

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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December 18, 2022

YEAR A - WEEKDAYS 1: Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14 + Romans 1:1-7 + Matthew 1:18-24

STE. ROSE de LIMA MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Dec 19 – Monday 7:00 AM Maureen Shanahan by a friend
Dec 20 - Tuesday 7:00 AM Raymond Desorcy (24th Ann) by his wife & family
Dec 21 – Wednesday 7:00 AM Doris L. Peloquin by the family
Dec 22 – Thursday 7:00 AM Guy Tremblay by his family
Dec 23 – Friday 7:00 AM Edwin Langevin (Ann) by Annette & family
Dec 24 - Saturday 4:00 PM Don, Scott, Stephen & Patrick Justice by Lorraine & Jessica
Dec 25 - Sunday 12:00 AM The St. Rose de Lima Parish Family
Nativity of the Lord 7:30 AM Elena & Emiliano Cortez by Cris Boucher
9:00 AM Umberto & Bruna Manno by Angelina & family
11:00 AM Leo & Bella Constant by daughter-in-law Peggy & family
No 4:00PM Mass Christmas Day

BINGO 12/17/2022 Team 1 + PARISH STEWARDSHIP 12/11/2022 Offertory \$7,726.00
Human Development \$278.00 + Religious Retirement \$454.00 + Immaculate Conception \$1,222.00
Thank you!

SJA BOOSTER CLUB 12/11/2022 #21 Jerry Gilbert

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS There's a special blue envelope in your packet for Christmas Flower Memorials. A special Christmas Flower Memorial naming all who were remembered will be posted on line with the New Year's bulletin.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the souls and families of Linda Dugre and Joyce Merriman 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.

SJA \$5 LOTTERY CALENDAR FUNDRAISER. Look for the calendars after one of the Masses. This is the final weekend that they'll be on sale in the vestibule of the church. 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. Thank you for your support!

OUR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT IS THIS WEEKEND, 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!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND are reminded to pick up a gift from the giving tree to bring to your assigned Communion call parishioners. Thank you.

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.

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

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 next two weeks' Mass schedules are as follows:

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 2023 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 each of 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

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!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EASTHAMPTON COUNCIL #116 present ***French Night*** featuring **Singer Josee Vachon on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at 6PM** at O.L. of the Valley Church Hall. 33 Adams St, Easthampton, MA 01027. Tickets are \$22.00 each. Email: naturalconnection@charter.net or text Angie 413-977-4926. Meal choices: Pork Roast dinner includes French meat pie, OR Chicken Ragu. Tickets sold exclusively by meal choice. Deadline for tickets is January 15th or when sold out.

HEARTFELT MEALS continues to deliver over 100 meals each month to our seniors and homebound in need of a meal. We have 9 delivery routes covering all of Chicopee. We currently need one driver to deliver meals on the second Sunday of each month. Please call Gail Boone at 593-5038 if you can help.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FOCUS: *God keeps his promises.* Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord reaffirms the promise of a savior for his people, a savior born under unusual circumstances who would clearly be God's chosen one. After many years had passed since that promise—years in which the Lord continued to guide and prepare his people—we hear of its fulfillment in Matthew's Gospel. In this final week of Advent, let us rejoice and praise God for he is faithful and keeps his promises.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: Isaiah prophesies that the Lord will give his people a sign: A virgin shall conceive and give birth to a son and will name him Emmanuel. Paul introduces himself to the Romans as one called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God, specifically among the Gentiles. In the Gospel, Matthew recounts how the birth of Jesus Christ came to pass, in accordance with Isaiah's prophecy.

-Daily Universal Prayer and Commentary

NO COFFEE AND DONUTS served on Christmas Day, Sunday 12/25 or New Year's Day, Sunday 1/01. The Coffee and Donuts team wishes you all a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

EUCHARISTIC 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,

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.

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.

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.

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

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

Saturday