on the dates and times given with each trip description. STATEMENT PERTAINS TO ALL TRIPS: "Prices for all the trips include: motor coach transportation, baggage handling (if overnight), all taxes and gratuities (including driver)"

For more information contact Dolly Asselin 413-530-3813

OR: Send your Name, Address, Telephone # (and food choices, if applicable) and your check payable to: Dolly Asselin. Mail to: PO Box 1192, Chicopee, MA 01021.

#4 Thursday, December 1, 2022 NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LaSALETTE Christmas Festival of Lights! Wright's Chicken Farm Restaurant. (Depart 12:30PM Return 9:30PM) Price \$80 p.p. Includes visit Oakwood Farm Christmas Barn, dinner at Wright's Chicken Farm, admission to LaSalette Shrine and all inclusions mentioned above in statement.

#5 December 7-9, 2022 (Wed-Fri) A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION IN THE WHITE MOUNTAINS (Depart 8AM on 12/7 Return 4PM on 12/9) PRICE: \$579 p.p. double / \$549 triple / \$739 single. \$100 p.p. deposit at booking final pay't due 11/1/2022. Includes two nights lodging, Welcome Reception, 5 meals, guided sightseeing tour of Mt. Washington Valley, Austrian sleigh ride; 3 Christmas Shows; special cocktail pricing and all inclusions mentioned above in statement. **Day One:** White Mountain Hotel & Resort, Settler's Green Outlet Village, Yuletide Welcome Reception. **Day two:** Jackson Covered Bridge, Cranmore Mountain, Conway Scenic Railroad Station, Comedy Show, Nestlenook Farm Resort, Evening Sleigh Ride, Christmas show. **Day three:** Christmas Loft. **Pre select: Double / Triple / Single // Bedding: 2 Beds / King.**

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Saturday

STE. ROSE DE LIMA BINGO – Super Bingo Format
Early Bird 6:10PM - Games 6:15PM - \$15 & \$20 Entrance
Extra \$5 Packs – 2 WTA 50/50 – 2 \$1199 Progressives
Free Coffee & Tea --- Catered
Entrance until 6:30PM every Saturday - Elevator Available
Ste. Rose de Lima Church Hall -- 600 Grattan St -- Chicopee, MA -- 413-539-9259

Saturday