

Fourth Sunday of Advent +++ **December 22, 2019**

Readings: +*Isaiah 7:10-14* +*Roman 1:1-7* +*Matthew 1:18-24*

Christmas: +*Isaiah 9:1-6* +*Titus 2:11-14* +*Luke 2:1-14*

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Dec 21 – Saturday 4:00 PM Sheila Tipton by her daughters, Mary & Faith
 Dec 22 – Sunday 7:30 AM Ellie & Michael Daly by Ann & Michael Goonan
 4th Sunday of Advent 9:00 AM Murielle Pion-Miller by William Rosinski
 11:00 AM Edwin Langevin (10th Ann) by his wife, Annette & family
 4:00 PM Mass in Thanksgiving by Gabrielle Roberge
 Dec 23 – Monday 7:00 AM Robert Beaulieu by Louise & Ed Osetek
 Dec 24 - Tuesday 7:00 AM Alvine Maynard by Mary O’Hanlon
Christmas Vigil 4:00 PM Don, Scott, Stephen & Patrick Justice by Lorraine & Jessica
 Dec 25 – Wednesday Midnight Mass: The Parish Family of Ste. Rose de Lima
Christmas Day 7:30 AM Paul Roy, Sr. by Gerry & family
 9:00 AM Frederick Lawrence by his daughters
 11:00 AM Cosimo & Maria Teresa Pisano by the Contabile family
 Dec 26 – Thursday 7:00 AM Steven Bourque (9th Ann) by Connie
 Dec 27 – Friday 7:00 AM Reina & Arthur Mayotte by the family
 Dec 28 – Saturday 4:00 PM Yvonne Lepage Rondeau by her family
 Dec 29 – Sunday 7:30 AM Marc Mendrala by Jeannette
 Holy Family – JMJ 9:00 AM Leo & Bella Constant by daughter-in-law, Peggy
 11:00 AM Irene & Walter Bennis by Ron & Connie Desmarais & family
 4:00 PM In thanksgiving to the Holy Family for a favor obtained by a parishioner

THIS WEEK
 +**Monday – Dec 23**
 6:30PM Lectio Divina
 +**Tuesday – Dec 24**
 4PM Christmas Vigil Mass
 +**Wednesday – Dec 25**
Christmas Blessings!
 12AM Midnight Mass
 Masses: 7:30AM – 9AM – 11AM
 Visit www.sterose.org

BINGO 12/21/19 Team 3
BINGO 12/28/19 Team 4

PARISH STEWARDSHIP 12/15/19 Offertory: \$9,664.00
December School Support: \$3,181.00 Thank you!

SJA BOOSTER CLUB: 12/15/19 Week 10 #5 Carol Savoie

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the souls and families of: Roger Lepage, Aline Boissonnault, Edward Gregory, Donald St. Amand, John Sinowski, Sr. and all who have asked for prayers.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES This donation goes towards the Christmas flowers that decorate our Church. It is a memorial to your loved ones. Please list their names on the envelope and they will be listed in our special Christmas Bulletin insert for Christmas flower memorials. Thank you!

SJA LOTTERY CALENDARS: SJA students will be selling lottery calendars for the month of January following all Masses this weekend. Calendars are \$5.00 a piece and are great stocking stuffers. All prizes are automatically mailed to the winner and the ticket goes back into the barrel for another chance. Lottery calendars can also be purchased at SJA School during school hours. Thank you for helping SJA School

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND VOLUNTEERS FOR DELIVERING GIFTS: The Christmas plants are ready to be delivered to your assigned homebound and nursing home parishioners if you have not already done so. When making your next Communion visit before Christmas, please remember to pick up their plant and the Giving Tree gift. Thank you! .

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR’S MASS SCHEDULE

The Christmas Mass Schedule This year, Christmas is celebrated on a Wednesday.

Tuesday, December 24th CHRISTMAS EVE: 4:00 PM

Wednesday, December 25th CHRISTMAS DAY: Midnight (12:00AM) 7:30AM - 9:00AM - 11:00 AM.

A “singing of carols” will begin at 11:30PM December 24th prior to Midnight Mass.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God – New Year’s

Tuesday, December 31st: NEW YEAR’S EVE 4:00PM

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 NEW YEAR’S DAY: 7:30AM - 9:00AM.

A Blessed Christmas to you and yours!

***Dear Parishioner...Around & About Ste. Rose,
Merry Christmas!***

The Advent season has prepared us for the great celebration of the Miracle of the Incarnation ~ The Word made Flesh ~ who dwells among us. As we remember that first Christmas with awe and wonder let us be mindful of its true meaning. The birth of the Messiah was a long awaited promise finally brought to fulfillment. Generations of people of the Jewish faith lived in hope of this magnificent event. The Incarnation is that moment when God intervened in human history and brought about the gift of salvation. May we never lose sight of the significance of this blessed event. As Jesus grows into adulthood and inaugurates the Kingdom remember that it came with a cost. The gift of eternal life came at the price of Calvary. Calvary however could not claim dominion over life. Calvary reveals the triumph of the Cross over sin and death through the glory of Easter. Christmas and Easter are eternally linked as one-saving-event. As we gaze upon the Christ Child wrapped in swaddling clothes we should also remember the shroud rolled-up in the tomb. May this Christmas prayer renew the call to discipleship:

*Open our eyes, O Lord,
To behold the rising dawn;
Open our hearts, O Lord,*

*To receive the life of your Son;
Open our lives, O Lord,
To be filled with
Your glory and peace. Amen.*

*May the joy of Christmas be with you throughout the whole year!
Merry Christmas! Joyeux Noel! Happy New Year 2020! Bonne, Heureuse et Sainte Annee!*

-Fr. Bill

NEW YEAR'S EVE: This New Year's Eve, come aboard the "Love Boat"! The Knights of Columbus Council 4044 are expecting you... for an 80's themed New Year's Eve bash at the Castle of Knights, 1599 Memorial Dr., Chicopee. Featuring a five-course dinner (entrée choice of: Prime Rib, Chicken Oscar, Seafood Casserole or Stuffed Ravioli), dancing to the sounds of Dave Colucci and classic rock band *RIPPLE EFFECT*, a Casino and midnight champagne. Come and ring in the New Year. Doors open at 6:00PM with dancing till 1:00AM. Dressing for the theme is optional but jackets are required. Tickets are \$70.00 and are sold in the Members' Lounge, Tue. & Thurs., 6-8PM. For details go to www.kofc4044.com or Don 534-4749.

PARISH CALENDARS We thank Mr. Paul Phaneuf of **St. Pierre-Phaneuf Funeral Chapels** for the donation of the 2020 calendars to all of our parishioners.

SET OF KEYS MISSING from the Church Boiler room. Whoever goes in there, please check your pockets. We would like them returned to their proper place. Please inform the Pastoral Center **when** they have been found. Thank you!

RCIA The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults meets regularly on Tuesdays, from September through April at the Pastoral Center, 15 Chapel St. Parishioners who would like a refresher course on the Catholic Faith are invited to join us. We wish all our Parishioners a Joyous Christmas and a Blessed New Year 2020. Classes will resume on January 7, 2020.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to keep **Ste. Rose de Lima Bingo** a success. We have multiple positions/times to fill and we follow a once every four week work schedule. Bingo is Saturday evening in the church hall. We would love to have your support. Please contact Member in Charge, Chris McDaniel 785-477-9536 if interested. Thank you!

LORRAINE'S SOUP KITCHEN PERSONAL CARE PACKAGE Community Life Member, Kim Caisse, is doing a project for Lorraine's Soup Kitchen in Chicopee. Lorraine's serves approximately 50-60 families everyday. With your help, Kim would like to donate 100+ personal care packages. These packages will include AVON shampoo, body wash, deodorant, hand cream and a lip balm. (We will also include a pair of socks and gloves.) The cost to donate each package is \$15. Kim is asking for your help by sponsoring a package or two. Any donation you can make would be greatly appreciated. You would be helping those that are less fortunate at this time of giving. Please contact Kim at 413-538-5990 or mail your donation to 87 Paradise St., Chicopee, MA 01020. Thank you for your continued support.

THE CATHOLIC FEAST TABLE The Evangelization Committee invites you to view our Advent Feast Table displayed in the vestibule of the Church. By reflecting upon the meaning of each candle on the Advent Wreath we may experience a deeper sense of how to prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ.

PART TIME NURSE NEEDED St. Joan of Arc School is looking for a part time nurse, for one day a week, to work in conjunction with our current part time nurse. This is a paid position and very flexible. If you are a retired nurse, or looking for a part time job, this may be for you. Please call Miss Jenkins at 533-1475.

CHICOPEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS has openings for Crossing Guards, Bus Monitors and Paraprofessionals. Please apply @ 180 Broadway, Chicopee Falls, or call 594-3520 for additional information.

LORRAINE'S SOUP KITCHEN & PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Looking to give back to the community? Want community service opportunities? Interested in participating in rewarding actions for others? Volunteer! At Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry we have been serving the community for the past 30+ years, and, we are a local non profit serving low-income and homeless populations of Chicopee. Our motto: "*Feeding Friends, Saving Neighbors.*" The need is real and you can help. We are looking for volunteers to help in many different areas. If you are interested, please visit our website: Lorrainessoupkitchen.com, and check out the opportunities and fill out an application.

CATHOLIC LIFE CONFERENCE Coming **March 21, 2020** to the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield! The Catholic Life Conference is preparing a fabulous day for all Catholics in Western MA, men and women, young and old, alike. Featuring speakers Scott Hahn, Kimberly Hahn, Hudson Byblow and Trish Short plus a full children's program including the performance of the famously wacky duo, Pople. Conference cost is \$50.00 for adults and \$15 for students and children, with a household maximum of \$150.00 Register at www.catholiclifeconference.org or pick up a brochure (in the church) to mail in your check. Get ready for a day to fill you up and change you forever. If you have any questions, please call Dan Prats 478-8255.

ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL'S ANNUAL CAMPAIGN "Arc Angels Asking Assistance" is underway. It is off to a great start. Please consider a gift to help renovate the flourishing Pre-K program's equipment and supplies and to expand the program's STEM initiatives. All gifts are appreciated. Also, you can designate your gift for Tuition Assistance or Technology. Please mail your contributions to: SJA School, 587 Grattan St., Chicopee, MA 01020 or donate online @ www.sjachicopee.org.

K of C 4044 The Knights of Columbus are looking for Catholic men to share in the need to lead, protect, and serve. We are sons, fathers, husbands and grandfathers who come together to live the principles of our faith. As a member of the K of C, you get access to our top quality portfolio of financial products. Council 4044 participates in many charitable endeavors, to include our incredible Thanksgiving dinner. We also have wonderful events and programs for our members and their families to include: our Children's Christmas Party, Family Picnic, College Scholarship program and other fun activities in our private lounge. We also offer to our members and the public, great events such as our Western Night, New Year's Eve Party, Sweet Heart Dance and other various concerts. Interested? Call Steve Dubreuil, Chancellor of K of C Council 4044 at 413-250-1677 for more information.

THE SJA PTO, after two successful years we will be holding our **Savers FUNDrive** again next spring. Think of us when doing your fall or spring cleaning. We will be accepting clothing and other small household items at the school on **April 18th 2020** to raise money for the St. Joan of Arc PTO. -Sorry we cannot accept donations until the event. Please do not bring donations to the school or church until the day of this event. (No furniture or books.)

DOLLY AND FRIENDS PRESENTS: *All trips depart from the Family Moose Club Center, 244 Fuller Rd, Chicopee. Call Dolly 530-3813 to register. Your check for the required amount should be mailed to: Dolly Asselin, PO Box 1192, Chicopee, MA 01021-1192. Include name, address and phone # and meal choice if one is offered.*

COME TO THE TABLE OF PLENTY ~ FEED YOUR SOUL AT NOONTIME Are you in the downtown Springfield area at noontime? Take advantage of the St. Francis of Assisi Chapel for Mass, 254 Bridge Street, Springfield. Masses are celebrated **Tuesdays through Fridays at 12:05PM**. If you are looking for a little peace in the midst of a busy day, try spending Time with God and receive the Eucharist. You can feed your soul as well as your stomach on your lunch hour! Hope you can join us!

RELIGIOUS ED: We are in need of an 8th grade teacher for CCD. We train and the curriculum is supplied. If you're interested, please contact Cindee. Please consider sharing our faith with these wonderful students. Thank you.

2019 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL Walking in the footsteps of our risen Lord means we are putting "**Our Faith in Action.**" If you have not yet done so, there is still time to make a donation or pledge to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal and become the face of the Catholic Church to your neighbors in need. Your combined contributions reach the unborn, children at risk, the sick, the elderly, the dying across Western Mass. You help to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and clothe those in need. As of 9/13/19, **418 of our parish families have donated \$46,068.00** in cash and pledges. Thank you very much. You may remit a donation either through returning the ACA materials you received in the US Mail or on line at <http://givecentral.org/dosma>. We hope to surpass and are almost at last year's total of \$48,913. A sincere thank you to all who have already donated.

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY will be prayed every 2nd Sunday of the month at 3:00PM in Blessed Sacrament Church, 1945 Northampton St., Holyoke, MA. You are invited to come and bring your family and share in the love and mercy of Jesus by joining others in this devotion at Blessed Sacrament Church.

RACHEL VINEYARD RETREATS *If you are experiencing emotional or spiritual difficulties from a past abortion or abortions, you are not alone.* Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer you a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post- abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. For information, please call (413) 452-0661 or 516 457-2838. All calls are confidential / or, please visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION St. Rose de Lima offers First Friday Eucharistic Adoration following the 7AM Mass every First Friday of the month. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed for adoration until 3PM at which time the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed followed by the Blessed Sacrament Benediction. (If there is a School Mass or a Funeral Mass in the morning, the Blessed Sacrament is reposed until after the Mass when Adoration will again be available). All are invited to spend time before our Eucharistic Lord in prayer.

WANTED: WWII AND KOREAN VETS! A Day to remember, because we will never forget. Honor Flight New England Transports World War II and Korean War Veterans to see THEIR Memorial in Washington, DC at NO COST to those that served. **Honor Flight New England:** Contact us now for a Veteran application 603-518-5368 * www.honorflightnewengland.org

THE STE. ROSE de LIMA PARISH FAMILY COOKBOOK The cookbooks are available at the Pastoral Center. The cost is \$15.00 per cookbook. All proceeds benefit our new kitchen. Checks made payable to **Ste. Rose de Lima Church**. Thanks!

THERE'S A SCAM GOING AROUND Please be aware that your parish priest and all priests in the diocese **never** solicit funds via text messages or emails or phone calls that involve gift cards and, if you should receive any type of communication that seems suspicious, you should report it to your local police and to the parish office. Anyone asking for help via a gift card of any type should be viewed with suspicion. Be vigilant of these fake requests, do not comply.

HOSPITAL VISITS Please list your parish as St. Rose de Lima when being admitted to the hospital. If you wish a pastoral visit from Fr. Bill, or Deacon Michael during a hospital stay, please call the Pastoral Center 536-4558 to let us know. We are more than happy to visit you or your loved one but we need to be informed that you are there.

LECTIO DIVINA We meet on Mondays at **6:30PM** in the Pastoral Center. Lectio Divina (divine reading) is a way of studying the Bible through the careful reading and discussion of a Bible passage. New members always welcome. Please consider joining us and discovering a new way of reading the Gospels. It is recommended that you bring a notepad and pen.

COLLECTING 'BOX TOPS' FOR EDUCATION It's easy to find *Box Tops*. In fact, you may have some in your home right now. Clip Box Tops from your favorite products and turn them in to the collection box found in the church entrance, or drop them off at the Pastoral Center. Our Community Life Commission will see that the School gets them. Box Tops are each worth 10 cents and they add up fast. ALSO, **COLLECTING COCA-COLA CAPS** They're kind of like box tops and each one has a code and gives money to the school: SJA. Every Coke product has a code on the cap or fridge packs have a code on the inside of the box. Enter your codes online or bring them into school or church and we will make sure they get entered. You can put your donations of caps in the same box that we are collecting Boxtops. Thanks for taking the time and making the effort.

YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS for service at Sunday Mass. Because our new approach is "On the Job Training" our experienced servers are happy to mentor the new servers. If your daughter or son is interested in becoming an altar server, please encourage them. Speak to Fr. Bill or Deacon Mike after Mass or call the Pastoral Center 413-536-4558 Mon-Fri 9-5. The server must have made his/her First Communion to serve at the Altar.

MSGR. LEO LECLERC ENDOWMENT FUND Gifts to the St. Joan of Arc School's Msgr. Leo A. Leclerc Endowment Fund are accepted year round. Your gift is an investment in the educational and spiritual development of the students and maintain the building itself. The fund is used to perpetuate, partially support, and uphold the educational work of St. Joan of Arc School. Donations can be made online @ www.sjachicopee.org or mailed to SJA School, 587 Grattan St., Chicopee, MA 01020. Checks are made payable to The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield. Please note in the memo section: Msgr. Leo A. Leclerc Endowment. Thank you!

HEARTFELT MEALS from Ste. Rose de Lima has been delivering meals on the second Sunday of each month for over 10 years. We are in need of one permanent driver for the Doverbrook/Sheridan St. area. If we get two permanent drivers we will also expand to the Elms College area. This is a great group of people to work with who dedicate their time to prep work, cooking, clean up and driving. Do you have a couple of hours on the second Sunday of each month? To find out more about this worthy ministry, please call Gail Boone at 536-6038. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS ED Please remember, our 1st Communion program is a 2 year program, meaning we begin preparing in first grade and continue in second grade, receiving this important sacrament the end of second grade. Our Confirmation program is a three year preparation, meaning the students are required to attend CCD classes beginning as a freshman, continuing as a sophomore and completing as a junior, with the exception of students attending Pope Francis High School. Those students only need to attend classes during their junior year, which is when all juniors will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Any questions, please contact Cindee. Thank you!

ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL is pleased to announce a new tuition assistance fund specifically designated for graduates of St. Joan of Arc School attending Pope Francis High School. The SJA Tuition Assistance Fund has been created by an anonymous donor. Recipients will receive a \$1,000.00 award per year, all four years of attendance, for tuition assistance. We are grateful for the very generous gift that supports the continuation of Catholic education. Please contact the SJA Business Office 536-6038 to discuss the new program.

BIG Y EDUCATION EXPRESS St. Joan of Arc has joined the By Y Education Express! Please help us earn free equipment for our school. How? Sign up at bigy.com. If you already have an account, look for the Education Express icon and choose St. Joan of Arc School from the Chicopee Schools. If you do not have an account please click "Don't have a my Big Y Account" to create one. You need to fill in your name and Big Y card number. Then confirm your Big Y account information. Check "join Education Express and fill in your state, city and school. We know this is not always easy and appreciate each person who designates SJA School for their rewards.

CHURCH ENVELOPE PACKETS Several parishioners have asked about a **white envelope addressed to Ste. Rose de Lima Church** which is included in your monthly packet. Some parishioners choose to mail in their Parish support contribution for the entire month and use this envelope for their convenience. We thank you all for your continued support of our Parish!

STOP & SHOP A+ BONUS PROGRAM SJA School is once again participating in the Stop and Shop A+ School Rewards Program. If you already supported our school last year then there is no need to re-register for this school year. If you would like to register to help SJA School earn cash awards just for shopping at S&S please follow these directions: visit www.stopandshop.com and select Savings & Rewards. Follow the prompt to create your online account. You will need your 13-digit S&S card number, and the school ID #05332. Last June we received a check for \$1,092.77 from our Chicopee Stop & Stop store. We are using that money for cases of copy paper and to replace a couple of computers for teachers. Thank you!

ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL, 587 Grattan St., Chicopee. Kinder through Gr. 8. SJA students enjoy a friendly and secure classroom. The school has innovative offerings that include before and after school child care, free breakfast and lunch, accelerated computer classes, SuperKids Reading Program, physical education, music, "Class Buddies", IXL Math, foreign language lab, NJHS and free extracurricular activities. Financial Aid and tuition assistance available. Call Chris or Gail in the Business Office @ 536-6038 for registration information. Visit www.sjachicopee.org

SJA PRE-K Children must be four years old by September 1st. We offer two through five days. All days are full days. Our Pre-Kinder offers gym, music, "class buddies", free breakfast and lunch. Before and after school programs are available. For more information, visit www.sjachicopee.org or call 533-1475 and ask for Gail or Chris in the Business Office.

SPIRITUAL READING LIBRARY Several members of the Evangelization and Spiritual Life Committee have reorganized the Spiritual Reading Library located in the vestibule of the Church. Books have been updated and categorized for parishioners to take home, to read, and to return at their convenience. Also, if parishioners would like to donate books they may leave them on the table in the vestibule of the Church. The library will be updated as new books are received.

CUB SCOUT PACK 138 invites adult volunteers interested in participating in our activities to visit our website www.cubscoutpack138.com or email: cubscoutpackchicopee@yahoo.com for more information. Hope to hear from you soon

RESERVED PARKING FOR STAFF The Rectory Garage blacktop on Lafayette St. and the blacktop driveway at the Pastoral Center on Chapel St. is posted reserved parking for staff. Please allow us to come and go as the need calls. We understand parking is at a premium and we thank you for this courtesy.

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST to the Homebound are reminded to please go to the sacristy after Mass to get the Host rather than during Communion. (Per Diocesan directives).

LOOKING FOR A CATHOLIC GIFT SHOP? St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Northampton has a Gift Shop which is open on Friday and Saturday 11-2PM. The sales are from 10% - 50% off. They have an assortment of Religious and Baptismal items and much more. Take Hawley St., on to Phillips Pl., driveway entrance on the left. Visit www.saintelizabethannseton.net under Parish Life.

OUR PRAY AND KNIT GROUP is always in need of extra yarn. Do you have any unwanted skeins you'd like to share? We'll put them to good use. Thank you!

BOY SCOUT TROOP #138 would like to thank the Parish for their support of our fundraisers. If you need information about our Boy Scout Troop, please call T.J. Noonan 592-8156.

HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER OFFERINGS: You can always find the complete listing of Holy Family events on the retreat center's web page. <https://holyfamilyretreat.org/bulletin> www.holyfamilyretreat.org

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 --- Catered
Entrance until 6:30PM every Saturday - Elevator Available
Ste. Rose de Lima Church Hall -- 600 Grattan St -- Chicopee, MA -- 413-539-9259

Saturday
