

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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September 17, 2023

Readings: + Sirach 27: 30-28:7 + Romans 14: 7-9 + Matthew 18: 21-35

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Sept 16 | Saturday | 4:00 PM | M/M Raymond Belanger by the family |
| Sept 17 | Sunday | 7:30 AM | Willard Rider (2 nd Anniversary) by Mike & Deb Weibel & Irene |
| 24th Ordinary Sunday | | 9:00 AM | Michael Winters by Rene & Claire Cote |
| | | 11:00 AM | Romeo & Jeanne Fournier by the Davit family & daughters |
| | | 4:00 PM | Deacon Joseph & Mildred Smith (Anniv) by daughter Sharon Smith |
| Sept 18 - | Monday | 7:00 AM | Rosaire Demanche (birthday) by daughter Pierrette |
| Sept 19 - | Tuesday | 7:00 AM | Mike Baker by Linda Kasek |
| Sept 20 - | Wednesday | 7:00 AM | Rene Fagnant (birthday) by his family |
| Sept 21 - | Thursday | 7:00 AM | Delia Lussier (birthday) by Normand & Denise |
| Sept 22 - | Friday | 7:00 AM | Joyce Baker by Joe & Sandy Chessey |
| Sept 23 - | Saturday | 4:00 PM | Judy Blain (birthday) by Ken & Mary Mireault |
| Sept 24 - | Sunday | 7:30 AM | Roland Chapdelaine (birthday) by Donald & Diane |
| 25th Ordinary Sunday | | 9:00 AM | Jean Chouinard by the First Communion Class |
| | | 11:00 AM | Doris & Rene Lamothe by the family |
| | | 4:00 PM | Samuel Wright by Henry & Sandy Lepage |

+ PARISH STEWARDSHIP 09/10/2023 Offertory \$ 8320.00 Thank you for your continued generosity!

BINGO 09/17/2023 Team 4

This week's special is "Chicken Pot Pie."

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the souls and families of Gary Mahar and Linda Tanguay. May their souls and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in God's eternal peace.

SEPTEMBER MEMORIALS: HOSTS in loving memory of: Ernest & Yvette Guyette by the family.

SANCTUARY LAMP in loving memory of the Roux / Hotte families by Normand & Denise.

SJA BOOSTER CLUB: Week # 3 winner is #63 Estelle & Don Verville. Interested in joining the Booster Club, contact Sandy & Joe Chessey @ 413-592-8258 to help support St. Joan of Arc School.

CONGRATULATIONS! THE STE. ROSE PARISH PICNIC WINNERS ARE:

First prize of \$1000.00 donated by St. Pierre Phaneuf -Aldenville was awarded to Doreen Maheux \$500.00 to Nancy Lavallee // \$500.00 to Simone Labonte // \$200 to Charles Desmarais // \$200.00 to Kelly Mailloux // \$200 to John Michon // \$200 to Doreen Maheux // \$100.00 to Normand Girouard // \$100 to Linda DiSanti // \$100 to Susan Babski // \$100 to Robert Moritko // \$100 to Jessika Alves // Sellers Raffle \$100.00 awarded to Paul Breault. **Congratulations! Thank you to all who purchased tickets to this year's raffle. All proceeds to benefit St. Joan of Arc School.**

ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL has received an \$8000.00 grant from **Western Mass Catholic Foundations, INC.** This grant will help fund new Motorola 2-war radios for school faculty & staff, as well as adding a private radio channel. These radios are essential for immediate communication during a regular school day, during the before and after school programs, and more importantly, during fire and lock-down drills. The project is scheduled for completion by the end of 2023.

DINE-OUT FUNDRAISER: St. Joan of Arc School will be having their first dine-out fundraiser on Wednesday, **September 20th, 2023**, from 4:00-8:00 P.M. at **Panera Bread** 601 Memorial Drive in Chicopee. Use code FUND4U at online checkout, in the Panera App, or at the kiosk in café. 20% of the sales will be donated to the school! Flyers are available in the church vestibule. Thank you for your support!

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE – Tuesday, September 26, 2023, 10:00AM "America Needs Fatima"- life-like statue will be displayed in the Dusseault family home for all to venerate. This beautiful image of the Blessed Mother and Her message will surely stir your soul. The Marian program features an inspiring audio-visual presentation on the 1917 miraculous Fatima apparitions, followed by a group Rosary. Please contact Monica 413-374-3337 to RSVP.

Dear Parishioner...Around & About Ste. Rose, 2023 Parish Picnic

A very special thank you to the members of Ste. Rose de Lima Parish for having volunteered so many hours of work to sponsor the annual parish picnic and annual raffle. The proceeds benefit St Joan of Arc School. A total of the proceeds will be published as soon as all the accounting is completed. The “inside” picnic worked out perfectly with the inclement weather of last Sunday afternoon. Hopefully, the 2024 picnic will have even more volunteers from both the parish and SJA school. The picnic is a lot of work and with more helping hands, the picnic becomes more fun for everyone. Again, to all volunteers – thank you! And to all who came to the picnic – thanks for your support.

Volunteerism

Since the days of COVID many charitable organizations, including Ste. Rose de Lima, have had “challenges” in recruiting volunteers. Volunteers make the parish work more efficiently. While there is a “solid core” of volunteers, more volunteers are critical to the maintenance of the social and spiritual programs which the parish offers. The parish is only as healthy as its number of volunteers. The Community Life Committee is critically in need of “helping hands.” Many of the Liturgical roles are in need: lectors, Extra-ordinary ministers of the Eucharist, Adult and Youth Altar Servers, Ushers/collectors, and choir members to re-ignite the parish choir. Volunteerism is also a way for new members of the parish to have a more involved membership and thereby an opportunity to meet new people at socials as well as at the weekly coffee and doughnut hour after the 9:00 AM Mass. The Religious Education Program is also in need of “helping hands!” Religious Ed serves the spiritual education of our children who attend Public Schools. If you have any interest in volunteering, do not hesitate to call the Pastoral Center.

And finally,

Since the closure of Holy Name of Jesus Parish here in Chicopee, there has been an influx of many Holy Name members to Ste. Rose de Lima. It is particularly satisfying for me to experience our newest members as they are transitioning over. The increasing Mass attendance reflects the strong faith of the many devout Catholics from Holy Name Parish. Our newest members have mentioned to me how happy they are about joining Ste. Rose de Lima. And, with the heat of the summer, an air-conditioned church has brought many smiles! My heart is filled with gratitude as I see Ste. Rose de Lima becoming a stronger parish. The word ‘catholic’ literally means ‘universal.’ The more ethnically diverse the parish becomes, the more catholic/universal it will grow into. All are welcome and wanted! Prayerfully, this parish will grow in love of God and love of neighbor. May our patroness, Ste. Rose de Lima, intercede for us as we profess “One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic faith.

Fr Bill

HOLD THE DATE - Saturday, September 30th from 9:00-11 a.m. In partnership with St. Rose de Lima Parish and St. Joan of Arc School, we will be hosting a shredding event at SJA School in the Trilby Street Parking Lot, 587 Grattan Street. **Free Will Donation is Appreciated**

SOUPER SEPTEMBER – Soups are an essential food in food pantries, especially during the colder months. Can you help with a soup drive at your business, with your church or civic group, or even your circle of friends? Help Lorraine’s keep warm food in the hands of our neighbors. Lorraine’s is open for drop-offs from 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM Mon- Fri. Every little bit helps those in need.

INTERESTED IN REGISTERING TO STE. ROSE DE LIMA PARISH? Please contact the Parish Office @ 413-536-4558 to register. We can process all the information right over the phone for you. You may also come to the Parish Pastoral Center 15 Chapel Street to personally register as well. All are welcome!!!

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO –\$35, 10 GAMES, 10 BAGS! St. Rose de Lima Bingo Fundraiser. Friday, October 13, 2023. Church Hall – 594 Grattan Street Doors open @ 5:00PM, Start time is 6:30PM. The \$35 donation includes 10 games, a bingo marker, door prize tickets & light refreshments. Hot food available for purchase. Raffle baskets- including a lottery tree, Blackstone Grill- designer bags from Kate Spade, Michael Kors, Coach, Dooney & Bourke. Tickets, questions, call/text Chris @ 785-477-9536.

STE ROSE BIBLE STUDY – “ISAIAH”- LITTLE ROCK PROGRAM – Begins Tuesday October 3, 2023 6:30pm – 8:30pm. This Scripture study combines personal Bible study, group sharing, lecture and prayer in an informal setting. Please join us and learn to make real connections between your faith and your everyday life. Suggested cost \$20.00. Anyone is welcome to come FREE! Please bring a bible to the first meeting, preferably the New American Bible. Registration forms will be available in church. Questions, please contact Michael Johnson @ 355-0566 or Dan Therrian @ 427-6014. All meetings take place in the Pastoral Center, 15 Chapel Street, Chicopee MA

RCIA- Do you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Perhaps you are thinking about what it means to be called to the Catholic way of life. The Church has a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A) whereby adults can learn and discern whether to become Catholic or receive the sacraments they have not received since they were baptized as an infant, usually at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. Our goal is to help you on your spiritual journey as you come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the teachings of the Catholic Church, prayer and worship, and the community of Ste. Rose de Lima in Chicopee. To know more about the RCIA process, call the Parish Office @ 413-536-2558 and ask for Pastoral Minister Peggy Constant. Date will be announced soon.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS, LECTORS & USHERS – Training dates will be posted soon!

Eucharistic Ministers- assist priest at Mass with the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ. These ministers must be trained and commissioned to carry out this sacred duty.

Lectors- serve the community by proclaiming the Word of God through Scripture readings at all Masses. (Everyone must complete training with the Diocese.)

Ushers- Assist the congregation with seating, direct the congregation during communion, and distribute parish bulletins.

For information on any of our liturgical ministries please contact Peggy Constant, Pastoral Minister 413-536-4558 Ext 218

FRANCO AMERICAN WOMAN' ASSOCIATION- will meet on Thursday, September 28, 2023 @ 6:30pm in the Ste. Rose de Lima Parish Hall, 600 Grattan St. Chicopee MA. Accepting new members, Ladies of French & French-Canadian Heritage. We offer scholarship programs for children and grandchildren of our members. Refreshments are available after the meeting. Come see what we have to offer.

SATURDAY ROSARY is prayed at 12 Noon in the St. Rose Cemetery during the warm months and then Church when it starts getting cold. Please use the Chapel Street door using the stairs (near the elevator). Join us. For a ride, please call Crystal 413-627-8445.

UPDATE ON FATHER BILL'S RETIREMENT MASS AND CELEBRATION- MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, February 18, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m. with a free reception to follow downstairs in the Church Hall and will include hors d'oeuvres created by the Log Cabin, music by Sarah the Fiddler, desert, coffee, tea, soda and punch. Sign- up sheets will be available in the back of the church the weekends of January 13-14 and 27-28, 2024. We expect the Church to be full, so please mark your calendars now! The parish council is looking forward to seeing all of you there and sending Fr. Bill off with a big bang! (even though he wants to keep it simple 😊).

LECTIO DIVINA Do you want to have a fuller understanding of Sunday's Gospel? If you do, come and join us for Lectio Divina (divine reading). We meet on Monday nights at 6:30PM at the Pastoral Center. We study the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday Liturgy. It's recommended, but not necessary, that you bring a bible and a pad and pen for journaling. Hope to see you there.

THE WOMEN OF THE HOLY SPIRIT is a women's group that is inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit. Where women of all ages from our Diocese come together to learn, be uplifted, and grow in their faith through prayer, fellowship, teachings, songs, movies, books, discussions and much more. We gather once a month on the second Saturday from 9:30 AM-12:00 at the Parish Center. As we begin another wonderful year, we want to extend a big invitation and welcome to any women who are looking to strengthen and grow in their faith journey along with other wonderful sisters in Christ. If you would like more information, please contact Julie Prats at 626-2925.

5TH ANNUAL SALUTE TO SOLDIERS- FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT AMERICA'S VET/GODS –

Saturday, October 28th, Agawam Polish Club. Doors open @ 5:00pm, dinner @ 6:00pm, trivia @ 7:00pm. Tickets \$20.00. Our fundraising goal is \$10,000.00 and sponsor a service dog to be placed with a disabled veteran. To purchase tickets & info visit asalutetosoldiers.com or call 413-726-8883

ST. ROSE CEMETERY. We are pleased to announce that the projects for St. Rose Cemetery are now complete. The "Columbarium and fountain area" as well as the "Veterans Memorial and the newly landscaped Holy Innocents section". Two benches were generously donated by the American Legion Post 37 for quiet prayer & reflection. We have space to continue to add pavers on both sides leading up to the monument. If you would like to purchase a paver, forms are available in the church vestibule or at the Ste. Rose Pastoral Center on 15 Chapel St. You can call the center at 413-536-45558 for more information or to request a form. Thank you to everyone who helped support this project. We encourage everyone to visit our beautiful cemetery.

SJA PRE-SCHOOL St. Joan of Arc School currently has full and part-time Preschool 3 & 4 year old openings for the fall. Before and after school care, Kindergarten readiness programs, affordable tuition, and a welcoming, safe and secure school community are just some of the reasons to give us a call, or come take a tour. We would love to meet you! Visit our website - sjachicopee.org or call us at 413-533-1475.

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.

LORRAINE'S SOUP KITCHEN is in need of Volunteers. If you have a few hours of free time each month, Lorraine's Soup Kitchen and Pantry could greatly use your help. Meal preparation assistance is needed on the **third Thursday of each month from 1PM to approximately 3PM**. Please call Louise 413-313-3685 for more information.

URGENT REQUEST - COFFEE & DONUTS are offered in the Church Hall every Sunday following the 9:00AM Mass. Please come down and enjoy one another's company over a cup of coffee and a sweet treat!! Join the team!! We're looking for men and women to assist on a regular basis at coffee and donuts. If interested, please see one of the servers. Please contact Darlene Proulx 413-209-6680

STE. ROSE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP- We meet every **Monday at 6:00PM** at the St. Rose Pastoral Center, 15 Chapel Street, Chicopee. We welcome all who have experienced the loss of a spouse, partner, family member or friend. Meetings are every Monday with the exception of major holidays. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact the Pastoral Center 536-4558.

BECOME A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER!!!

Make a difference in someone's life. Provide your gift of time to our hospice patients and their caregivers with Baystate Hospice. Free on-line Hospice Training Classes. Volunteers of all types needed: companions, vigil volunteers, veteran volunteers, hairdressers and more. For information, please contact Lynn Landry, Volunteer Coordinator at 413-798-5452 or email: LYNN.LANDRY2@BAYSTATEHEALTH.ORG

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+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.

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.

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.

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
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

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