

Third Sunday of Advent +++

December 17, 2023

Readings: + Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 + 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 + John 1: 6-8, 19-28 (8)

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Dec 16 - Saturday	4:00 PM	Janet Bergeron (7th Anniversary) by her family
Dec 17- Sunday	7:30 AM	Elena & Emiliano Cortez by Cris Boucher
3rd Sunday of Advent	9:00 AM	Rita Gagnon (1st 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
Dec 18 - Monday	7:00 AM	Edwin Langevin (birthday remembrance) by the family
Dec 19 - Tuesday	7:00 AM	Henry E. Beaudry by his son Richard
Dec 20- Wednesday	7:00 AM	Raymond Desorcy (25th Anniversary) by his wife Dee & family
Dec 21- Thursday	7:00 AM	Raymond Desorcy (25th Anniversary) by his wife & children
Dec 22 - Friday	7:00 AM	Guy Tremblay (5th Anniversary) by his mother
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 Orminda 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

+PARISH STEWARDSHIP 12/10/2023 – Offertory \$11,709/ Immaculate Conception \$1604.00 Thank you! Collection for SJA School w/e 12-16/17, 2023

Bingo 12/16 Team 1

Food – Grilled Chicken Dinner w/ Butternut Squash

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the souls and families of *Leo & Theresa Griffin, Jeannette Cardin, Gertrude Durant, Lillian Smith, Ronald Roy and Sylvia Paquette*. 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 # winner is #17, Lisette Lessard -. Congratulations! 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.

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

Peace and love,

Fr. Bill

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.

*******NOTICE TO EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & HOME VISITS******* – *Please be sure to come by the Pastoral Center to pick up gifts for the homebound. The extra help to get these wonderful gifts delivered would be much appreciated!*

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!

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!

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.

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

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

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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.

PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR BULLETIN COVER ADVERTISERS. We thank all the businesses and organizations who support our bulletin with their ads. Please support their businesses when you’re in need of the services they offer. Thank you.

+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.

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

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

A PRAYER FOR THE Third Sunday of Advent

Joy-filled Giver of Life,
let the anticipation of your birth
fill us with overflowing joy.
May our excitement and anticipation
be a sign to the world
that you are always near.
Amen.

