

Hoy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph +++

December 31, 2023

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Jan 01 - Monday	7:30 AM	Lionel & Theresa Lemieux by their family
Nativity of the Lord	9:00 AM	Edgar Gadoury -birthday by Phyllis & family
	11:00 AM	Gabrielle Roberge by her estate.
Jan 02 - Tuesday	7:00 AM	Theresa Labrie by Norm & Denise Lussier
Jan 03- Wednesday	7:00 AM	Eleanor & her son, Robert J. Stasiowski by Kimberly & Eric Osgood
Jan 04- Thursday	7:00 AM	Bruna & Amber Manno by Angelina Manno & family
Jan 05 - Friday	7:00 AM	Fred Rider by his wife Mary
School Mass	9:00 AM	Sylvia Paquette by Paul Thomas
Jan 06 - Saturday	4:00 PM	Fred Rider by his wife Mary
Jan 07- Sunday	7:30 AM	Doris & George Rivet by the family
	9:00 AM	Gertrude Naglieri by coffee & donut social hour
	11:00 AM	Leonard Longpre by niece Peggy Constant
	4:00 PM	Arthur & Lucienne Hebert by Norman & Denise

+PARISH STEWARDSHIP 12/24/2023 – Offertory \$ 10,428.12.00 /Christmas \$ 11,737.00 / Flowers \$ 3736.00
Thank you for your continued support & generosity!

NO BINGO 12/30/2023- Bingo will resume 01/05/2024 with team # 4

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the souls and families of **Shawn Burnham**. May God hold his soul and the souls of all our faithful departed lovingly in the palm of His hands.

January: Hosts: *In Loving Memory of:* Frank J. Stec by his family.

Sanctuary: *In Loving Memory of:* Ansleigh McDaniel by her parents & brother.

SJA BOOSTER CLUB: winner is # 116, Pauline Beauregard -. Congratulations! Interested in joining the Booster Club that helps support SJA School, contact Sandy & Joe Chessey @ 413-592-6256.

MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS: In loving memory of:

Jeannette Provost – Frank & Darlene Gramolini \$50.00, Barbara Dame \$50.00, Elaine & Robert Kotfila \$100.00, Kellie & Keith Niemiec \$ 25.00 total \$225.00

Jim Tillotson – Thomas & Virginia Robak \$20.00, Corinne, Gerard & Shannon Pons \$50.00 total \$70.00

Thank you for your generous donations. Acknowledgements have been sent to the families.

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,
New Year's Reflections**

Dr. Seuss penned these words: "How did it get so late so soon? It's night before its afternoon. December is here before June. My goodness how the time has flown. How did it get so late so soon?" These words offer me a moment of reflection as the New Year of 2024 begins: "How did it get so late so soon?" The year of 2023, with all its challenges, has ended. Many will no doubt, bid 2023 a good riddance. And yet, 2023 did offer each of us another year of life, love, and God's graces. Perhaps there is disappointment that 2024 begins with what is still called a triple-demic." Variants of Covid, RSV, and the flu are once again in full gear. Care must be taken to avoid a severe health crisis. 2023 saw a return to normal behaviors, such as restaurant dining, shopping, and returning to the celebration of the Eucharist, many parishes have not returned to the pre-pandemic levels of Mass attendance. The parish socials that have been offered are still not quite at the pre-pandemic levels either. So, while 2024 will continue to provide its own new set of challenges, together we can continue to work to re-build and strengthen our parish life. It all begins with the celebration of the Eucharist, which is such a unique Catholic experience, an experience that should never be taken lightly!

The Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God: January 1, 2024

This year the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God is not a holy day of obligation unlike Christmas, which is always a holy day of obligation no matter which day of the week it may be celebrated. The rule of thumb is: if a holy day of obligation is celebrated on a Saturday or a Monday the obligation is lifted. With that in mind, the Mass schedule for January 1, 2024, will be 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 AM. Though this solemnity of Mary is not of obligation what better way to begin a New Year than to celebrate the Eucharist as we honor the role of Mary. If possible, please join your parish family for this Solemnity of Mary as we begin the New Year as the parish family of Ste. Rose de Lima. (***The Sunday evening Mass on 12/31/23 at 4:00 PM is for the Sunday obligation.***)

And finally,

Next weekend, January 6 & 7, 2024 will be an away weekend for me. Years ago, while at St. Joseph Church in Springfield, a young mom and dad adopted 5 children. I had the pleasure to baptize them and eventually administer First Communion to them and con-celebrate with the bishop at their confirmations. Happy to say, one of those children asked me to celebrate her wedding Mass in Rutland, Vermont on Saturday, January 6th. I've known her groom for many years. His mother and I were classmates at Cathedral High School while his dad owned a family funeral home in Springfield who often had funeral Masses when I was at both Our Lady of Hope and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart parishes in Springfield. It is certainly an honor to celebrate the wedding Mass for this nice couple. Ste. Rose will welcome Fathers Ken Tatro (4:00 PM & 11:00 AM) Thomas Shea (7:30 AM), and Mark Mengel (9:00 AM). I will return "on-time" for the 4:00 PM Sunday Mass. I thank these three "retirees" for "coverage" thereby enabling me to be in Rutland, VT for this happy occasion. Just pray for no snow!

Blessings in the New Year!

Fr. Bill

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

GIVING TREE & LORRAINE'S SOUP KITCHEN AND PANTRY THANK YOU!

The love and attention to detail that went into your gifts for our Giving Tree this year is so heartwarming! The Nursing Home residents, the homebound parishioners and the Veterans were deeply touched by your generosity and thoughtfulness. Thank you! Besides our parishioners, the clients and guests of Lorraine's Soup Kitchen also received gifts and goods to prepare a holiday meal for their families. Thank you! We're grateful to our coordinators, Eucharistic Ministers, and volunteers, who saw to it that the gifts were delivered with joy and in a timely manner. Deepest thanks!

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

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



+Saturday

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

May this new year brings peace
upon you and your family.

Happy New Year
to you and yours.



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