

First Sunday of Advent +++

December 3, 2023

Readings: + Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7 + 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 + Mark 13:33-37

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Dec 02 - Saturday	4:00 PM	Robert Archambault (1 st Anniversary) by his wife Irene and family
Dec 03- Sunday	7:30 AM	Linda Dugre (1 st Anniversary) by her husband and family
1 st Sunday of Advent	9:00 AM	Robert Paul (1 st Anniversary) wife and family
	11:00 AM	Yvonne & Henry Lepage by their family
	4:00 PM	Ronald Connaughton 5 th Anniversary by his wife and family
Dec 04 - Monday	7:00 AM	Flora Barbara Demers Wright by Sandra & Karl Krassler
Dec 05 - Tuesday	7:00 AM	Krystyna Buchonska by David Rosinski
Dec 06- Wednesday	7:00 AM	Ronald Roy by the Belanger family
Dec 07- Thursday	7:00 AM	Paul Deshaies by Lizette Lessard
	4:00 PM	Daniel Boutin by the Thomas family
Dec 08 - Friday	7:00 AM	Paul Deshaise by Lizette Lessard
	9:00 AM	Marvin Hill by his children
	6:30 PM	Hector Tourigny by his family
Dec 09 - Saturday	4:00 PM	Sylvio Carrier (birthday) by his family
Dec 10- Sunday	7:30 AM	Rene V. Fagnant by his family
	9:00 AM	Gabrielle Roberge by Helen Carrier & Pierrette Blanchet
	11:00 AM	Clarence Gagnon (anniversary) by the family
2 nd Sunday of Advent	4:00 PM	Nicolas Pouliot birthday remembrance by his wife Pauline & family

+PARISH STEWARDSHIP 11/26/2023 – Offertory \$7,236.00 / All Saints \$1008.00 Thank you!
Bingo 12/2 Team 3 Food – Grilled Chicken Dinner w/ Butternut Squash

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the souls and family of Sylvia Pauquette.
May God hold her soul 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: WEEK # 15 winner is # 96 **Phil Laroche** Congratulations! Interested in joining the Booster Club that helps support SJA School, contact Sandy & Joe Chessey @ 413-592-6256.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING –is scheduled for Wed. Dec 13, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.



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. The 2024 Calendars will be available beginning the weekend of December 9-10, 2023.

STE. ROSE GIVING TREE 2023 – If you have taken a tag from our traditional Giving Tree displayed in the center alcove of the Church, please return your gift donation by December 13th so they can be delivered in a timely manner. Gifts can be returned to the Church or dropped off at the Pastoral Center: M-Thu 9-5; Fri 9-3. Also, if you are 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 & sharing!



The Christmas Tree Jubilee is back at SJA School! It will be held on Friday, December 15th. The 'Family Stroll' will be held from 3-6 p.m. and an 'Adult-only Stroll' will be held from 7-9 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and non-SJA students; SJA students are free. Complimentary beverages and snacks will be provided at both strolls. Adults attending the family stroll may return for free provided their event bracelet is still being worn. The Tree Raffle is \$15.00 per sheet and includes a door prize ticket. Bright Ideas Brewery beer tasting and cash sales will be held during the adult stroll. Hope to see you there!

***Dear Parishioner...Around & About Ste. Rose,
The Sanctuary Renovation***

The renovation of the sanctuary is now completed! The walls and ceiling have been refreshed with 2 coats of paint and the new artwork has been placed. As mentioned in previous bulletin announcements, the 2 angels are “art deco” by design. The design of the angels was inspired by the angels that are engraved in the pre-cast on the exterior of the main entrance to the church. The intention was to keep the “art deco architecture” consistent both inside and outside the church. The 2 crosses are reproductions of the original artwork when the church opened in 1952. Archival pictures were located to assist in the discernment of what ought to be applied to the two side walls. The left wall has the image of “The Lamb sitting on the Seven Seals” while the right image is that of a female pelican feeding her chicks during a period of drought. The mother pelican pierces her breast with her sharp beak and proceeds to feed her chicks. A great sign and symbol of what Jesus is for us. The funding for the artwork was from the Memorial Fund. To all who contributed to this fund – thank you! Your generosity made this project possible. The expenses incurred for the scaffolding and painting were funded from the Long-Term Investment account. When the final expenses are paid, the bulletin will publish the total cost.

The Advent Issue of The Word Among Us

The Advent issue of *TWAU* is available in the foyer of the church. This publication will inspire us to prepare once again for the Miracle of the Incarnation - The Word made Flesh! Please take on copy per family. They are free for the taking!

The following are important December dates:

December 10th at 2:00 PM – Novi Cantori

December 10th at 5:00 PM – Warm Hands, Warming Hearts

December 17th at 1:30 PM – Children’s Pageant

December 18th at 6:00 PM – City Wide Penance Service at Ste. Rose de Lima

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



Please join us for an evening of Praise & Worship. We are meeting at the church hall on Wednesday, December 6th from 6:30-8:00p.m. This month we will be joined by Jack Yourous and his guitar. There will be Music, Prayer, Fellowship, snacks/refreshments. For more information, please contact Julie & Deacon Dan at 413-478-8255 or 413-626-2925.

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY, Friday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses to fulfill this obligation will be offered on Thursday, 12/7 at 4:00 p.m. and Friday, 12/8 at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 6:30 p.m. *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 us.*

WARM HANDS WARMING HEARTS-Sunday December 10, 2023, after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. You are invited to experience the joy of Christmas...the season of giving to help others during the Holiday Season and winter months. Temperatures will no doubt dip just in time for the holidays, making it a perfect time to offer some extra warmth to those in need. Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Elves will also join us in celebrating the true spirit of the season.

LORRAINE'S SOUP KITCHEN HOLIDAY IN A BAG – Ste. Rose de Lima Annual Drive Collection Boxes can be found in the vestibule of the Church. Lorraine's Soup Kitchen needs non-perishable food items for the holidays: **THE WISH LIST is as follows:** Gravy, Canned Soup, Instant Potatoes, Canned Veggies, Cranberry Sauce, Stuffing mix, Cake mix & frosting, Bread mix: banana, pumpkin, cranberry/ Pie crust mix & filling, Canned yams, sweet potato, Pickles, Olives. Other necessary staples: 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!

ELDER COUNCIL #69 will be conducting (2) two Fraternal Benefit Nights on Saturday, December 9 and Sunday, December 10. Both events will begin at 2:00 p.m. The presenter will be Christopher Miller of the Wisniewski Office and DiCalogero Agency. Topics will include History of the Order as well as the various insurance and investment opportunities the Order has to offer. The sessions are open to everyone in the Parish, members, and non-members alike. There is no obligation whatsoever. Insurance products are only available to members of the Order, but non-members may join at the session. A raffle and door prize will be available, and refreshments will be served. To get an accurate count for refreshments, please RSVP to Financial Secretary/District Deputy Mark Olsen by phone/text 413-348-4634 or by e-mail @ markorealius@charter.net. Knights of Columbus Insurance: FOR Brother Knights BY Brother Knights!

SJA \$ 5.00 LOTTERY CALENDAR Get your \$5.00 Lottery Calendars now before the December 18, 2023, deadline. Available from SJA students, call the school office @ 413-553-1475 or available at weekend masses in December. 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

NOVI CANTORI CONCERT SUNDAY DECEMBER 10, 2023, 2:00 P.M. Novi Cantori is coming to Ste. Rose de Lima Church for an aspiring Advent Concert. Novi Cantori is an Acapella Choral Group. They will perform in the sanctuary of the church. Their voices will fill our church – come and be inspired. Free will donations accepted and help the Boys and Girls Club of 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.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE & DONUTS 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 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.
<i>Prayed on Monday and Saturday:</i>
THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES: The Annunciation + The Visitation + The Birth of our Lord + The Presentation + The Finding in the Temple.
<i>Prayed on Tuesday and Friday:</i>
THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES: The Agony in the Garden + The Scourging + The Crowning with Thorns + The Carrying of the Cross + The Crucifixion.
<i>Prayed on Wednesday and Sunday:</i>
THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES: The Resurrection + The Ascension + The Coming of the Holy Spirit + The Assumption of Our Lady + The Coronation of Our Lady.
<i>Prayed on Thursday:</i>
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 --- 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	Saturday+
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