

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

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time +++ February 14, 2021

Readings: + Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 +1 Corinthians 10:31-11-1 +Mark 1:40-45

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK	
Feb 13 – Saturday	4:00 PM Sheila Tipton by her daughters, Mary & Faith
Feb 14 – Sunday	7:30 AM The Souls in Purgatory by a parishioner
Sixth Ordinary Sunday	9:00 AM Umberto Manno by Angelina Manno & family 11:00 AM Msgr. Leo Leclerc (B'day rem) by the DiSanti & Stec families 4:00 PM Albert Arpin (14 th Ann) by Doris & family
Feb 15– Monday	7:00 AM Helen Osetek by Louise & Edward Osetek
Feb 16 - Tuesday	7:00 AM John Zwiercan (1 st Ann) by daughter, Kathy Krzystofik ASHES DISTRIBUTED DURING THESE ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES
Feb 17 – Wednesday	<u>7:00 AM</u> Josephine & Hector Girouard by Jeannette
Ash Wednesday	<u>9:00 AM</u> Florestine Belanger by her estate <u>6:30 PM</u> Ronald & Doris Berthiaume by their estate
Feb 18 – Thursday	7:00 AM Anita Barillari by Real & Maria Mercier
Feb 19 - Friday	7:00 AM Shirley Scoville by Cindee, Nancy & Diane
Feb 20 – Saturday	4:00 PM Sylvio Carrier (25 th Ann) by his family
Feb 21 – Sunday	7:30 AM Marietta Chapdelaine by Mildred Chapdelaine
First Sunday of Lent	9:00 AM Jeannette & Henry Labonte (Ann rem) by their daughter, Denise 11:00 AM For the intentions of Fr. Bill (B'day) the DiSanti & Stec families 4:00 PM Denise Picard by her daughter, Lisa & Jim

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 2/7/21 Offertory \$9,452.00 ~~~ Thank you!

SJA BOOSTER CLUB Winner for 2/7/2021 #95 Bob & Darlene Desrosiers

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the souls and families of Brenda Wilk and Yvon Dion. May they rest in God's eternal peace!

THE STE. ROSE MEMORIAL FUND is grateful for the following gifts in Loving Memory of: Les Fournier \$40; and Pauline Godin \$300. Thank you very much!

THE SJA MEMORIAL FUND is grateful for the following gifts in Loving Memory of: Theresa Kendra \$80; Luke Lessard \$170; Norman Landry \$80; and Denis Chabot \$50. Thank you very much!

THE REV. FRANCIS SHANNON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are now available to members of Ste. Rose de Lima Parish high school graduates or college students who wish to further their education. The applications are available at the Ste. Rose de Lima Pastoral Center or from Mary Rider, Chairperson at 413-533-2437. The Scholarship is a one-time grant. Completed applications must be returned to the Chairperson by May 15, 2021 with an official transcript of high school or college grades and a letter from their Pastor stating that the applicant is an active and

participating member of the parish. Students who are former members of St. Mary's Parish in Willimansett and were enrolled in their CCD program at the time the church was closed may also apply.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 17TH.

Ashes will be administered to each person in silence during the Masses of the day at 7AM – 9AM and 6:30PM.

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.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

- 1) Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat as well as days of fast, when only one full meal is allowed. +On days of fast two other meatless meals may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal.
- 2) The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.
- 3) The obligation to abstain from meat begins at fourteen (14) years of age.
- 4) The obligation to fast begins at eighteen (18) years of age and ends at fifty-nine (59) years of age.
- 5) Although the faithful may excuse themselves for a just cause from these laws of fast and abstinence, there is an obligation to substitute another penance and no Catholic should lightly excuse himself/herself from this obligation in the Lenten season.

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

February 2021

Dear Friends in Christ:

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on February 17, 2021.

A visible sign of our Lenten practices comes on Ash Wednesday when ashes mark the faithful with an outward sign of our frail human nature, with the words, “Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return.” This year, because of COVID limitations, ashes will not be applied to the forehead, but rather, sprinkled over the head of the faithful, thus avoiding close physical contact. The practices of fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, as well as abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and all of the Fridays of Lent are outward signs of the work we seek to do during Lent: to make our interior dispositions more of what Christ would have us be. The acts of almsgiving and self-sacrifice help us to grow in our understanding of all God has done for us. A special undertaking can be Operation Rice Bowl, a sacrifice by each of us for those who never have a full meal.

History indicates that in the Diocese of Springfield Lenten Penance services have been beacons of light for Catholics returning to the practice of their faith through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I am grateful for your ministry of healing, particularly for those who have felt hurt by the Church in any way. At this time of global pandemic, our Lenten activities of Reconciliation and gathering will look and feel different. As we navigate the coming days, let us be aware of the many ways in which we can provide healing to our Catholic family.

Please refer to the enclosed guidelines for Lenten practices as they pertain to fasting, abstinence and almsgiving.

May this Lent be a time of growth in our relationship with Christ and with others, and may we find ourselves in a more meaningful and intentional relationship with our God.

With every best wish,

In Christ,
+Most Reverend William D. Byrne
Bishop of Springfield

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS: *Let us turn to Christ today to heal our wounds.*

Jesus enters into our spiritual and physical suffering with his mercy to heal our separation from God and draw us back into the relationship for which we are made. The leper’s faith can lead us also to confidently seek Christ out today. Jesus, the eternal Word of God, draws near to us to heal us of every wound.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

The Lord gives instructions to Moses and Aaron for how to deal with leprosy. In the second reading, Paul encourages the Corinthians to do everything for the glory of God. In the Gospel, a leper asks Jesus to make him clean, and after he is made so he then begins *to publicize the whole matter.*

From the Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION 2021

Lent is a sacred time to renew our hearts and to be nourished inwardly by the Word of God. The Lenten Day of Reflection focuses on *Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter*. Participants will be offered suggestions on how to use this resource to help them to reflect on our covenant relationship with *God, Creation, and Neighbor* in a time of overwhelming anxiety, conflict, division, uncertainty, and unrest in our world. Participants will have an opportunity to work with a scripture passage and share insights on how to live in right relationship with *God, Creation and Neighbor*.

FACILITATORS:

Fr. Warren J. Savage is the Director and Catholic Chaplain at the Albert and Amelia Ferst Interfaith Center, Westfield State University; Instructor, Diocesan Permanent Diaconate Formation Program; Chairperson of the Committee for the Continuing Education, formation and Support of Clergy; Member of the Presbyteral Council; member of Spiritual Directors International, The Academy of Homiletics, and the Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality.

Mary Keator, PhD. Is a Visiting Lecturer in the English Department at Westfield State University, Westfield, MA, a member of Spiritual directors International, Contemplative Mind in Society, a registered yoga teacher, Reiki Master, and the author of *Lectio Divina as Contemplative Pedagogy* (Routledge 2018).

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION LOCATION, DATES & TIME:

+Online via the DeCice Hall Zoom meeting Room

+Saturday: **February 20, 2021**

+Lenten Day of Reflection 10:00AM-12:00PM. Zoom meeting admission 9:30-10:00AM.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION AND FEE

+Zoom Registration link: You are invited to a Zoom meeting—Lenten Day of Reflection 2021.

When: Feb 20, 2021 10:00AM-noon Eastern Time (US and Canada).

Register in advance for this meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpd-2oqDgpGd1/O6aE8O4Qjkq-mLNfMVml>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

+**The day is free.** You can make a free-will offering. Mail your check payable to **Westfield State Foundation, Inc. and write in the memo section: St. Vincent de Paul Fund** and mail to Fr. Warren J. Savage, Albert and Amelia Ferst Interfaith Center, PO Box 1630, Westfield, MA 01086-1630

+**Inquiries:** Sr. Chris Clark, DHM at email decice.hall@gmail.com and cell (413) 687-1858

REQUIRED RESOURCE: registrants will receive a Zoom best practices guide, and a worksheet for the day of reflection via email. *Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter* by Rev. Warren J. Savage and Mary Ann McSweeney *Mindful Meditations for Every Day of Lent and Easter: years A, B, and C: Savage, Rev. Warren, McSweeney, Mary: 9780764819698:Amazon.com:Book, The Catholic Study Bible (NABR) or the New Revised Study Version (NRSV)* are recommended for the day of reflection

O.L. BLESSED SACRAMENT WESTFIELD VIRTUAL LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES

This year the Speaker Series will be 'virtual,' available on YouTube, with a great line-up of speakers – beginning with our new **Bishop William Byrne!** Our theme for this year's Speaker Series is: '**KEEPING FAITH DURING THE PANDEMIC - GOD'S GOT THIS!**' *An opportunity to find the blessings during this challenging time of the Pandemic, with our eyes set on Easter Joy!* Other speakers will include author, speaker, radio show host – **Gary Zimak** - who will touch on many themes of his book - '*Give Up Worry for Lent*' (available through the OLBS Parish Office for \$10.00). Additional speakers include - **Sr. Bethany Madonna, Fr. Mike Schmitz, April Helenek, and Fr. Chris Alar.** Join us each **Wednesday of Lent, beginning February 24 through March 31, at 6:30 pm,** or watch the video any time after that on YouTube. There is no cost for this Series! **Options to access the Series online: (1) Go to Youtube.com and type in the search field 'OLBS Westfield Lent' or (2) Go to either diospringfield.org OR diospringfield.org/olbs and click on the link.** For additional information, contact the OLBS Parish Office at 413-562-3450.

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.

Happy Valentine's Day!