

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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September 24, 2023

Readings: + Is 55: 6-9 + Phil 1:20c – 24, 27a + Matthew 20: 1-16a (133)

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

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
Sept 25 - Monday	7:00 AM	Francis & Doris Desmarais (wedding anniv) by Paul & Laurie Leclerc
Sept 26 - Tuesday	7:00 AM	Marilyn Frye by Shawn Byrnes
Sept 27 - Wednesday	7:00 AM	Philius Paquet by Levis & Marie Drapeau
Sept 28 - Thursday	7:00 AM	Joseph Rene & Gloria (Robillard) Thibeault by family
Sept 29 - Friday	7:00 AM	M/M Lionel Morin by Levis & Marie Drapeau
Sept 30 - Saturday	4:00 PM	Jean George Boule (wedding anniversary) by the family
Oct 01 - Sunday	7:30 AM	Frank Nally by his wife Isabelle
26th Ordinary Sunday	9:00 AM	Gerard & Theresa Bilodeau by Jeannette
	11:00 AM	Theresa Boissonnault by Joann Wagner
	4:00 PM	Scott Miles by Danusia Liszka

+ PARISH STEWARDSHIP 09/17/2023 Offertory \$ 7141.00 Thank you for your continued generosity!

**BINGO 09/24/2023 Team 1** 9/24 Food special : homemade mac n cheese w/chicken.  
10/1 Corn beef & cabbage

**FREE KIDS TOYS** – available in church basement in the right side closet in Bingo Hall.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** the souls and families of Mary Charland, Claire Laramee, 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 # 4 winner is #100 Alan Forcier.* Congratulations! Interested in joining the Booster Club, contact Sandy & Joe Chessey @ 413-592-8258 to help support St. Joan of Arc School.

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE** – As of 09/20/2023 332 Ste. Rose parishioners have contributed \$46,922.00. Every contribution counts, so please consider your gift if you have not already done so. Thank you! Go to [www.diospringfield.org/aca](http://www.diospringfield.org/aca) or call 413-452-0670 to make your contribution today. All donations are tax deductible. Thank you for your continued support & generosity!

**SHREDDING EVENT - 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\*\***

**STE ROSE SCRIPTURE 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. If you have any questions, please contact Michael Johnson @ 355-0566 or Dan Therrien @ 427-6014. All meetings take place in the Pastoral Center, 15 Chapel Street, Chicopee MA. Registration forms available.

**STE. JOAN OF ARC PTO CRAFT FAIR** will be held on Sat. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM – 3 PM at the Knights of Columbus #69, 460 Granby Road, Chicopee with over 35 vendors providing homemade & handmade items, raffle, bake sale. Free parking & Handicap accessible.

*Dear Parishioner... Around & About Ste. Rose,*

**Diocesan & Religious Priests Convocation: October 18-20, 2023**

In honor of the 2023 Priest Convocation in the Diocese of Springfield, Masses will be canceled October 19-20. The convocation commences on October 18, 2023, at 3:30 PM. Mass will be celebrated on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 AM. One of the deacons will lead prayer services for “The liturgy of the Word” and offer Holy Communion on October 19 & 20 at 7:00 AM. Please consider praying for the priests of the diocese and the religious communities that serve parishes within the diocese during the days of convocation as they will gather in fellowship and prayer, as well as engage in continuing formation. The convocation will be held in Whitefield, NH. Whitefield is approximately 200 miles from Chicopee. The convocation will conclude at 11:00 AM on October 20, 2023. The trip is approximately a 3 hour and 15-minute drive – depending on traffic conditions. My return to the parish ought to be approximately at 2:30 PM on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

*And finally,*

*I want to take this opportunity to explain how the process generally works for the diocesan Priests Personnel Committee, (PPC) in conjunction with the bishop, will choose a successor of a retiring pastor. A few months prior to the retirement of an existing pastor, the PPC will send a letter to all the clergy in the diocese informing them about an upcoming vacant pastorate due to a retirement. The priests of the diocese will be given an opportunity to either respond to the letter with an interest or to not respond at all. A specific date will be indicated by which an individual may apply. On the “dated” first Tuesday of the month the PPC will open the letters of the applicants. The PPC, with knowledge of the needs of the parish and its ministries, will determine if any of the applicants would be a good fit for the pastorate of that said parish. If the PPC determines that an applicant is a good fit, that priest will be contacted and informed of the PPC’s decision and given the opportunity to accept the new assignment. If, however, a “good fit” candidate is not among the applicants, the bishop has the option of personally inviting a priest to accept that pastorate. A retiring pastor is rarely consulted about his successor. Once a priest accepts the new assignment, he is given the first opportunity to announce his new assignment to his parish. For obvious reasons, this process is held in strict confidence until that aforementioned announcement is made. Once that announcement has been made, then the announcement will be made in the retiring priest’s parish.*

*I share this information today to assist you in your understanding as to “what” the process is and “how” it will take place. I am aware that many are concerned, not only about who will be the new pastor here at Ste. Rose, but also how the process works.*

*In the meantime, there’s still a lot of pastoral work that will take place here in the parish. I’m not retired yet! So please feel free to call upon me as you have for the past 18+ years.*

*Fr Bill*

**2023 DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS** - Hosted at the National Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA, October 7-13, 2023. Seven day and seven nights of continual adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament with Rosary prayed aloud at the top of each hour, to pray for the conversion of our state, our country and our world and to wrap our families and diocese in the protective Heart of Mary. ALL ARE INVITED AND NEEDED. Please take a postcard or simply hover your phone over the QR code on the poster in the back of the church to sign up. Because the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed 24/7, it is vital that you sign up as soon as possible so we know we are covered. Together with Jesus and Mary it is possible to change the world!!

**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.

**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.

**CANDLELIGHT LIVING ROSARY SERVICE** – K of C #4044, 1599 Memorial Drive, Chicopee, MA, Tuesday, October 17, 2023 @ 7:00 pm in the banquet facility led by Chaplain Re. Dennis Skowera. This short but meaningful ceremony features a live music program, and light refreshments will be served afterwards

**5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SALUTE TO SOLDIERS- FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT AMERICA'S VETjGODS** –

Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://asalutetosoldiers.com) or call 413-726-8883

**FUNNY RAISING COMEDY SHOWS** – to benefit Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry @ the Knights of Columbus #69, 460 Granby Road, Chicopee, Ma. Friday, November 3, 2023. Doors open @ 6:00 pm – show @ 7:30 pm. Raffles, 50/50, cash bar, bring your own snacks. Rated R – Adult content & Language. \$25. For tickets, visit [jessmillercomedy.com](http://jessmillercomedy.com)

**SAVE THE DATE: Patriotic Rosary to honor our Veterans. Wed, November 8, 2023, which will take place in church at 6:30 pm.**

**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!!!

**.SATURDAY ROSARY** is prayed at 12 Noon in the St. Rose Cemetery during the warm months and then in 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.

**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 413-536-4558 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](http://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](http://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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**K of C COUNCIL 4044 on Memorial Drive**

**+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.

**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**

**Saturday+**