

*Ste. Rose de Lima Church, 600 Grattan St., Chicopee, MA*  
*Tel. 413-536-4558 ~~~~~ Pastor: Rev. William A. Tourigny*

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***Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time + January 31, 2021***

***Readings: + Deuteronomy 18:15-20 +1 Corinthians 7:32-35 +Mark 1:21-28***

***STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK***

<b>Jan 30 – Saturday</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b> Maria Ramos Martin (1 <sup>st</sup> Ann) by Darlene Proulx
<b>Jan 31 – Sunday</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b> Nelson Labrie (Wdg Ann rem) by his wife, Theresa & family
<b>Fourth Ordinary Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> Lillian Murray by her family
	<b>11:00 AM</b> Frank Stec (31 <sup>st</sup> B'day rem) by his loving family
	<b>4:00 PM</b> Robert Boucher (15 <sup>th</sup> Ann) by the family
<b>Feb 01 – Monday</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b> Norman Landry by Simone LaScala
<b>Feb 02 - Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b> Gisele Dufort by Martha Paul
<b>Feb 03 – Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b> Della Lussier by her children & grandchildren
<b>Feb 04 – Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b> Nelson Labrie by Jo-Anne & Peggy
<b>Feb 05 - Friday</b>	<b>7:00 AM</b> Marietta Chapdelaine by Joseph & Sarah Florek
<b>Feb 06 – Saturday</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b> Doris Brodeur by Janice Kapper
<b>Feb 07 – Sunday</b>	<b>7:30 AM</b> Ronald & Doris Berthiaume by their estate
<b>Fifth Ordinary Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> Jeannette Jacques by the Bienvenue family
	<b>11:00 AM</b> Paul E. Samson by Julie Dupuis
	<b>4:00 PM</b> Yvette Pothier by her husband & children

***PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 1/24/21 Offertory \$6,658.00 ~~~ Thank you!***

***SJA BOOSTER CLUB*** Winner for 1/24/2021 #97 Daniel Roy.

***FEBRUARY MEMORIALS: HOSTS*** in Loving Memory of Umberto Manno & the Manno family by the family

***THE ST. ROSE MEMORIAL FUND*** is grateful for the following gifts in Loving Memory of: Deacon Leo Bergeron \$20.00; Jeanne Gendron \$25.00 Pauline Godin \$775.00; and Sam Landry \$25.00. Thank you very much!

***PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS*** the souls and families of Lorena Vyce; Shirley Scoville; Elaine Forest; Sr. Eleanor Dooley, ssj; and Sr. Janice Molloy, ssj. May they rest in God's eternal peace!

***Dear Parishioner...Around & About Ste. Rose,***  
***The Sacrificial Offering***

The Sunday, January 24, 2021 sacrificial offering was \$6,658.00. Thank you for your financial support as this pandemic continues to wreak havoc with every aspect of our lives. Let us pray that all persons will be socially responsible and make appointments to get vaccinated when your "phase group" is available.

Each person has the moral and ethical obligation to assist in the battle against the coronavirus. The pandemic can become "history", as more people get vaccinated.

### **St Blaise Day is February 3, 2021**

St. Blaise Day is the traditional day of the blessing of throats. Normally, the blessing of throats occurs on the Sunday following February 3<sup>rd</sup>. This year, due to the pandemic, the blessing of throats will be offered; however, it will simply be imposed from “the chair” to the general assembly. The “unlit” crossed candles with an individual blessing is not allowed this year. We will offer the blessing of the throats on the weekend of February 6 & 7 at all the Masses.

### **Souper Bowl Sunday is February 7<sup>th</sup>**

Again, hunger never goes away! During this pandemic even more families are lacking “food security.” Due to the pandemic the parish is not able to collect funds for SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY in the usual manner. The collection of food items is a bit more challenging as well. Therefore, the parish encourages the members to remember the on-going need to fund *Lorraine’s Soup Kitchen*. If you wish to contribute, please place either a cash donation in a plain envelope or write a check to *Lorraine’s Soup Kitchen* and insert the check in a plain envelope. On the envelope, please write **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**. All cash will be converted to a check for *LSK* and be delivered to the kitchen with the checks. In advance, I thank you in the name of the *SOUPER BOWL INITIATIVE* for your generous support especially during this pandemic.

### **Ash Wednesday is February 17<sup>th</sup>**

The celebration of Ash Wednesday will be as always, with one exception: the ashes will be administered to each person in silence. Here is the instruction from the Office of Divine Worship:

*After blessing the ashes and sprinkling them with holy water in silence, the priest addresses those present, reciting once the formula found in the Roman Missal:*

***“Repent, and believe in the Gospel”***

*or*

***“Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return”.***

*At that point, the note continues, the priest “cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask, and distributes ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places.”*

*He then sprinkles the ashes on each person’s head “without saying anything.”*

The idea here is for minimal touch and not to speak so closely to each person. As is the custom, individual “baggies” will be prepared to bring home ashes to those who wish to receive ashes either due to being either infirmed or in isolation.

As you present yourself for the reception of ashes please keep socially distant, keep the mask on your face, and return to the pew by the side aisles.

**Masses will be as follows: 7:00AM - 9:00AM and 6:30PM on Ash Wednesday.**  
There is no vigil for Ash Wednesday, it is supposed to be Mardi Gras!!!!

***And finally,***

*I continue to serve on the Independent Task force for the Diocese of Springfield. As the ITF moves forward with compiled responses from the diocesan wide survey, procedures and practices are in the process of being formulated for presentation to Bishop William Byrne. One of the many “steps forward” is the Memorandum of Understanding with the District Attorneys in Western Massachusetts. This MOU unanimously adopted means: should any allegation be made about sexual abuse by a priest, deacon, or an employee of the diocese, the diocese will immediately report the allegation to the appropriate DA. The DA’s Office will open the investigation without any input from the diocese, except to make the report. The DA’s Office will have a 90- day window of opportunity to determine if there is a criminal aspect to the allegation. If so, the DA’s Office will proceed with prosecution. If after the 90- day investigation it was determined that there was no criminal act, the allegation will be dropped from a “criminal” status and then the Review Board of the diocese will begin its own investigation to determine if the allegation has “credibility.” If so, the Review Board will determine if the priest, deacon, or employee was guilty of inappropriate behavior towards either a minor or a vulnerable person.*

*Secondly, the accused will be removed from public ministry until the conclusion as to whether the allegation is either criminal (from the DA’s Office) or credible (by the Review Board.) Being removed from ministry does not imply guilt on the part of the accused. If the allegation is found to be not credible, the “accused” will be restored to rightful ministry. Otherwise, the accused will be permanently removed from public ministry.*

*Hopefully this will assist the people of the diocese in knowing that the diocese is seeking true transparency and begin to end “the secrecy” which has been associated with this issue in the Church.*

*Peace and Love,  
**Fr. Bill***

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***HOMEWORK HOUSE*** is offering free virtual after school tutoring services to elementary school children in need of extra academic support. Students in Holyoke as well as surrounding communities can take advantage of this individualized support at no cost. This service will be provided for students in 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. All tutoring is provided in a safe virtual environment with qualified tutors. To make an appointment for tutoring, or for more information about the program, please visit [HomeworkHouseHolyoke.org](http://HomeworkHouseHolyoke.org), contact Angel Coriano, Director of Programs at 413-887-2012, or email him at [acoriano@homeworkhouseholyoke.org](mailto:acoriano@homeworkhouseholyoke.org).

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**FOCUS:** *Those who witness Jesus' authority and healing power are amazed.*

In today's Gospel account of Jesus entering Capernaum, those who heard his teaching and witnessed him drive out an unclean spirit are astonished. Their amazement is due to the authority of Christ, who is God himself. Are we, too, in awe at the work of God in our lives?

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Moses tells the people that God will raise up a prophet and put his own words in the prophet's mouth. This prophet will speak all that God commands him to. Saint Paul encourages the Corinthians to be free from anxieties and be *without distraction* so that they may be fully devoted to the Lord. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches in a synagogue in Capernaum. As he speaks, and as he drives out an unclean spirit, the crowd is *amazed* by his authority.

From the Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary

### DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD Office of the Bishop

Dear Parishioners,

On the weekend of February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, we will be taking up a special collection for the **Seminarian-Vocation Fund**. This collection will be for the education and care of our future seminarians. These men leave everything to follow Christ, like the apostles, dedicating their lives to the Church. Please keep each of them in your prayers.

Your prayers and financial support help to make possible the education and training these seminarians need to be men of deep prayer, dedicated shepherds of parishes, tireless ministers of the sacraments, and strong teachers of our Catholic faith. Contributions towards our **Seminarian-Vocation Fund** will make a significant impact on each seminarian. Funds collected through this special collection help to defray the cost of expenses for formation and seminary education such as tuition and fees, room and board, and health insurance for each seminarian. The cost for our young men studying at a seminary is approximately \$90 per day; this amounts to \$2,700 per month per seminarian. This fund is also used when needs arise for them such as medical bills and car repairs so they can travel to their pastoral assignments. This fund is used solely for seminarians of the Diocese of Springfield. I ask you, humbly, to consider making a donation – an investment in the future of our diocese.

On behalf of our current and our future seminarians, I thank you for your generosity. May God continue to bless you abundantly. Please be assured of my daily prayers and I ask for yours in return.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
+Most Reverend William D. Byrne  
Bishop of Springfield

**An Act of Spiritual Communion: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**