

Third Sunday of Advent

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December 11, 2022

YEAR A - WEEKDAYS 1: Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10 + James 5:7-10 + Matthew 11:2-11

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Dec 10 - Saturday 4:00 PM Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Belanger by the family
Dec 11 - Sunday 7:30 AM Elaine Holland (14th Ann) by David & Kim Rossi
Third Sunday of Advent 9:00 AM Luke Lessard (2nd Ann) by his wife, Lisette & children
11:00 AM Madeleine Roberts by the family
4:00 PM Yvonne & Henry Lepage by their family
Dec 12 - Monday 7:00 AM Simone Roux (Ann) by her children and grandchildren
Dec 13 - Tuesday 7:00 AM Henry E. Beaudry by his son, Richard
Dec 14 - Wednesday 7:00 AM Umberto Manno by Angelina & family
Dec 15 - Thursday 7:00 AM Wilfred Peloquin, Jr. by his family
Dec 16 - Friday 7:00 AM Paul, Adrienne & Irene Nolette by Jeannette
Dec 17 - Saturday 4:00 PM Sylvio Carrier by his family
Dec 18 - Sunday 7:30 AM Willard Rider (B'day) by Irene Rider and Mike & Deb Weibel
Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:00 AM Manuel Oliveira (Ann) by Ormindia Oliveira & family
11:00 AM Gracinda Carvalho by Noel & Eizabeth Carvalho
4:00 PM Janet Bergeron (6th Ann) by her family

BINGO 12/10/2022 Team 4

PARISH STEWARDSHIP 12/04/2022 Offertory \$9,719.00

SJA BOOSTER CLUB 12/04/2022 #134 Phyllis LaCasse

Thank you!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS There's a special blue envelope in your packet for Christmas Flower Memorials.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the souls and families of Robert Archambault, Robert Paul, Albert Leduc, Cheri Barrows, and Doris LaBonte, . May they and all our faithful departed rest in God's eternal peace.

DECEMBER MEMORIALS: HOSTS: In loving memory of the Ringuette & Malo families by Claire Ringuette
SANCTUARY LAMP: In loving memory of Janet Bergeron by her sisters.

CALENDARS FOR 2023 We are grateful to **St. Pierre-Phaneuf Funeral Chapels** for their generous donation of Calendars for the year 2023. These calendars not only mark the months and days of the year but also inform us of the Liturgical Seasons and the Daily Saints. Thank you again to **St. Pierre Phaneuf Funeral Chapels** for these beautiful calendars.

SJA \$5 LOTTERY CALENDAR FUNDRAISER. Please see an SJA student, call the school office @533-1475 or look for the calendars after one of the Masses on the weekends of December 4th, 11th or 18th. Think stocking stuffers, birthday gifts or thank you gifts. The raffle will be held throughout January 2023 and the winners will be posted on the school's website. Calendar sales ends 12/16. Thanks!!

STE. ROSE GIVING TREE 2022 If you've taken a tag from our traditional Giving Tree displayed in the center alcove of the Church, gifts can be returned to the Church or dropped off at the Pastoral Center: Mon-Thu 9-5; Fri 9-2. Also, if you're willing to help us with delivering gifts to the Nursing Homes and homebound, even if you can only make one delivery, please call the Pastoral Center 536-4558. Thank you for caring and sharing.
+EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS are reminded to pick up a gift from the giving tree for your assigned Communion Call people the next time you bring them Holy Communion. Thank you.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT "Gaudete Sunday"

FOCUS: On Gaudete Sunday we rejoice with all the earth in anticipation and preparation for Jesus' birth and the coming of his kingdom. We, like John the Baptist, are blessed and included in the kingdom of heaven, not because of what we do but what Jesus does for us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, Isaiah describes how the earth will rejoice when the Lord comes to save his people. In the second reading, James encourages patient hearts, for the return of the Lord is at hand. In the Gospel, Jesus praises John the Baptist as God's messenger and assures John's disciples that he is the one John has been seeking.

-Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary

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

NOVI CANTORI: December 11th at 2:00 PM

After several years of absence, Novi Cantori returns to Ste. Rose de Lima for an inspirational Advent/Christmas concert on Sunday, December 11th at 2:00PM. A free will offering will benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee.

Warm hands – Warming Hearts: Sunday December 11th

Beginning with the 4:00PM Mass, the parish will once again sponsor Warm Hands – Warming Hearts wherein gloves, hats, and scarves are collected to distribute to needy families this winter season. Please join in “caroling” on the steps of the church at 5:00PM and for refreshments in the hall immediately following.

Advent/Christmas 2022

Advent 2022 is a full four-week season because Christmas is celebrated on a Sunday. With Christmas and New Year’s being celebrated on a Sunday, the following is the Mass schedule:

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Eve Mass is 4:00 PM

Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day Mass is at 12:00AM Midnight, 7:30AM, 9:00AM, and 11:00AM

Please note that on Christmas Day the 4:00PM Mass will not be offered.

NEW YEAR’S MASSES

Saturday, December 31: New Year’s Eve Mass is at 4:00PM

Sunday, January 1, 2023, Mass is at 7:30AM, 9:00AM, and 11:00AM

Please note that on New Year’s Day the 4:00PM Mass will not be offered.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR’S COLLECTION

Two collections will be taken up at the Christmas and New Year’s Day Masses. The first offering is for the Sunday – weekly – offering and the second offering is for Christmas and New Year’s Day respectively. The pandemic and inflation have influenced the weekly income to the parish. Hopefully, your Christmas and New Year’s gifts to the parish will assist the parish in meeting its higher energy costs.

With much gratitude for your generous hearts,

Fr. Bill Tourigny

NOVI CANTORI CONCERT IS TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH AT 2:00PM Novi Cantori is coming to Ste. Rose de Lima Church for an inspiring Advent concert. It has been several years since Novi Cantori last performed here. Novi Cantori is an Acapella Chorale Group. They will perform in the sanctuary of the church. Their voices will fill our church – come and be inspired.

WARM HEARTS-WARMING HANDS Our traditional Christmas Caroling on the Church steps will be held at 5PM this **Sunday December 11th**. We’ll be accepting donations of knitted mittens, gloves, and hats and scarves for school children in need. Following the caroling, light refreshments will be served. All are welcome

ADVENT STUDY PROGRAM: The Evangelization Committee is hosting Bishop *Robert Barron’s* **UNTOLD BLESSING: Three Paths to Holiness** program during Advent. The program has begun and the Third presentation will be Thu., Dec. 15th 6:30-8:30PM in the Church hall. For more info, please contact Julie Prats at 413-626-2925.

LORRAINE’S SOUP KITCHEN HOLIDAY DINNER IN A BAG: Ste. Rose de Lima Annual Drive Collection Boxes in the vestibule of the Church. Lorraine’s Soup Kitchen is in need of non-perishable food items for the holidays: **THE WISH LIST is as follows:** Gravy (can or jar) / Canned Soup / Instant Potatoes / Canned Veggies (corn, green beans, peas, and carrots) Cranberry Sauce (whole berry or jelly) Stuffing Mix: cornbread or Stove Top / Cake mix and frosting / Bread mix: banana, pumpkin, cranberry / Pie crust mix and pie filling / Canned yams or sweet potato / Pickles / Olives: green or black. **OTHER STAPLES NECESSARY ONGOING:** Rice, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Cereal / Beans of all types / Canned Meat: Chicken or Tuna. PLEASE put your donations in the box in the vestibule of the church. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT will be held Sunday, December 18th at 1:00PM in the Church Hall. Come watch as our CCD and SJA students perform this age old presentation of the re-enactment of the The First Christmas in Bethlehem. All are welcome!

SJA DINE-OUT is planned for **Monday, December 12** @ Uno's Pizzeria & Grill, 820 Hall of Fame Avenue in Springfield. This is a dine-in or take-out event, and Uno's will donate up to 25% of your check to the school with a coupon. Coupons can be found on the SJA website. Thank you!

FUNDRAISER Five Below on Memorial Drive in Chicopee is having a week-long fundraiser Sunday, December 11 thru Saturday, December 17th to benefit St. Joan of Arc School. 10% of purchases made will be donated back to the school. Flyers must be presented at the time of purchase for the school to receive credit and can be found on the table in the church vestibule. Thank you for your support!

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 6:00-7:30PM. Moderators: Peggy Constant and Madelyn Korytko.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS are needed to bring Communion to the residents at Willimansett Center West on Chicopee St. approximately once every other month on an assigned Sunday. The ministry of sharing the Holy Eucharist with these residents is a very inspirational ministry. Thank you to those who come forward. Please contact Peggy Constant, Pastoral Minister 413-536-4558 Ext 218 if interested.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS: MARCH 4, 2023 AT THE MASS MUTUAL CENTER IN SPRINGFIELD. The diocese is sponsoring this Eucharistic Congress as the culmination of the "Year of the Eucharist." Brochures for this event are in the foyer of the church. Scholarships are available if you wish to attend but cannot afford it,

HEARTFELT MEALS continues to deliver over 100 meals each month to our seniors and homebound in need of a meal. We have nine delivery routes covering all of Chicopee. We currently need one driver to deliver meals on the second Sunday of each month. If you're interested in helping, please call Gail Boone at 593-5038.

RCIA The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will meet regularly on **Thursdays** from September through April. This program is primarily for all non-Catholics interested in starting a new chapter in life's journey by joining the Catholic Church, or for those Catholics who have been baptized but haven't received the Sacrament of Eucharist and Confirmation. We're also inviting parishioners who would like a refresher course on their journey of faith. Please come and join us. Our first class began last **Thursday** at the Pastoral Center. We meet at 6PM. If you're interested, please contact the parish office 413-536-4558 EXT 218 or ask for Peggy. All are welcome.

THE WOMEN OF THE HOLY SPIRIT Is a woman's group that is inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit. As women we know our role distinctly by the many titles we can be called; mother, wife, sister, friend etc. but what does it precisely mean when we claim the role **Daughter of Christ** and how do we live it out every day? As sisters in Christ we are nurturing and strengthening our relationship with God through prayer, many forms of teachings, music, and fellowship. Women of all ages are invited to join us. We gather once a month on the second Saturday from 9:30 AM-12:00 Noon at the Parish Center. If you would like more information please contact Julie Prats at 626-2925.

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC "Transformed in Christ" APPEAL UPDATE As of 11/8/2022, **379** parishioners have participated this year from St. Rose de Lima Parish, totaling **\$52,613.00** in gifts and pledges. If you've not yet made a donation, it's not too late. Please prayerfully consider giving. If you've made a donation, thank you! Use the pledge card mailed to your home or visit the secure online website: diospringfield.org/ACA Envelopes are also available at church. Thanks again for your support.

ST. JOAN OF ARC SCHOOL, 587 Grattan St., Chicopee is now enrolling Pre-K3 to Grade 8 students for September 2022. Call Chris or Janine in the Business Office @ 536-6038 for registration information or to make an appointment to tour the School. Financial Aid and tuition assistance is available. We look forward to meeting you. Visit www.sjachicopee.org.

DIVINE MERCY MINISTRY TO SENIORS Volunteers are needed to spread Jesus' message of Divine Mercy to seniors in local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. As a volunteer prayer group leader, you would lead a weekly 30-minute Divine Mercy prayer group using a simple prepared model of readings, prayers, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. If you feel that the Lord is calling you to this ministry of mercy, please email Mary at DivineMercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com or call Mary Higgins (413) 552-7231.

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.

COFFEE & DONUTS ARE SERVED every Sunday in the church hall following the 9:00AM Mass. Please feel free to join us. Anyone wishing to help with Coffee and Donuts is asked to speak to a member of the Coffee/Donut team. We can always use new helpers. Thanks!

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.

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.

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

Recite the Rosary and ask Our Dear Lady to intercede for us in our need.

Prayed on Monday and Saturday:

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES: The Annunciation + The Visitation + The Birth of our Lord + The Presentation + The Finding in the Temple.

Prayed on Tuesday and Friday:

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES: The Agony in the Garden + The Scourging + The Crowning With Thorns + The Carrying of the Cross + The Crucifixion.

Prayed on Wednesday and Sunday:

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES: The Resurrection + The Ascension + The Coming of the Holy Spirit + The Assumption of Our Lady + The Coronation of Our Lady.

Prayed on Thursday:

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES: The Baptism of Jesus Christ + Christ Reveals Himself at Cana + Proclamation of the Kingdom and Call to Conversion + The Transfiguration + The Institution of the Eucharist

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| Saturday | <p>STE. ROSE DE LIMA BINGO – Super Bingo Format Early Bird 6:10PM - Games 6:15PM - \$15 & \$20 Entrance Extra \$5 Packs – 2 WTA 50/50 – 2 \$1199 Progressives Free Coffee & Tea --- Catered Entrance until 6:30PM every Saturday - Elevator Available Ste. Rose de Lima Church Hall -- 600 Grattan St -- Chicopee, MA -- 413-539-9259</p> | Saturday |
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