

## Second Sunday of Advent

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December 4, 2022

YEAR A - WEEKDAYS 1: Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10 + Romans 15:4-9 + Matthew 3:1-12

### STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Dec 03 – Saturday	4:00 PM Ronald Connaughton (4 <sup>th</sup> 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 (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann) by David & Kim Rossi
Dec 05 – Monday	7:00 AM Letitia LaCosse by the family
Dec 06 - Tuesday	7:00 AM Arthur & Reina Mayotte by Gloria, Armand & Brian Mayotte
Dec 07 – Wednesday	7:00 AM George Boule by the family
Immaculate Conception Vigil	4:00 PM Donald Roy (B'day rem) by wife, Nancy & children
Dec 08 – Thursday	7:00 AM Eileen Busiere (B'day rem) by Cris Boucher
Immaculate Conception	9:00 AM Ted Klekotka (6 <sup>th</sup> Ann) by his family
	6:30 PM In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary by a parishioner
Dec 09 – Friday	7:00 AM Alphonse Dulong (39 <sup>th</sup> Ann) by Patrick & Corinne Fecteau
Dec 10 - Saturday	4:00 PM Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Belanger by the family
Dec 11 - Sunday	7:30 AM Elaine Holland (14 <sup>th</sup> Ann) by David & Kim Rossi
Third Sunday of Advent	9:00 AM Luke Lessard (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann) by his wife, Lisette & children
	11:00 AM Madeleine Roberts by the family
	4:00 PM Yvonne & Henry Lepage by their family

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP 11/27/2022 Offertory \$5,628.00

SJA BOOSTER CLUB 11/27/2022 #141 Francis Como

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS** There's a special blue envelope in your packet for Christmas Flower Memorials.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** the souls and families of Barry Metayer, Lorraine Lombardi, Edward Roy, Helen Caisse, Lauria Gouin, Theodore Mendrala III, Alice Lavallee and Sr. Edith McAlice, SSJ. May they and all our faithful departed rest in God's eternal peace.

**THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY, Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses to fulfill this obligation will be offered on Wednesday, 12/7 at 4:00PM and Thursday 12/8 at 7:00AM; 9:00AM and 6:30PM. *In 1846, the Bishops of the U.S. proclaimed Mary, under the title of her Immaculate Conception, as the patroness of the United States. Let us honor her on this day and ask her to protect our Country.*

**PARISH COUNCIL** will be held Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at the Pastoral Center.

**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. Thank you again to St. Pierre Phaneuf Funeral Chapels for these beautiful calendars.

**FIRST TUESDAY ADORATION AND BENEDICTION** First Tuesday of the Month Adoration is postponed for the months of December and January!

**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 December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>. 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!!

**STE. ROSE GIVING TREE 2022** If you've taken a tag from our traditional Giving Tree displayed in the center alcove of the Church, please return your gift donation by next weekend, if possible, so they can be delivered in a timely manner. Gifts can be returned to the Church 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, even if you can only make one delivery, please call the Pastoral Center 536-4558. Thank you for caring and sharing.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**FOCUS: *Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!*** In the waters of baptism, we have been claimed for Christ. As we gather on this Advent Sunday, we recall and celebrate our rebirth in grace and our mission to prepare the way for the Lord. At the heart of this celebration is our repentance and our desire to be renewed with the spirit of the Lord.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Isaiah foretells the advent of the Messiah: Upon him will rest the Spirit's gifts, and with him will come knowledge of the Lord. Saint Paul challenges the community to live in harmony with one another and to *glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ*. In the Gospel, John the Baptist preaches a message of repentance.

-Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary

**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.

'**THE CHOSEN**' pilot episode **THE SHEPHERD** is an episode where you're able to see the birth of Jesus Christ through the eyes of Mary and Joseph and their struggles leading up to that moment when Jesus is born. In the pilot episode of "*The Chosen*", filmed for a Christmas Eve service, a simple shepherd proclaims to Mary and Joseph: "People must know". We can now experience the same sense of wonder and awe at the birth of the Christ child. There is a reason that we pause annually to relive the Nativity of Christ and to tell this story in our parishes and homes. Those workings of the Holy Spirit which call us to not only "know" the Good News of the Gospel but to share it, will undoubtedly be kindled in the hearts and souls. Come and see! Rekindle the joy of the birth of the Christ Child. **Tuesday, December 6 @ 6PM at the Pastoral Center.**

**ADVENT STUDY PROGRAM:** The Evangelization Committee is hosting Bishop *Robert Barron's* **UNTOLD BLESSING: Three Paths to Holiness** program during Advent. The program has begun and the Second presentation will be held Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30PM in the Church hall. For more info, please contact Julie Prats at 413-626-2925.

**NOVI CANTORI CONCERT IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup>**. We'll be accepting donations of knitted mittens, gloves, and hats and scarves for school children in need. Following the caroling, light refreshments will be served. All are welcome

**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.

**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 for this event are in the foyer of the church. Scholarships are available if you wish to attend but cannot afford it,

**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're interested in helping, please call Gail Boone at 593-5038.

**SJA DINE-OUT** is planned for **Monday, December 12 @** Uno's Pizzeria & Grill, 820 Hall of Fame Avenue in Springfield. This is a dine-in or take-out event, and Uno's will donate up to 25% of your check to the school with a coupon. Coupons can be found on the SJA table in the church vestibule. Thank you!

**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

**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!**

**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.

**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.

**M.D. TAKEOUT SPAGHETTI SUPPER:** The Mater Dolorosa School PTO is hosting its next spaghetti supper of the school year- **take out only** - on Wednesday, December 7 from 4:00-6:30pm. Adults:\$7.50, kids 5-12yrs: \$4.50 (under 5 yrs. is free). Pre-orders are appreciated so we can plan well, but not mandatory (order at [tinyurl.com/DecSupper2022](http://tinyurl.com/DecSupper2022)). Join us at the Pope John Paul II Social Center on St. Kolbe Drive in Holyoke.

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