

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time +++ July 05, 2020
Readings: Zechariah 9:9-10 + Romans 8:9, 11-13 + Matthew 11:25-30

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Jul 04- Saturday	4:00 PM Reynold & Bertha Goyette by Ruth & Rick Goyette
Jul 05 – Sunday	7:30 AM Richard Fugere by Jo Geissler & family
14 th Ordinary Sunday	9:00 AM Roland & Armand Chartier by the family 11:00 AM Venance “Pete” Plouffe (15 th Ann) by Donald & Jeannine 4:00 PM Suzanne Courchesne (1 st Ann) by Laura Jean Petitto-Scotti
Jul 06 – Monday	7:00 AM Stella & Roger Dupuis by the family
Jul 07 - Tuesday	7:00 AM Nelson Labrie (B'day rem) by his wife & family
Jul 08 – Wednesday	7:00 AM Juliette Thomas Demers by the family(Resked from 4/27/2020)
Jul 09 – Thursday	7:00 AM In honor of St. Joseph by Barbra Kuras (Resked from 3/16/2020)
Jul 10- Friday	7:00 AM The deceased members of the Grenier family by the family
Jul 11 – Saturday	4:00 PM Richard Fugere by Jo Geissler
Jul 12 – Sunday	7:30 AM Terry Tetreault by Gaytan & Monique Spooner
15 th Ordinary Sunday	9:00 AM P.J. Pelletier by Donald Demers & Lucille Peltier-Morin 11:00 AM Frank J. Stec (30 th Ann) by his children and grandchildren 4:00 PM Eamonn Gallagher (10 th Ann) by his parents

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 6/28/2020 \$7,090.00 ~~ Thank you for your support!

***JULY MEMORIALS: Hosts: In Loving Memory of Frank J. Stec by the family
Sanctuary Lamp: In Loving Memory of Trish Belisle by Rob Jolly***

***SJA BOOSTER CLUB Weekly drawing: 6/28/20 #31 Douglas Girouard
The current Booster Club will end on July 12, 2020. The Grand Prize Drawing
will be held at the Pastoral Center with members of the staff in attendance.
Winners will be announced in the bulletin printed on the Ste. Rose website.***

This is the final Booster Club to be held under the management of Peg and Gerry Girouard. The next Booster Club will begin once a new Manager comes forward. The SJA Booster Club is a valuable and necessary fundraiser towards the operation of our beloved SJA. Please consider this position and give Fr. Bill a call. Thank you!

A sincere and heartfelt thanks to Peg & Gerry for having maintained the Booster Club, a very important fundraiser for St. Joan of Arc School, for over 17 years. Their efforts have made a big financial difference for the School. We wish them a “Happy Retirement”! Thank you!

Fr. Bill's 16th Letter

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

Sacrificial Giving June 28, 2020.

The Sacrificial Offering for Sunday, June 28, 2020 was \$7,090.00. Thank you for your spiritual and financial support throughout the COVID 19 pandemic.

2020 Annual Catholic Appeal

As of June 25, 2020, 409 members of the parish have contributed \$48,715.00. The average contribution is \$119.00! Remember it is never too late to contribute to this year's campaign. All gifts, large or small, contribute to the charitable work of the diocese, including tuition assistance for students at St Joan of Arc School. If you have already contributed to this year's campaign – thank you! If you have yet to make your 2020 contribution you may do so at www.diospringfield.org. Be sure to click onto the 150th Anniversary Banner and give the name of your parish so that your gift will be included in the next update. Thank you!

Mass Attendance during the reopening phase of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

With a slow start, Mass attendance continues to rise. Remember, Mass attendance is not required at this time due to the pandemic. The Apostolic Administrator, Archbishop-elect of St. Louis, Mitchell T. Rozanski has offered the dispensation from Mass attendance throughout the COVID 19 pandemic. When you feel safe enough, then, and only then, ought you return to Mass for the celebration of the Eucharist.

The temporary “new normal”

For the time being, Ste. Rose de Lima's parishioners are adjusting to the temporary protocol of celebrating Mass during this pandemic. While it is agreed, that the method of receiving the Eucharist is not the best of practices, it nonetheless assists the parish to ensure social distancing not only for the reception of the Eucharist, but also allows a gradual egress from the church. Whenever it is deemed “safe” the usual method of receiving the Eucharist will resume. By that time, it may be difficult to retain some folks through the dismissal.

Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage, Confirmation

The sacraments are once again being celebrated, albeit with the new protocols of COVID 19. Baptisms are by appointment only with one family per celebration. Many brides and grooms have either re-scheduled their wedding date or have scaled back their plans and have chosen to keep their original date. The Apostolic Administrator, Mitchell T. Rozanski has granted permission to local pastors to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with their parish communities. As you are aware, these are unusual times. With that in mind, unusual permissions are being granted to keep the sacramental life of the Church moving forward.

The Liturgy of Christian Burial

Funeral Masses are being celebrated as the requests are made with protocols in place. These include: no placing of the funeral pall, readers, presentation of gifts, and eulogies from family members. Readings may be chosen by family members, however. The Ste. Rose de Lima church building is large enough to be able to maintain social distancing for 99% of all funeral liturgies. There is no limit of persons who can attend a graveside prayer service.

Ste. Rose de Lima Cemetery

With last week's severe weather, an aging tree fell victim as a major limb was spilt from the trunk of the tree. Upon inspection of the remaining tree, it was found to be rotted throughout. A tree service is being hired to clean-up the massive limb that fell and to cut down the remainder of the tree. If there are monuments that have been damaged because of the "act of nature," most home-owners insurance plans will cover any damages. The cemetery will begin the testing of all the older trees to learn as to their health. By being pro-active on learning the condition of the many trees in the cemetery, we can work to eliminate the threat of damage due to severe storms in the future.

The Judge Peter Velis Report

As disturbing as Judge Velis report is, how necessary it was that the investigation into the claims of clergy abuse against the deceased Christopher J. Weldon, Clarence Forand, and Edward Authier be conducted. These revelations (the report can be read in its entirety at www.diospringfield.org) will assist Mr. Jeffrey Trant, the new director of Safe Environment to bring transparency and credibility to an office of the Diocese that has been sorely lacking in those afore-mentioned areas for too many years. The Memorandum of Understanding agreed upon by the District Attorneys

of Western Massachusetts was also a major step forward in filing sexual abuse complaints by victims. Hopefully and prayerfully, the Velis report will be the spearhead needed to begin the process of restoring integrity and trust within the Diocese of Springfield. As previously mentioned, I serve on the Independent Task Force under the chairmanship of Judge Daniel Ford (ret) and Ms. Irene Woods. This I.T.F. is an eclectic group of individuals from different faith traditions and areas of expertise whose sole purpose is to construct a compassionate and transparent process of how to respond to future allegations of sexual abuse within the Church. It is the sole purpose of the I.T.F. to put ourselves “out of work” upon the successful completion of our task. The next meeting for the I.T.F. is July 8, 2020. It will be the first meeting since the announcement of Judge Peter Velis’ report.

And finally,

This weekend we celebrate the Fourth of July! For many, this year’s celebration will be tempered down due the pandemic. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is making great strides in containing the coronavirus while many states are experiencing incredible spread of COVID 19. While we celebrate the Fourth please continue to maintain safe practices: wear a mask, wash your hands often, and maintain social distancing as much as possible. Normally, I go to Cape Cod for a few days to spend time relaxing and enjoying my family. However, due to the virus, the Missionary Cooperative Plan has been cancelled this year. So, I will be here throughout the holiday weekend. I will use this opportunity to work on the many acknowledgements, that are so overdue, in recognition for the many gifts you bestowed on me with the “147 car parade celebration” of my 40th anniversary. I have not yet cashed any checks, please pardon me! Have a safe and fun filled Fourth of July Celebration!

With love and peace,

Fr. Bill

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Other Bulletin news:

MASS INTENTIONS that were missed due to the pandemic have been re-scheduled. Private Masses were not being celebrated during the complete shutdown phase. Continue to read the “on-line” bulletin below for details and please check the Mass schedule on the website to learn the Mass Intentions for the week.

2020 and 2021 MASS BOOKS Because of COVID-19 and the closing of Churches, scheduled and paid for Masses went unsaid from Saturday, 3/14/20 to Tuesday 5/26/20. That's a lot of Masses!! As you will notice in the coming "year" Re-scheduled Masses will be announced as (Re-sked and the date the original Mass was booked)

Weekday Masses were rescheduled in an "as need" fill in the 2020 book. Wherever there was an extra available open slot, a rescheduled Mass has been put in that place. Watch the on-line bulletin to see when these Weekday Masses are being said.

Weekend Masses on Saturdays and Sundays were harder to reschedule, as weekends were already filled. With Fr. Bill's permission, we have transferred them to the **same weekends from 2020 to 2021**. We had to make an exception for Easter which is not the same weekend next year, and that schedule is different.

Unpaid Masses were not rescheduled.

We hope most of you will be happy with this decision and we thank you for your understanding.

The 2021 Book is now available. The rescheduled Masses have taken precedence. They're probably Masses you would have booked for those dates anyhow. So check with us.

The offering for: Mass is \$10.00.

Also available:

Sanctuary Lamp for the month \$25.00 Hosts for the month \$35.00.

Bottled Water St. Joan of Arc School is in need of bottled water for the 2020-2021 school year. Due to school re-opening guidelines, students will not be able to use the school's water fountains. If you can donate a case of water, please make an appointment for drop-off. Call the SJA School office 533-1475. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Santa's Workshop At this time, St. Joan of Arc School will **not** be collecting gently used or good condition items for the School's Annual Santa's Workshop. Please donate your items to the SAVERS FUNDrive to be held in the Trilby St. School yard on September 19, 2020. Thank you!

Remember the SAVERS FUNDrive? Well, it's back on and scheduled now for Saturday, September 19, 2020. So please hold on to all the items you were planning on donating for just a little bit longer. September will be here before you know it.