



Mass Intentions

First Sunday of Lent

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February 18, 2024

Feb 17 - Saturday	4:00 PM	Marvin Hill by his family
Feb 18- Sunday	7:30 AM	Jeannette Provost by Auntie Lou Chmiel
(First Sunday of Lent)	9:00 AM	Lillian Glover by Gloria Delude & family.
	11:00 AM	Albert Leroux by his wife Millie
	4:00 PM	Fr. Bill's Retirement Mass
Feb 19 - Monday	7:00 AM	Doris Fagnant by Lucille Barna
Feb 20 - Tuesday	7:00 AM	Donna Slattery by Donald & Diane
Feb 21- Wednesday	7:00 AM	Joseph & Phuong Lang by the family
Feb 22- Thursday	7:00 AM	Gabrielle Roberge by Estate
Feb 23 - Friday	7:00 AM	Therese Bilodeau by Jeannette
Feb 24 - Saturday	4:00 PM	Sylvio Carrier (28 th Anniv) by wife & daughter
Feb 25- Sunday	7:30 AM	Yvonne & William Selby by Dale
(2 nd Sunday of Lent)	9:00 AM	Lucien & Madeline Turgeon by Jeannine Turgeon
	11:00 AM	Noe Tisdell by the family
	4:00 PM	Robert Fournier by the family

+PARISH STEWARDSHIP 02/11/2024 – Offertory \$8990.00 / Missions \$ 476.00
Bingo 02/17/2024 team # 2. Special – Fish & Chips w Coleslaw / Clam Chowder

Thank you!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the family of Dolores Allen, Dr. Paul Thomas and Lisa Dowd. May God hold their souls and the souls of all our faithful departed lovingly in the palm of His hands.

February: Hosts: *In Loving Memory of*. Patenaude & Maspo family.

February Sanctuary: *In Loving Memory of*: Frank J. Stec by his family.

SJA BOOSTER CLUB: winner is #94- Jeannine Turgeon *in Memory of her husband*. Congratulations!!!! There are still numbers available for anyone interested in joining the Booster Club; proceeds go to support St. Joan of Arc School. Dues are \$5.00 per week (\$100.00 for 20 weeks). There is a weekly \$100.00 winner. The final drawing has multiple winners, with prizes ranging from \$1000.00 to \$150.00, totaling \$5000.00. If interested, please contact Sandy & Joe Chessey at (413) 592-6256.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS – The road to Calvary, or Via Dolorosa ('mournful way') is the name given to Christ's final journey from Jerusalem to the hill of Calvary, or Golgotha ('the place of the skull'), where he was crucified. Join us as we journey through the Stations of the Cross, Friday's beginning February 16th, 23rd, March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd @ 6pm Friday 29th 3:00 pm. For more information see Deacon Mike.

SJA SCHOOL FEBRUARY DINE OUT – Tuesday February 20th Red Robin in Holyoke. This is an all-day dine-in or take-out event. Red Robin will donate 20% of sales simply by showing the flyer found in the church vestibule or by mentioning the fundraiser to your server. As always, thank you for your support of the school!

Thank You! Who won the **Souper Bowl of Caring? The hungry among us did!** Thanks to your overwhelming generosity and to those who volunteered to accept your donations after the Masses last weekend, we were able to make a significant contribution toward victory over hunger in our area! Our grand total was a whopping \$4033.05 and an additional 2035 lbs. items or \$2035.00 additionally for a grand total of **\$6068.05**. All donations have been forwarded to Lorraine's Soup Kitchen to support its mission to "feed the hungry". For your generous response to this call to action we can only add "**Yay team Ste. Rose!**" A huge thank you goes out to Bruce Broyles for coordinating this program to serve the needy.

***Dear Parishioners...Around & About Ste. Rose,
Winter Weather and Sunday Mass***

During these remaining winter months, attending Sunday Mass can be a dangerous adventure. Always use “good judgement” prior to driving to church. Remember, it’s not just about “getting here” but also about returning home safely. With five Masses scheduled each weekend, depending upon the severity of the storm, there is flexibility. If there is a “parking ban” please adhere to it. While parking is an issue here, the school yards are always available. ALSO! If you choose to park in one the school yards, please remember to use the “CROSSWALK” signal for your safety. The traffic on Grattan Street is not only heavy, but most drivers also exceed the speed limit of 25 MPH. The St. Pierre-Phaneuf parking lot on Lafayette Street is also available each weekend. From that lot there is no need to cross Grattan Street. Your safety is “our” utmost concern.

And finally,

The time of my retirement date of March 1, 2024, draws ever so quickly! As I reflect upon the years of being your parish priest, how could I not be filled with a sense of awe and wonder! ‘Awe’ because of what we have accomplished together. ‘Wonder’ because you have not “tarred and feathered” me! Somehow, we have weathered the pandemic storm of COVID 19 and are here to talk about it. While the parish has not recaptured the pre-pandemic experience of parish life, the parish is making headway. I arrived here as the youngest pastor in the history of the parish at the age of 51 on July 1, 2005. I retire at the age of 70 on March 1, 2024. These 18 years and 7 months of life here at Ste. Rose have been an incredible experience. The trust that you have placed in me will always be remembered. Through the clergy crisis, which continues to unfold, you have never once kept your children distant from me – I will never forget your trust and support through it all. This July will mark my dad’s 10th year of the remembrance of his passing into eternal life. Your love and spiritual support toward me and my family during that time of bereavement was so beautiful.

And of course, how could I not be grateful to the staff, past and present, for their hard work and devotion to the parish, St. Joan of Arc School, and Ste. Rose Cemetery. I also am so grateful to my family who have not only supported me throughout the nearly 44 years of ministry, but never questioned me when my role as pastor often meant being unable to attend family functions. The priesthood has been through difficult and tumultuous times. Yet, I can say I have never regretted the decision to be ordained to the priesthood in the Catholic Church. It has made me into the person that I am today. I pray for the continued success of Ste. Rose de Lima Parish, St. Joan of Arc School, and Ste. Rose Cemetery that will soon be entrusted to the pastoral care of Father Robert Gentile. I retire confident with Fr. Robert Gentile as my successor. Lastly, I will celebrate all the Masses February 24-25 and morning Mass through February 29th. My new mailing address is: 101 Mulberry St. #604, Springfield, MA 01105.

In Christ’s peace and love,

Fr Bill

“I have established My covenant with you”. If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, sister, or brother, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office @ 413-248-70354 or via email: vocations@ diospringfield.org.

*****NO COFFEE & DONUTS this weekend due to the activity of Fr. Bill’s Retirement Celebration. See you next week!**

FOR THE LOVE OF GOOD PURSE BINGO – Sunday, March 3, 2024, 2:00-6:00 p.m. doors open at noon. Moose Family Center 244 Fuller Road Chicopee MA \$35 entry fee for 10 GAMES. Tables of 8 available for purchase/ buy get 1 free. For tickets call Debbie @ 413-627-7543. Cash bar/ raffles/ refreshments available.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION – Join us for adoration in the Chapel located in the Parish Center beginning 7:30 a.m. – ending with the Divine Mercy Chaplet @ 3:00 p.m. All are welcome!!!

STE. ROSE GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP- will continue to 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Early Bird 6:10PM - Games 6:15PM - \$15 & \$20 Entrance Extra \$5 Packs – 2 WTA 50/50 – 2 \$1199 Progressives Free Coffee & Tea --- Food: Fish & Chips / Clam Chowder 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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