

Second Sunday of Advent +++

December 10, 2023

Readings: + Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 + 2 Peter 3: 8-14 + Mark 1: 1-8 (5)

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Dec 09 - Saturday	4:00 PM	Sylvio Carrier (birthday) by his family
Dec 10- Sunday	7:30 AM	Rene V. Fagnant by his family
2 nd Sunday of Advent	9:00 AM	Gabrielle Roberge by Helen Carrier & Pierrette Blanchet
	11:00 AM	Clarence Gagnon (anniversary) by the family
	4:00 PM	Nicolas Pouliot birthday remembrance by his wife Pauline & family
Dec 11 - Monday	7:00 AM	Carol Broyles by Angelina Manno & family
Dec 12 - Tuesday	7:00 AM	Simone Roux (Anniversary) by children & grandchildren
Dec 13- Wednesday	7:00 AM	Eileen Busiere by Cris Boucher
Dec 14- Thursday	7:00 AM	Umberto Manno by Angelina & family
Dec 15 - Friday	7:00 AM	Jean-Noel Tremblay by Denise
Dec 16 - Saturday	4:00 PM	Janet Bergeron (7 th Anniversary) by her family
Dec 17- Sunday	7:30 AM	Elena & Emiliano Cortez by Cris Boucher
3 rd Sunday of Advent	9:00 AM	Rita Gagnon (1 st Anniversary) by Ulric & Claire Roy
	11:00 AM	Bernard Bonin & Donald St. Amand by Janine Bonin
	4:00 PM	Jean George Boule by the family

+PARISH STEWARDSHIP 12/03/2023 – Offertory \$11,660.26 Thank you for your continued support!
Bingo 12/9 Team 4 Food – Grilled Chicken Dinner w/ Butternut Squash

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the souls and families of *Barbara Heroux, Barbara Schelb and Jose Carrion*. 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: WEEK # 16 winner is # 94 *Jeannine Turgeon- In memory of Donald Turgeon*. 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!

VOLUNTEERS FOR WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA START TIME CHANGE-due to scheduling conflicts, we will now begin at 9:30 a.m. @ St. Rose Cemetery. Thank you for your understanding!

***Dear Parishioner...Around & About Ste. Rose,
The Advent Issue of The Word Among Us***

The Advent issue of *TWAWU* 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 17th at 1:30 PM – Children’s Pageant in the church hall

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

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.

And finally,

The response to the sanctuary renovation has been so positive and well-received. Thank you so much! As I mentioned in last week’s bulletin, as soon as the final invoices are received, the total cost of the renovation will be published. The last remaining item on the agenda is to commission a wall-mounted pedestal to be built for the statuary located behind the baptismal font. This pedestal for St. Joseph will be constructed to the original design. The plan is to have the St. Joseph statue moved to this location in the church, and the Sacred Heart statue placed where the St. Joseph statue is presently located. The original pedestal went missing a very long time ago. When the church was constructed in 1952 the two front alcoves were dedicated, on the left to Mary, and on the right dedicated to St. Joseph. When the Christmas decorations are packed away in January, hopefully, the pedestal will be ready, and the two statues will be at the same height and easily viewed from the church.

Peace and love,

Fr. Bill

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED - to prepare the mailing of the Christmas letter to the parish. Please meet in the Pastoral Center on Monday, December 11, 2023 @ 1:00 p.m. if you are available. Many hands will make the job much easier! Thank you in advance for your help!

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.

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!

NO COFFEE & DONUTS-after the 9:00 a.m. mass on Sunday December 24th and Sunday, December 31st. Holiday Wishes from our family to yours!

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

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.

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
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+

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds through Christ our Lord. Amen.

