

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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March 27, 2022

Readings: + Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 + 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 + Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Mar 26 – Saturday	4:00 PM Gracindo Carvalho by Noel & Elizabeth Carvalho
Mar 27 – Sunday	7:30 AM Darlene Desrosiers by John & Linda Manno and family
Fourth Sunday of Lent	9:00 AM Rena Cote by her family
	11:00 AM Susan Pronovost (1 st Ann) by Denise & family
	4:00 PM Raymond Hamel by his children
Mar 28– Monday	7:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
Mar 29 - Tuesday	7:00 AM Souls in Purgatory
Mar 30 – Wednesday	7:00 AM Elena Cortez by Cris Boucher
Mar 31 – Thursday	7:00 AM Richard Fugere (B'day rem) by his Mom & Dad
Apr 01 – Friday	7:00 AM Janet Bergeron by her family
	9:00 AM School Mass: Ronald & Doris Berthiaume by their estate
Apr 02 – Saturday	4:00 PM Lucien C. Verdon (17 th Ann) by Robert & Claire Raina
Apr 03 – Sunday	7:30 AM Craig Asselin by Mr. & Mrs. Gilles Aube
Fifth Sunday of Lent	9:00 AM Roger & Ernestine Mercier by Real & Teresa Mercier
	11:00 AM John Camerotta by David Rosinski
	4:00 PM Rita LeBlanc by friends.

BINGO 3/26/2022 Team 3

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: 3/20/2022 Offertory: \$8,540.00 ~ Thank you!
School Support: \$2,697.00 ~ Thank you!

SJA BOOSTER CLUB 3/20/2022 #73 Normand & Denise Lussier.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS The souls and families of: Ann Marie Liswell and Robert Granger. May they and all the souls of our faithful departed rest in God's eternal peace.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will take place at the Pastoral Center, 15 Chapel Street on First Friday, **4/1/2022 from 7:30AM to 3PM**. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed followed by Benediction at 3PM. Please join us for this Eucharistic devotion.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT 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.

WHAT'S NEW WITH RELIGIOUS ED? It's that time of year again! We're looking for donations of **individually wrapped candy** for our **EASTER EGG HUNT**. Please drop off your donations at the Pastoral Center by Wednesday, April 13th when we will fill the eggs. If you're able to help fill these Easter Eggs on Wednesday, April 13th at 11:00AM, please come to the Pastoral Center.. it's going to be "Eggciting!" Thank you so much for your kind generosity. Without your donations and support, our annual Easter Egg Hunt wouldn't be possible! The Pastoral Center is open, Mon.-Thu 9-4PM and Fri 9-2PM

ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL, 587 Grattan St., Chicopee is now enrolling students for September. Tours for families are by appointment only. Call Chris or Janine in the Business Office @ 536-6038 for registration information or to make an appointment. We would love to meet you! From Pre-K 3 to Grade 8, SJA has innovative offerings that include before and after school child care, free breakfast and lunch, accelerated computer classes, Reading Counts Program, class buddies, IXL Math, foreign language lab, NJHS and free extracurricular activities. Financial Aid and tuition assistance is available. Visit www.sjachicopee.org.

Upcoming SJA events: +April 1 - First Friday Mass at 9:00 am prepared by Grade 3. All are invited.

+April 23 - Savers FundDrive from 9:00 am until noon in the Trilby St. School Yard. Savers is currently taking gently used clothes, shoes, bedding, towels and accessories.

+Sept. 17 - Save the Date - Community Shredding Event sponsored by SJA School and Ste. Rose Parish.

SJA PTO Savers FUNDrive UPDATE: We will be accepting bags of gently used clothes, bath, and linen items at the **SJA TRILBY PARKING LOT** on April 23rd, 2022 (9-12) to raise money for St Joan of Arc School. (No furniture or books) Think of us when doing your spring cleaning! Volunteer Opportunities Available: Email stjoanpto@gmail.com

**Dear Parishioner...Around & About Ste. Rose,
The Church Pew Program**

As of March 23, 2022, the Diocese of Springfield has given the parish permission to go forward with the refurbishing of the church pews. The parish is waiting for all parties to sign the contract and then the project can begin. As the project is about to begin, it is important to understand that the pews will be removed one section at a time. As each section is refurbished and re-installed, another section will be removed. As Easter is approaching and since there is no bingo on Holy Saturday, the chairs from the church hall will need to be moved into the church into the pew vacant section. Each chair will be needed to accommodate the Easter Sunday Mass attendees.

***Volunteers will be needed to assist to bring the chairs into church during Holy Week.**

As each section is removed the kneelers will need to be prepared for new cushions and upholstery.

****Volunteers will be needed to remove the existing cushions and upholstery.** Volunteers will reduce the cost of this project by completing this time-consuming work. Again, it will be one section at a time.

***The refurbishing of the pews was to include the redistribution of the pews so that each pew would have a greater distance separating each of them. However, the Noonan Corporation, our heating oil and service provider, recommended to not redistribute the pews. Their concern was that of there being a distinct possibility of disturbing the radiant heating pipes which are imbedded in the cement sub-flooring of the church proper. It is not so much of the chance of hitting a pipe and therefore causing a leak, the pipes are too far embedded to do that. The redistribution of the pews would require drilling over 700 holes. Drilling that many holes could possibly disturb the radiant heating pipes. It is critically important to avoid doing anything that would disturb the radiant heating system. Therefore, all pews will be reinstalled as they presently are.

The cost of this project will be made know in future bulletin announcements. There are several contracts for this one project:

1. Refurbishing of the pews
2. Upgrading the kneelers
3. Professional floor cleaning while the pews are away.
4. Re-installation of the pews.

When all costs are calculated toward the end of the project, the total cost will be made known.

Admittedly, the pews and kneelers, and flooring need this project. There is a sample in the foyer of the church of how the pews will appear at the end of this project.

The Pastoral Center Window Project

Finally, due to the "supply chain" issue, the order of new windows has been delivered. Last week the installation process was undertaken. This window replacement project includes the second floor and attic windows. It will also include the wrapping of all exterior window "wooden trim" with white-painted aluminum. The exterior of the Pastoral Center will be mostly maintenance free for years to come. In previous years the basement and first floor windows were replaced. The entire Pastoral Center will be "decked out" in new windows.

Fr Bill

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FOCUS: We have been reconciled to the Father through the Son. We can rejoice in today's theme of God's forgiveness and mercy. He led the Israelites to the Promised Land; *he has reconciled us to himself through Christ*; and he is always ready to forgive, awaiting us with open arms to come and rest in his love.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, the Israelites celebrate Passover in Gilgal, *feasting on the produce of the land*. Saint Paul writes, *whoever is in Christ is a new creation, for God has reconciled us to himself through Christ*. In the Gospel, Jesus addresses a parable to the Pharisees and scribes. The parable is of a father and his two sons, the younger of whom squanders his inheritance but returns home to be welcomed by his father.
Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration. (Mother Teresa). For more info and videos check out www.yearoftheeucharist.net

The Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary takes/took place on March 25, 2022, the Feast of the Annunciation. This is the Novena Prayer that was prayed.

NOVENA PRAYER FOR THE CONSECRATION OF RUSSIA AND UKRAINE TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

The Annunciation Novena I greet you, Ever-blessed Virgin, Mother of God, Throne of Grace, miracle of Almighty Power! I greet you, Sanctuary of the Most Holy Trinity and Queen of the Universe, Mother of Mercy and refuge of sinners! Most loving Mother, attracted by your beauty and sweetness, and by your tender compassion, I confidently turn to you, miserable as I am, and beg of you to obtain for me from your dear Son the favor I request in this novena: ***For the consecration of Russia and Ukraine to your Immaculate Heart.*** Obtain for me also, Queen of heaven, the most lively contrition for my many sins and the grace to imitate closely those virtues which you practiced so faithfully, especially humility, purity and obedience. Above all, I beg you to be my Mother and Protectress, to receive me into the number of your devoted children, and to guide me from your high throne of glory. Do not reject my petitions, Mother of Mercy! Have pity on me, and do not abandon me during life or at the moment of my death. Amen

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL "Transformed in Christ" is underway in Western MA. As you consider a gift, sacrifice, you should take time to know how our donation is used. Read the brochure and learn about the service agencies and ministries of the diocese that rely on support from the ACA to do the work of Jesus Christ in the world today. It helps to feed the hungry, protect the unborn, to educate: children, adults, and future priests. It supports our youth as they grow in faith, cares for the dying and those who grieve. Your gift puts your Catholic faith into action in Western MA. Please prayerfully consider giving. Thank you! . 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 again for your support.

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

+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.

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 bethlehemhousewma.org for instructions on how to make these donations.

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 series will wrap up on **March 30** with a talk by **Eileen Wood**, as well as a display, on **Eucharistic Miracles**.

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.

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.

ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place from 6:30 to 8:00PM in the Pastoral Center Chapel, 15 Chapel Street. On First Fridays, the Blessed Sacrament Adoration is held from 7:30-3PM also at the Pastoral Center. The next scheduled Adorations: Friday 4/1 and Tuesday, 4/5. All are welcome.

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

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.

HARMONY HOUSE OF WESTERN MASS, 66 View Street in Chicopee . 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. 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.

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

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!

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.

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

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

SJA HAS ANOTHER SAVE THE DATE!! We will be holding a community event in partnership with Ste. Rose parish for a **SHREDDING EVENT**. We will be hosting a *ProShred* truck on **Saturday, September 17th from 9:00AM to 11:00AM**. We'll be set up in the Trilby St. parking lot for people to bring all their papers that need to be shredded. This is a free will donation to defray the cost. Mark your calendars now.'

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