

Second Sunday of Lent

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March 13, 2022

Readings: + Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 + Philippians 3:17-4:1 + Luke 9:28b-36

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mar 12 – Saturday	4:00 PM Patrick Justice by his mother, Lorraine
Mar 13 – Sunday	7:30 AM Yvette M. Rossi (B'day rem) by David & Kim Rossi
Second Sunday of Lent	9:00 AM Charlie Popp & Paul Hogan by friends
	11:00 AM Lou Brunetti (3 rd Ann) by Linda DiSanti
	4:00 PM Fay Gaspari by her daughter, Linda
Mar 14– Monday	7:00 AM Umberto Manno by Angelina & family
Mar 15 - Tuesday	7:00 AM Jean George Boule by his wife & family
Mar 16 – Wednesday	7:00 AM Norman “Pete” Ruel (B'day rem) by David & Kim Rossi
Mar 17 – Thursday	7:00 AM The Bourgeault family by Rita & family
Mar 18 – Friday	7:00 AM Roland Lussier (B'day) by Normand & Denise
Mar 19 – Saturday	4:00 PM Pauline Leblond (6 th Ann) by her daughter, Joanne
Mar 20 – Sunday	7:30 AM Lionel & Therese Lemieux by their daughter, Susan
Third Sunday of Lent	9:00 AM Lionel Remillard by his wife & daughter
	11:00 AM Marie Ramsdell by David Rosinski
	4:00 PM Mr. & Mrs. James Garvey by their family

BINGO 3/12/2022 Team 1

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 3/06/2022 Offertory: \$10,058.00 Thank you!

SJA BOOSTER CLUB 3/06/2022 #107 Jackie Reardon

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS The souls and families of: Shirley Boisvert Picard and Margaret Collamore (mother of Eileen Trznadel). May they and all the souls of our faithful departed rest in God's eternal peace.

MARCH MEMORIALS: Hosts: In Honor of St. Jude for prayers answered by the Ruell & Dulong family.

Sanctuary Lamp: In Loving Memory of James Thomas Tucker and Victor & Novia Geoffroy by Anita & family.

THANK YOU! Who won The **Souper Bowl of Caring? The hungry among us did!** Thanks to your overwhelming generosity, during this time of need, and to those St. Joan of Arc Students, religious ed. students and members of the parish Boy Scout Troop, who volunteered to accept your donations, after Masses on and after **Souper Bowl Weekend, YOU** contributed a **whopping \$4,734.00, including 1,034. lbs, of food (counted as \$1.00/lb. during the St. Joan of Arc Catholic Schools Week food collection)** All donations have been forwarded to Lorraine's Soup Kitchen and Pantry to support its mission to "feed the hungry", in the greater Chicopee area. For your generous response to this call to action, we can only add "**Yay team Ste. Rose**" - **The Souper Bowl coaching staff.**

WALK the path through Lent to Easter Sunday with Jesus. Join us for the **Stations of the Cross on Friday** nights at 6:00PM in Church. Together we will journey along Christ's path toward resurrection and the forgiveness of sin.

REV. FRANCIS SHANNON SCHOLARSHIP. Applications for the Rev. Francis Shannon Scholarship are now available to members of Ste. Rose de Lima Parish. High School graduates or college students who wish to further their education may apply. 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, 2022** 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.

THE FRANCO-AMERICAN WOMEN' ASSOC. will meet on **Thursday, March 24th** in the Ste. Rose de Lima Parish hall. Please note new time **6:30 PM**. The Chairpersons for the April 28, 2022 Scholarship SOCIAL and CARD PARTY will meet after the meeting. **Yes, we're back!!!** Tickets for the Card Party will be distributed at the meeting and will be available from all members. Merit Award applications will be available for children and grandchildren of members. We're accepting new members, Ladies of French & French-Canadian heritage, come see what we're about. Refreshments will be served.

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL "Transformed in Christ" The theme for the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, calls on us to be inspired by the Holy Eucharist to live the Gospel. The ACA is the major source of funding for all the work of the Diocese of Springfield: through vital ministries, faith formation, education, and community agencies. When you financially support the ACA, your gift serves our neighbors in need, helps women and families in crisis, respects life from conception until natural death, and fosters vocations to ensure the future of our Catholic faith. If you have made a donation, thank you for helping us to meet our goal. There is still time to contribute using the pledge card mailed to your home, through the secure online website: diospringfield.org/ACA, or using an envelope available at church. Thank you for your support.

WE'RE GRATEFUL to Renelle Bonavita for administering the Covid testing on Wednesdays at the Pastoral Center while there was a need. Thank you Renelle for having chaired this program.

SYNOD 2021-2023 How are we journeying together? What would you tell Pope Francis? What would you tell Bishop Byrne? Pope Francis has invited the universal Catholic Church to gather and reflect on communion, participation, and mission within the Church and society at large. Join your neighbors and parishioners here in western Massachusetts in this consultation and dialogue process. Sessions will be held throughout the diocese during March and April. Volunteers are needed to help organize and facilitate! Contact the diocesan Synod Team at synod@diospringfield.org or by calling 413-452-0571. Complete information including scheduled consultations can be found at www.diospringfield.org/synod

K of C COUNCIL 4044 on Memorial Drive, ANNOUNCES UPCOMING EVENTS:

+SCROD DINNER IN THE LOUNGE will be held on **Friday, March 25th**. The cost is \$12.00 and consists of baked scrod, rice pilaf, and cooked carrots. There will be meals prepared for take-out orders as well. In order to know how much to prepare, tickets need to be purchased in advance in the lounge from the bartender on Friday and Saturday evenings or at the Castle office during the week.

+SPAGHETTI SUPPERS are back! 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.

LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES AT OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT -- Wednesdays during the month of March at 6:30PM. Join us for *The Eucharist: The Real Presence of Jesus*, the 2022 Lenten Speaker Series at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, 127 Holyoke Road, Westfield. The second presentation of this series will be held the evening of **March 16** and will feature inspiring witness talks given by **Fr. Paul Norman, Hayden Cowart and Tim Murphy**. On **March 23** our speaker will be **Master Chief Edward Byers Jr., Navy Seal and Medal of Honor Recipient**, who will tell of the events in his time in Afghanistan, which led to his being awarded the Medal of Honor, and his devotion to St. Michael, and to the Eucharist. Master Chief Byers is a member of the Knights of Columbus. All Veterans and Knights of Columbus members are especially invited to attend this evening. The series will wrap up on **March 30** with a talk by **Eileen Wood**, as well as a display, on **Eucharistic Miracles**. This Series is not to be missed!

BETHLEHEM HOUSE is in need of donations of baby items or cash. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please go to bethlehehousewma.org for instructions on how to make these donations.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE As we enter the Season of Lent, we are also entering the time for the 40 Days for Life Campaign. As a church we will engage in different Pro-life activities. Watch for announcements for them in the church bulletin and on the various bulletin boards throughout the church. If you have questions, please see Jane Fortin or Deacon Mike.

SAVE THE DATE! The SJA PTO will be holding our **Savers FUNDrive** again this Spring. Think of us when doing your spring cleaning. We will be accepting bags of gently used clothes, bath, and linen items at the Ste. Rose Rectory on **April 23, 2022 (9-12)** to raise money for St Joan of Arc School. (No furniture or books) *More details to follow*.

STE. ROSE DE LIMA GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP is for people who have experienced the loss of a spouse, partner, family member or friend. All are welcome! Join us at the Ste. Rose de Lima Pastoral Center, We meet every Monday except major holidays from 6:00-7:00PM. Moderators are Madelyn Korytko formerly of the Mercy Medical Ctr. Grief Group and Peggy Constant, Pastoral Minister.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FOCUS: *The Lord is my light and my salvation ---- whom should I fear?* The psalmist writes that his heart speaks of him, and his eyes look for him. The Lord is his helper who awaits him in the land of the living where he shall see his bounty. This psalm of praise complements each of our readings today: in the promise to Abraham, the words of Saint Paul, and the shining vision of Christ's glorified body. All of these Scriptures witness to the Good News we have been given, that the Lord is indeed our refuge and we have nothing to fear.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: The Lord promises Abram descendants, numerous as the stars, and then makes a covenant with him in which certain land will be given to his descendants. In the second reading, Saint Paul writes that *our citizenship is in heaven*, encouraging his listeners to stand firm in Christ. In the Gospel Jesus is transfigured, revealing his glory to Peter, John, and James.

Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary

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.

HARMONY HOUSE OF WESTERN MASS. is preparing to reopen after completing their new home renovation in Chicopee. Harmony House is always in need of volunteers to support their mission of providing a loving home with compassionate care for the terminally ill. Renovation and construction have continued over the last two years for the beautiful new home which is close to completion. A **Volunteer Recruitment event** has been scheduled for **Tuesday, March 22, 2022 from 4:00-6:00 pm at 66 View Street in Chicopee** to give previous and potential new volunteers an opportunity to visit the home, discuss options with staff and management, and sign up to volunteer. We are in need of direct care personnel, office administration, cleaning, gardening, and general help. A volunteer application is available on the website at www.harmonyhousewma.org. Harmony House is a local, non-profit organization whose mission is to provide a loving home providing compassionate care for the terminally ill who have limited or no resources for special care in their final stages of life. Harmony House is primarily staffed by trained volunteers including licensed nurses, caregivers, companions, and others. **If interested in learning more or becoming a volunteer, please contact Harmony House at 413-315-9784 or by email at harmonyhousewma@gmail.com.**

ONGOING ON Thursday evenings for five weeks during Lent A NEW BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST. The Mass is nothing short of amazing. Through it, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible as we hear him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and as we receive him Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. In his video-based study "*A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*", Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. **JOIN US** for "*A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*" **at Ste. Rose de Lima downstairs in the church hall began March 3rd from 6:30-8:30 PM and continues every Thursday until 3/31.** Each participant receives a study set that includes book, workbook, and online access for \$26.95. For info or to register for the study, call Julie Prats 413-626-2925 or Deacon Dan Prats at 413-478-8255.

THE 2022 MASS BOOK has openings. The offering for a Mass is \$10.00. There are still plenty of weekday Masses remaining for 2022.

COFFEE AND DONUTS WILL BE SERVED following the 9:00 AM Mass this Sunday. If you're interested in helping serve coffee and donuts once a month, please speak to one of today's servers or call the Pastoral Center 413-536-4558. Thanks! **PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND** A pilgrimage to the

Holy Land is planned for May 8 – 19, 2022. Msgr. Yargeau, Deacon Nolan and Deacon DeCarlo will be with us. For more information, call Helen Shea Murphy at 413-824-8733.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD IS HELD ON SUNDAYS at the 9:00AM Mass . This Liturgy of the Word presentation is specifically geared toward young children to assist them in developing a love for the Word of God proclaimed at Sunday Mass. Facilitated by our DRE, Cindee Gagnon.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023 DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD TRIP TO WORLD YOUTH DAY HAS NOW OPENED. Our official pilgrimage to Fatima and Lisbon Portugal for World Youth Day will take place July 28 to August 8, 2023 and is an incredible opportunity for youth and young adults (ages 18-35 in 2023) to encounter Christ with several million youth from around the world who share their faith. For more information, to watch the recording of the November 16 virtual info session, or to register, go to: <https://www.youngandcatholic.org/get-involved/worldyouthday>

PINK ENVELOPE FOR SJA SCHOOL SUPPORT On the third weekend of the month, the second collection (*the pink envelope*) is for the benefit of St. Joan of Arc School. The bookkeeping and banking of this collection has changed; therefore, it's important to ask that checks be made payable to St. Joan of Arc School. The bank will only process checks made payable to SJA. In advance, your cooperation is appreciated. Your ongoing generosity to SJA School is impressive and is also appreciated

PRO-LIFE We now have a bulletin board and table in the vestibule of the church that is dedicated to Pro-Life issues. The bulletin board will provide you with Pro-Life issues and events. The table will offer Pro-Life pamphlets and other informational materials. Please stop and read about the concerns of the Church and essential information regarding this very important issue. For more information, please contact Deacon Mike at 536-4558 or see Jane Fortin.

MARCH 29, 2022: TWIN HILL COUNTRY CLUB, LONGMEADOW, MA *The Miracle of Life Banquet* is Clearway Clinic's annual fundraising event. Clearway Clinic is a faith-based nonprofit committed to rescuing men, women and children from abortion and abortion trauma. 100% of banquet donations go to supporting the life-saving work of the clinic. The keynote speaker for this year's event is **Ben Watson, Retired NFL New England Patriots Tight End and Pro-Life Champion**. In addition to being a retired NFL pro, Ben is a husband, father of seven children, a man of faith, a commentator, and an outspoken advocate for the sanctity of life. Tickets are available on-line for the "life-saving" event: www.clearwayclinic.com

GIRL SCOUTING Girls from kindergarten through high school are encouraged to join us. Adults interested in volunteering with Girl Scouting are also invited to contact GirlScoutsofChicopee@gmail.com for info.

CUB SCOUT RECRUITMENT We are welcoming new members to our Cub Scout Pack held here at St. Rose de Lima. We have begun meeting again safely after a break due to the pandemic. We welcome families to check out scouting for your youngster/s ages 5-10 or K through Grade 5. If you're interested, the best way to reach the Chicopee Scouting team is by email. Please email us at cubscoutpackchicopee@yahoo.com and we'll get back to you. Thank you and welcome to Scouting.

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.

40 HOUR DEVOTION SCHEDULE FOR 2022 FOR THE SPRINGFIELD DIOCESE

March 31-April 3, Saint Francis of Assisi, Belchertown

May 5-8, Saint John Paul II, Adams

June 2-5, Our Lady of the Valley, Easthampton

June 30-July 3, Marian Fathers, Stockbridge

August 4-7, Saint Stanislaus Basilica, Chicopee

September 1-4, Saint Mary's, Ware