

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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April 30, 2023

Readings: +Acts 2:14a, 36-41 + 1 Peter 2:20b-25 + John 10:1-10

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Apr 29 - Saturday	4:00 PM Robert & Therese Brouillard by the family
Apr 30 - Sunday	7:30 AM Mary Chessey by Joe & Sandy Chessey
Fourth Sunday of Easter	9:00 AM Luis Alicea (1 st Ann) by David Brault
	11:00 AM Claire Y. Laflamme by her family
	4:00 PM Jeffrey Goss, Jr. by his family
May 01 - Monday	7:00 AM Richard Beaudry by Sharon Smith & Chris Sobon
May 02 - Tuesday	7:00 AM George Boule by family
May 03 - Wednesday	7:00 AM Wilfred Peloquin, Jr. by family
May 04 - Thursday	7:00 AM Edwin Langevin (Wdg Ann rem) by his wife, Annette
May 05 - Friday	7:00 AM Bernard Joseph Chartier by Sandra & Karl Krassler
May 06 - Saturday	11:00 AM Sacrament of First Holy Communion
	4:00 PM Henry Courchesne by Irene
May 07 - Sunday	7:30 AM Yvonne & Bill Selby by Dale Stec
Fifth Sunday of Easter	9:00 AM Lucien Roy & Richard Roy by Rick & Claire Roy
	11:00 AM Theresa Stec (1 st Ann) by her children & family
	4:00 PM Adrian, Estelle, & Thomas Bergeron by Jeannette

BINGO 4/29/2023 Team 4

+ PARISH STEWARDSHIP 4/23/2023 Offertory \$6,610.00
Clergy-Seminary Fund \$120.00 ~~ Thank you very much!

SJA BOOSTER CLUB 4/23/2023 #127 Simone LaScala

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the soul and family of Theresa Labrie. May her soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in God's eternal peace.

MAY MEMORIALS: HOSTS in loving memory of The Lussier--Gagne families by Normand & Denise.

SANCTUARY LAMP in loving memory of Roger & Lea Goulet by Jean & Jeanne Denoncourt.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL "RADIATE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST" is our theme for this year's ACA. We are called to be the light of hope and love and share the gospel and our faith. You do that through your contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal. **As of 4/24/2023 213 St. Rose parishioners have contributed \$27,697.00.** We're off to a good start. Please consider your gift if you have not already donated and help keep this momentum going. Thank you! You can make your contribution to Annual Catholic Appeal: online at www.diospringfield.org/aca. Or by calling: 413-452-0670. All donations are tax deductible. Thank you!

FIRST TUESDAY ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament will be held **May 2nd** from 6:30PM to Benediction at 8PM at the Pastoral Center Chapel. **FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION** of the Blessed Sacrament will take place **May 5th** from 7:30AM to 3PM at the Pastoral Center Chapel. Adoration concludes at 3PM with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. All are welcome!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FOCUS: *The sheep follow Christ because they recognize his voice.* Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, is calling us today. He is present, leading us. Christ does not speak only in miraculous visions or through powerful movements of the heart. God speaks through Scripture and through his disciples. Just as Christ sent Peter to preach, he sends his faithful out to call his sheep today.

LITURGY OF THE WORD In the first reading, Peter proclaims Christ crucified and the people are cut to the heart, asking what to do. Peter calls them to repent and be baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day. In the second reading, Peter writes of the suffering Christ endured that we might live for righteousness. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that he is the shepherd and the gate who protects and guides his sheep.

Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary

***Dear Parishioner...Around & About Ste. Rose,
The Future of the remaining Catholic Parishes in Chicopee***

Since the announcement of the closure of Holy Name of Jesus Parish effective June 30, 2023, there appears to be a concern among the parishioners about the future of the four remaining Chicopee parishes: St Anthony of Padua, St. Anne, St. Stanislaus Basilica, and of course, Ste. Rose de Lima. While I 'm unable to project the future, and don't know the strength of the three other parishes, I can say with assurance, that Ste. Rose de Lima Parish has a secure future. Together, we have addressed the many deficiencies of our campus that pre-existed upon my arrival as your pastor on July 1, 2005. Simply put, our campus is in very good repair and the finances of the parish have a good foundation. The crucial elements in determining the future viability of any parish are twofold: the continuing attendance of the membership at Sunday Mass and the continuing financial support of the membership.

While it's wonderful to experience "a bump" in attendance at Easter and Christmas, these two holydays by themselves are unable to sustain the spiritual and financial life of the parish throughout the remainder of the year. The theme of STEWARDSHIP: TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE ought to be part of each member's responsibility. It's sad to say that too many members still contribute one dollar or so each week to the parish. The sum of \$52.00 annually does little or nothing to personal finances when it comes to our budgets. The monthly cable, cellphone, electric, and food budgets, home and auto insurance premiums far exceed the one-dollar threshold. Though our economy is experiencing inflation, it's fair to say that most adults can afford more than one dollar. If not, then one dollar is fine. In 1950, one dollar was a decent contribution. When a bottle of salad dressing is \$3.29, it's easy to deduct logically that the one dollar of the 1950's is not the one dollar of 2023.

For a parish to exist into the future the parish must be able to operate "in the black" from week to week. The moment the parish needs to dip into its reserves to pay recurring expenditures, it signals the beginning of the end of that parish. The reserves of the parish – its dividends and interest – have afforded over 90% of all expenses incurred for the re-building of our campus over the last nearly 18 years.

So, how does a parish "secure its future?" STEWARDSHIP: TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE. Admittedly, in the nearly 18 years in my pastorate, week in and week out, the gospel has been preached. The membership cannot say the Sunday experience is always about money. In fact, the "money issue" has never been addressed. Consistently the parish has sought your time and talent more often than your treasure.

As you can see, the future of Ste. Rose de Lima as a parish is literally in your hands. Invite people to Sunday Mass, share your time and talent, and share a reasonable amount of your treasure. That's how ***"we will secure our future."***

Fr Bill

SJA ART SHOW Save the Date! St. Joan of Arc will be holding a Student Art Show on Friday, **May 5th from 6-8 pm** in the School Hall. There will be a complimentary Wine & Cheese reception, and Art Sale and Raffles will be held. Admission is \$2.00 per person. This is an adult-only event and walk-ins are welcome!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be held this coming **Saturday, May 6, 2023** at 11:00AM. 31 students will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time. We congratulate them and their parents on this special milestone in their spiritual lives. Special thanks to their teachers for preparing them. Please be assured of our prayers.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY Save the date. Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, May 23rd at 6:30PM** in Ste. Rose de Lima Church. Each Hail Mary of the Rosary prayed will be dedicated to a State of the Union, A reception will follow the service in our Parish Hall

APPLICATIONS FOR THE REV. FRANCIS SHANNON SCHOLARSHIP are now available to members of the 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 Timothy Sweeney, Chairperson at (413) 531-1893. The Scholarship is a one-time grant. Completed applications must be returned to the Chairperson by **May 15, 2023** 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 who were enrolled in their CCD program at the time the church was closed may also apply.

'YOU'RE NEVER FULLY DRESSED WITHOUT A SMILE' and 'THE SUN WILL COME OUT TOMORROW' IN ST JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL STUDENTS' ANNIE JR. PRODUCTION

The St. Joan of Arc School Performing Arts Club will present Annie JR. on Thursday and Friday May 11th and 12th at 7:00PM at the St. Rose de Lima Church Hall Stage in Aldenville. Tickets are \$10.00 and are available at the door. There is no dress code, but the cast will remind you that you are "never fully dressed without a smile." Based on the popular comic strip and adapted from the Tony Award-winning best musical by Tony Award-winners, Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse and Martin Charnin, Annie JR. tells the story of a spunky Depression-era orphan determined to find her parents. Annie JR. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY, (212) 541-4684, mtishows.com.

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL DIOCESAN WIDE EUCHARISTIC ROSARY PROCESSION at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Church, 99 King St., Northampton, MA, Sunday June 4, 2023 from 2-5PM, Rain or Shine. Guest speaker: Rev. Valentine Nworah on "Our Lady of Kibeho: The Queen of Seven Sorrows". The Sacrament of Confession will be available. The Rosary Procession through downtown Northampton (1.8 miles), transportation available for those unable to walk in the procession. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held upon returning to the Church. A Reception follows this prayerful event. For more information or to volunteer, call George or Brenda (413)221-4372. Email: eucharisticrosaryprocession@gmail.com or visit www.eucharisticprocessionnorthampton.com

THE JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY CLUB of SPRINGFIELD is compiling a history of its organization. If you have any pictures of people or events or memorabilia that could possibly help to document that History, please contact Dick Devine at: barkly106@gmail.com or James Feeley at: jamesfeeley@icloud.com

ST. ROSE CEMETERY VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PAVER requests are still being accepted. New paver requests will be installed in the spring/early summer, as weather allows. The display with all the information and paver requests are, once again, set up in the entrance of the Church. Please call the Pastoral Center at 536-4558 with any questions.

HARMONY HOUSE OF WESTERN MASS, a home for the terminally ill, is hosting a benefit spaghetti and meatball dinner to benefit the reopening of the home in Chicopee, MA It will be held on **Saturday, May 13th, 2023, from 4:30 - 8:00 pm** at the **Moose Family Center, 244 Fuller Road, Chicopee** (dinner served 4:45-6:45 pm). Tickets are \$15 per person; dinner for children under the age of 6 is free. There will be food and fun, including entertainment and raffles for great prizes. For tickets leave a message at 413-315-9784, call Jennifer at 413-654-0821, venmo at @harmonyhousewma (enter # of tickets requested for spaghetti dinner), or tickets will be sold at the door. Harmony House is a home for the terminally ill who have little or no family or resources and are entering the final stages of life. Please join us!

THE MASS BOOK FOR 2024 has now been opened. We still have many weekday Masses available for 2023. The offering for Masses is \$10.00 each. The Sanctuary Lamp offering for the month is \$25.00 and Hosts for the month is \$35.00.

SATURDAY ROSARY is prayed at 12 Noon in the Church. Please use the Chapel Street door using the stairs (near the elevator). Join us. For a ride, please call Crystal 413-627-8445.

VISIT OUR ON LINE BULLETIN for the list & details of upcoming trips for 2023 hosted by Dolly & Friends: **4. Beautiful:** The Carole King Musical-Beverly, MA 6/14/23. **5. Niagara Falls,** Canada 7/12-13-14/23. **6. Foster's Clambake**-York, ME 8/15/23. **7. Amish Country** Sight & Sound "Moses"-Lancaster, PA 9/19-20-21/23. **8. Polka! Polka**-Southington, CT 10/10/23. **9. Dreamgirls,** Goodspeed Opera House-East Haddam, CT 11/15/23. Visit www.sterose.org and choose Bulletin for details or contact Dolly Asselin 413-530-3813.

ST. JOAN of ARC SCHOOL ~ Pre-K to Grade 8, 587 Grattan St., Chicopee, MA. SJA offers Affordable Tuition & Extended Care ~ Free Breakfast & Lunch ~ Extracurricular Programs ~ Technology ~ Phys. Ed ~ Music ~ Library ~ Duolingo ~ Welcoming, Safe & Secure School Community ~ Social, Physical, Spiritual & Intellectual Wellness ~ Easy Access to I391 and I90 ~ Tuition Assistance Available. Visit: sjachicopee.org or call the school for a tour 533-1475.

WE HAVE A NEW BULLETIN COVER OF ADVERTISERS. We thank all the businesses and organizations who support our bulletin with their ads. Please support their businesses when you're in need of the services they offer. Thank you!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our Council you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. If you would like to join, simply go to KofC.org/joinus and enter our Council #69 for local information.

ATTN. FORMER BOY SCOUTS OF TROOP 138. Where has the time gone? St. Rose Boy Scout Troop 138 is preparing to Celebrate its **90th Anniversary!** If you were part of the History of this troop, we're hoping you have memorabilia you would be willing to share on this celebratory occasion. Please contact Timothy Noonan, the COR Charter Rep at 413-592-7797 if you have memories, pictures, or artifacts. A 90th Anniversary Banquet is in the planning for the near future. Thank you!

DOLLY & FRIENDS PRESENT THE LINE-UP OF TRIPS FOR 2023.

*All trips include motorcoach transportation, meal tax and gratuities (including driver)

Make checks payable to: Dolly Asselin and mail to: P.O. Box 1192, Chicopee, MA 01021 with meal choice selected if applicable. All trips depart and return to Moose Club, 244 Fuller Rd, Chicopee, MA. For more info contact Dolly Asselin 413-530-3813.

4/ BEAUTIFUL: The Carole King Musical, Beverly, MA, Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Price \$195 p.p. includes: reserved inner circle seating for Beautiful: The Carole King Musical, lunch at the Danversport Yacht Club. Pre-select: Choose one: Herb Roasted Angus Beef-Seafood Trio. Depart 10AM Return approx. 7PM.

5/ NIAGARA FALLS, CANADA, (Wed-Fri) July 12-13-14, 2023

PRICE \$685 p.p. double / \$621 triple / \$588 quad / \$924 single. \$200 deposit at booking. Final pay't due: June 2. Includes 2 nights at Sheraton Fallsview Hotel; Guided Tour of Niagara Falls area; Hornblower Niagara Cruise; TWO DINNERS; TWO BUFFET BREAKFASTS; Duty Free Shopping. Travel Insurance available. Date of Birth required. Proof of citizenship required: A Valid Passport. Pre select Day 1 Choose one: Veal Parm-Chicken Parm-Mushroom Ravioli. Pre-select Day 2: Choose one: Prime Rib-Sirloin Steak-Salmon-Chicken Cordon Bleu-Veg Eggplant Parm. Depart 7:30AM Wed Return approx. 8:30PM Fri.

6/ FOSTER'S CLAMBAKE, York, ME, ISLES OF SHOALS CRUISE, Tues, August 15, 2023

Price \$165 p.p. Includes Foster's Clambake, Isles of Shoals Cruise. Pre-select: Choose one: Lobster-BBQ Chicken-Vegetarian. Depart 8:30AM Return approx. 8:30PM

7/ AMISH COUNTRY with "Moses", Lancaster County, PA (Tue-Thurs) Sept. 19-20-21, 2023

Price: \$576 p.p. double / \$535 triple / \$515 quad / \$720 single. \$100 per person deposit at booking. Final pay't due: 8/15. Travel Ins available. Date of Birth required. Includes: Two nights lodging at Fulton Steamboat Inn; two breakfasts at hotel; guided tour of Amish Farmlands with luncheon at an Amish Farm; two buffet dinners (Bird in Hand Restaurant including a show & Millers Smorgasbord); reserved front orchestra seats at Sight & Sound Theatres for 'Moses'; free time at Kitchen Kettle Village. Depart 7:30AM Tue 9/19 Return approx. 7PM Thurs 9/21.

8/ POLKA! POLKA with the Polka Family Band, Southington, CT, Tues, October 10, 2023

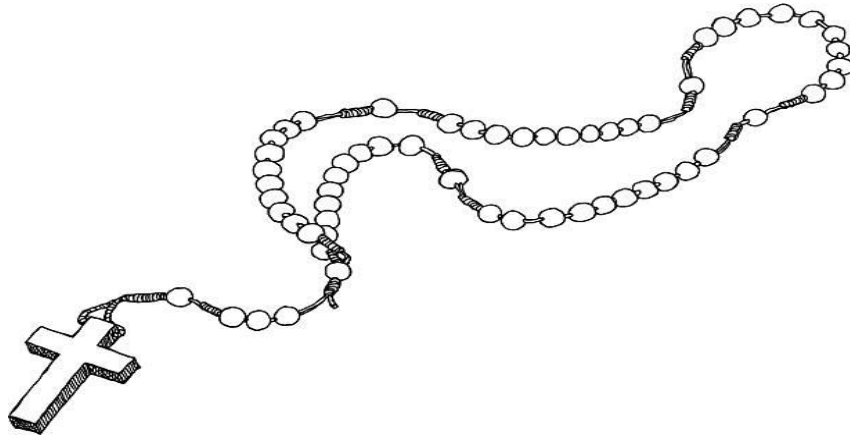
Price \$124 p.p. Includes luncheon, Polka! Polka! Show. Menu Family Style: Lemon Chicken, Pork Schnitzel, Salad, Penne, Potato, Veg. Rolls, Dessert, Coffee. Complimentary Coffee & Donuts, Beer or Wine, door prizes. Depart 9:30AM Return approx. 5:30PM

9/ DREAMGIRLS, Goodspeed Opera House, East Haddam, CT, Wed. November 15, 2023

Price \$185 p.p. Includes Luncheon at Gelston House, reserved orchestra seats to Dreamgirls. Pre-select: Choose one: Cod-Chicken-Steak-Pasta-Burger. Depart 10AM Return Approx 6PM.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 6:30PM



Ste. Rose de Lima Church

600 Grattan St., Chicopee, MA 01020

Please join us for a PATRIOTIC ROSARY.

As we pray this beautiful rosary, we will be dedicating one Hail Mary to each State of the Union, asking for God's protection, guidance, and conversion of our nation. We will include readings from our Founding Fathers and sing Patriotic Hymns.

A reception will follow the service in our Parish Hall.

K of C COUNCIL 4044 on Memorial Drive

+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.

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.

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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+Saturday

STE. ROSE DE LIMA BINGO – Super Bingo Format

Saturday+

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 Availabl

Ste. Rose de Lima Church Hall -- 600 Grattan St -- Chicopee, MA -- 413-539-9259