

Fourth Sunday of Advent +++

December 24, 2023

Readings: + Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 + Romans 16:25 -27 + Luke 1:26-38 (11)

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Dec 23 - Saturday	4:00 PM	Normand Deshairs by Jeannine Landry
Dec 24- Sunday	7:30 AM	Arthur & Reina Mayotte by Gloria, Armand & Brian Mayotte
4th Sunday of Advent	9:00 AM	Manuel Oliveira by Ormindia Oliveira
	11:00 AM	Don Scott Stephen & Patrick Justice by his wife and mother Lorraine
	4:00 PM	Irene & Walter Bennis & Ron Desmarais by the Desmarais family
Dec 25 - Monday	12:00 AM	MIDNIGHT MASS: Parish Family
Nativity of the Lord	7:30 AM	Bruna & Amber Manno by Angelina & family
	9:00 AM	Leo & Bella Constant by daughter-in-law & family
	11:00 AM	Cosimo & Maria Teresa Pisano by the Contabile family
Dec 26 - Tuesday	7:00 AM	Adrienne, Irene & Paul Nolette by Jeannette
Dec 27- Wednesday	7:00 AM	Bernard Joseph Chartier Sr by Sandra & Karl Krassler
Dec 28- Thursday	7:00 AM	Joseph Rene & Gloria (Robillard) Thibeault by family
Dec 29 - Friday	7:00 AM	Donn Meade 4th Anniversary by his wife Patricia
Dec 30 - Saturday	4:00 PM	Jean & Dennis Hebb by Mary Gallagher
Dec 31- Sunday	7:30 AM	Adrienne & Stanley Stec by Dale Stec
Holy Family of Jesus	9:00 AM	Cynthia Lanney by her sister & family
Mary & Joseph	11:00 AM	Jean Chouinard 2nd Anniversary by the family
	4:00 PM	Hector Tourigny by family

+PARISH STEWARDSHIP 12/17/2023 – Offertory \$ 7,599.00 SJA School \$ 3345.00 Thank you!

NO BINGO 12/23/2023 OR 12/30/2023

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the souls and families of **John Pirog, Sandra Constatine, Joan Curtis**. May God hold their souls and the souls of all our faithful departed lovingly in the palm of His hands.

December: Hosts: *In Loving Memory of:* Amber, Bruno, Umberto Manno & Cosimo, Teresa Pisani
Sanctuary: *In Loving Memory of:* Ronald Connaughton by his wife & family.

SJA BOOSTER CLUB: winner is # 121, Denise Jarry -. Congratulations! Correction for last week's winner was # 28 Lissette Lessard not # 17. Interested in joining the Booster Club that helps support SJA School, contact Sandy & Joe Chessey @ 413-592-6256.

CALENDARS 2024 – We are grateful to St. Pierre Phaneuf Funeral Chapels for their generous donation of Calendars for the year 2024. These calendars not only mark the months and days of the year but also inform us of the Liturgical Seasons and Daily Saints. Get your calendar today!

RSVP's APPRECIATED - FATHER BILL'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION UPDATE As you know, on Sunday, February 18, 2024, Father Bill will be offering his retirement Mass at 4:00 P.M., here at Ste. Rose de Lima Church. A free reception will take place downstairs immediately following the Mass. Sign-ups will be at every Mass, the weekends of January 13th - 14th & 20th - 21st, 2024 or by e-mailing FrBillsParty@gmail.com. You may also respond by calling 413-781-0813, the answering machine will say DiSanti Law Offices, so please do not think you dialed incorrectly. When replying to any of these methods, please leave the First & Last names of the people attending with a contact phone number, just in case. We need this information for an accurate headcount for the reception which will include hors d'oeuvres (created by the Log Cabin), desserts, coffee, tea, soda, milk, and punch. It is recommended that you eat a meal before coming to mass. There will be music by Sarah the Fiddler. (If you signed up prior to this, please sign up again. This is for the reception only and is the only list we will go by). We expect the church to be full, so please mark your calendars and sign-up ASAP. The deadline for signing-up is January 31, 2024.

On Sunday, December 17th, 2023, Ste. Rose de Lima welcomed its newest member to our faith community. Alice Lorraine Gagne, child of Ann & Christopher was baptized, witnessed by Matthew & Celine Wyckoff.

Merry Christmas!

The Advent season has prepared us for the great celebration of the Miracle of the Incarnation~ The Word made Flesh ~ who dwells among us. As we remember that first Christmas with awe and wonder let us be mindful of its true meaning. Generations of people of the Jewish faith lived in hope of this magnificent event. The incarnation is that moment when God intervened in human history and brought about the gift of salvation. May we never lose sight of the significance of this blessed event. As Jesus grows into adulthood and inaugurates the Kingdom remember that it came with a cost. The gift of eternal life came at the price of Calvary. Calvary, however, could not claim dominion over life. Calvary reveals the triumph of the Cross over sin and death through the glory of Easter. Christmas and Easter are eternally linked as one-saving events. As we gaze upon the Christ Child wrapped in swaddling clothes, we should also remember the shroud rolled up in the tomb. May this Christmas prayer renew the call to discipleship:



*Open our eyes, O Lord,
To behold the rising dawn;
Open our hearts, O Lord,
To receive the life of your Son;
To be filled with
Your glory and peace. Amen*

May the joy of Christmas be with you throughout the whole year!

Merry Christmas! Joyeux Noel! Happy New Year 2024! Bonne, Heureuse et Sainte Annee!

The Christmas Schedule 2023

Sunday, December 24th at 4:00 PM – Christmas Eve Mass

Monday, December 25th at 12:00 AM (Midnight Mass)

Monday, December 25th Christmas Day Mass at 7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 AM

The New Year's Schedule: The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Sunday, December 24th Mass is at 4:00 PM

Monday, January 1, 2024, Masses are at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 AM.

Peace and love,

Fr. Bill

LORRAINE'S SOUP KITCHEN THANK'S YOU! The Board of Directors, staff and volunteers of Lorraine's Soup Kitchen and Pantry would like to thank you on behalf of our many recipients for your recent donation of \$1,570.00 and 422 lbs. of food items for a grand total of \$ 1,922.00. Your continued support and generosity are so appreciated, now and throughout the year. Thank you!

Romans 11:29: "God's gifts and calling can't be taken back." Luke 1:14: "And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth." John 1:9: "The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world."

Thank you to all of you who donated to the giving tree. This year we were able to deliver 160+ gifts and packages to the "Shut-ins" of the parish, Nursing Home, Veterans – Soldiers Home and needy families & their children. An extra special thanks for the people who so readily responded to delivering all these gifts. Many hands make light work. We so appreciate all you do to make our parish such a wonderful place to be!

NO COFFEE & DONUTS-after the 9:00 a.m. mass on Sunday December 24th and Sunday, December 31st.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS! – We would like to try to form TWO choirs that will sing for our Christmas Eve Masses if there is enough interest: a Family Choir (with both parents AND children) for the 4:00 p.m. Mass, and an Adult Choir for the Midnight Mass. The Family Choir will be singing all well-known Christmas Carols that most will be familiar with. There is only one rehearsal for this group at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 17 (right after the 4:00 p.m. Mass). The Adult Choir will sing a mix of well-known Christmas Carols and a few choral pieces in harmony. Participant will be asked to attend at least two of the three practice dates: Saturday, 12/16 at 5 p.m., Wednesday, 12/20 at 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, 12/23 at 5:00 p.m. Space in the choir loft is limited and music needs to be prepared, so please contact Ernie Hadley if you would like to participate. E-mail ernie@hadleyweb.net, or call/text 561-504-1142 with any questions or to reserve your space.

THIS IS YOUR LAST WEEKEND TO PURCHASE SJA \$ 5.00 LOTTERY CALENDAR Get your \$5.00 Lottery Calendars now before the December 18, 2023, deadline. \$5.00 Lottery Calendars available after each of the weekend masses. Great stocking stuffers, birthday gifts or thank you gifts! Drawings will be held throughout January 2024 and the winners will be posted on the school's Website and Facebook page. Checks will be mailed to the winner's address, so please fill this out on the return slips. If your name is picked, it is not removed – you have multiple chances to win!

STE ROSE SCRIPTURE STUDY – “ISAIAH”- LITTLE ROCK PROGRAM – Tuesday's 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Scripture study combined with group sharing, lecture and prayer 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! If you have any questions, please contact Michael Johnson @ 355-0566 or Dan Therrien @ 427-6014. Meet at the Pastoral Center, 15 Chapel St., Chicopee

SJA 33RD ANNUAL CAMPAIGN- November 15-December 31, 2023-to help raise funds to purchase security upgrades for the school. A newsletter and pledge card were mailed to parishioners and alumni. If you would like to donate but did not receive one, forms are available in the church lobby. You can mail the school a check or Venmo us @sjachicopee indicating 'Annual Campaign' in the 'What's this for?' section.

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 a.m.-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.

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.

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

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 except for major holidays. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact the Pastoral Center 536-4558.

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+SPAGHETTI SUPPERS are back! **K of C COUNCIL 4044 on Memorial Drive** 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.

STE. ROSE DE LIMA AA MEETINGS – Tuesday evenings @ 7:30 p.m. in the Church Hall – entrance on Chapel Street.

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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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 --- Food: Grilled Chicken Dinner with Butternut Squash

Entrance until 6:30PM every Saturday - Elevator Available

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

